

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD**

PREFILED TESTIMONY OF PAUL BROWN

Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is Paul Brown. My business address is Energy Safety Response Group ("ESRG"), P.O Box 12639, Columbus, OH 43212.

Q. Please provide an overview of the Energy Safety Response Group and your position there.

A. I am a Consultant with ESRG, an energy safety consulting group made up of retired firefighters and emergency responders. Our clients include, but are not limited to, federal and state agencies, such as the U.S. Department of Energy, The Federal Emergency Management Agency, UL, LLC (a global safety certification company), utilities, and battery storage companies. ESRG works with project developers to evaluate energy resources, such as energy storage batteries to ensure compliance with local, state and federal standards.

Q. On behalf of what company are you offering your testimony in this docket?

A. I am testifying on behalf of Hillman Energy Center, LLC which is requesting approval to construct a 125MW/500 MWh standalone Battery Energy Storage System and related electrical infrastructure in Tewksbury, Massachusetts.

Q. What is your educational background and professional expertise?

A. I am a retired firefighter who brings 25 years of experience with him to the energy storage industry. I have a degree in Fire Science. I have had the opportunity to observe full scale battery fire testing. As of the last nine months, as a part-time employee with ESRG and has spent my time traveling the country training and consulting numerous fire departments along with

1 stakeholders about battery energy storage safety and standards.

2 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

3 A. I am testifying as to the safety aspects of the BESS.

4 **Q. Please identify any regulatory proceedings in which you have previously testified.**

5 A. N/A

6 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

7 A. Yes.



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ESRG Statement of Qualifications

ABOUT ESRG

Energy Safety Response Group (ESRG) brings over 200 years of combined experience in firefighting, safety training, fire and failure investigation, risk assessment, hazardous materials, and battery energy storage safety and testing. ESRG also brings unrivaled experience in energy storage safety and permitting in New York City and State, which is known for some of the most stringent BESS safety requirements in the world. Levering strong existing relationships with the fire service and energy storage industry, ESRG works with their clients to proactively engage local fire departments and ensure clear, honest, and forthright communication between entities.

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

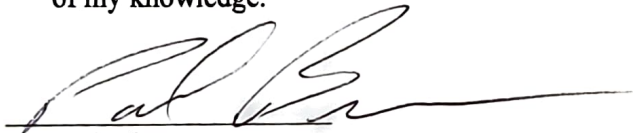
- **Paul Brown, Consultant**

Paul is a retired firefighter who brings 25 years of experience with him to the energy storage industry. Paul received a degree in Fire Science and completed Managing Officer Program from National Fire Academy. Also, four years in the United States Marine Corps. During his tenure with the fire service, Paul spent his time in multiple organizations as a firefighter/paramedic, a public safety diver and an advanced dive instructor, member of special operations team, as well as a fire instructor. Within his home department as an Assistant Chief, he was assigned to organizational budgeting, planning, succession planning, training officer, interviewing/hiring process, and command of fireground operations. As well as interim Fire Chief. Working closely with internal and external stakeholders on all emergency responses. Before he left the fire service, Paul spent the last several years helping his department move forward with all aspects of fire and EMS training. Over the past several years, Paul has had the opportunity to observe full scale battery fire testing. As of the last six months, Paul became a part-time employee with ESRG and has spent his time traveling the country training and consulting numerous fire departments along with stakeholders about battery energy storage safety and standards.

AFFIDAVIT OF PAUL BROWN

I, Paul Brown, attest that:

1. I am testifying on behalf of Hillman Energy Center, LLC before the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board in docket EFSB 25-08.
2. This pre-filed testimony and the sections included in the Petition that pertain to Battery Safety were prepared by me or under my supervision and control.
3. I hereby swear or affirm that the information contained in my pre-filed testimony and information in the Petition as pertains to Battery Safety are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.



Paul Brown