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Instead of using diesel generators for an emergency energy supply why is the applicant not using a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)? The BESS should be charged using renewable energy. I would think that Ecology would require the use of BESS as not just a viable alternative, but a preferred alternative. Other data centers are using BESS as a replacement of diesel-powered backup  
(<https://batteriesnews.com/saft-delivers-battery-energy-storage-system-bess-replacement-diesel-powered-backup-at-microsoft-data-center/>)