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Subject: OPPOSITION TO SE-PLR-2, TEMPLETON/S. RIVER ROUTE
ALTERNATIVE-ESTRELLA SUBSTATION AND PASO ROBLES AREA
REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

Dear Mr. Peterson and Dr. Engels,

My family and I live in Santa Ysabel Ranch along the route of the above referenced Alternative. We are extremely opposed to this Alternative for several reasons. First, of course, is the fire danger. Santa Ysabel Ranch and the entire proposed Alternative route along S. River Road is in a designated High Fire Hazard Zone. PG&E high voltage transmission lines and the Templeton Gap winds make for a very dangerous combination that could lead to catastrophic outcomes given the recent fires throughout California.

We bought our house in Santa Ysabel Ranch because of the surrounding natural beauty. We found out later that we overlook one of the Golden Eagle nests, which will be less than 2000' from the massive power poles for this project, subjecting them to possible death by collision or electrocution.

Finally, this Alternative is not fiscally responsible. The transmission lines portion may be the least expensive option, but the upgrade to the Templeton Substation, which is a required part of the Alternative "would be more expensive than the Proposed Project", according to the EIR.

Please recognize our concerns and vote against running the lines along South River Road.

Respectfully,

