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Re: Estrella Substation Project Public Comment

Dear CPUC,

I'm submitting this letter in opposition to the proposed route of the 70kV transmission line component of the Estrella Substation Project.

My name is [REDACTED] (Please redact my name and address if this will be published publicly.) I'm writing on behalf of my family. We own nearly 70 acres on [REDACTED] in Paso Robles, California. There are two homes on our property. The addresses are [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

My family has owned this property for 66 years. My grandparents moved here in 1955. My four siblings and I were raised on the property. My mother and I still live here. My grandparents and father are deceased. Some of my siblings plan to return in retirement with their spouses. They visit frequently with my nieces and nephews, who are the fourth generation to enjoy the property.

Over the years, we have seen a lot of development around [REDACTED]. Most of it has been small-to-medium scale, and it hasn't devastated the natural beauty of our neighborhood. This would not be the case with the extremely tall, completely incongruent, 70kV line.

Our home is located at the top of Figure 1, on the next page. Our sight lines are illustrated in Figure 2.

Figure 1. Proposed 70kV line: - . - . - . - . - .



Figure 2. Our property line: — Our sight lines:



Because our sight lines would run perpendicular to the 70kV line, the proposed route would ruin the southwestward, panoramic view from our home. However, for my family, this isn't just a view, it's the backdrop of our lives.

The 70kV line would loom in the background of every gathering, every barbeque, every ordinary day. There isn't an area on our property from which the line would not be visible. We have 66 years of hard work invested in this property, not to mention hundreds of thousands of dollars. We do not want it laid to waste by this oversized, 70kV line.

Although our neighborhood is rural, it's enjoyed by many.

██████████ has a popular inn and wedding venue. The 70kV line would dominate the view of their vineyard. In wine country, guests expect beauty. If you can't give them beauty, they will go elsewhere. ██████████ stands to lose significant annual revenue with the loss of their vineyard view.

██████████ hosts frequent horse arena and athletic events. Their guests would be disheartened by the 70kV line towering overhead.

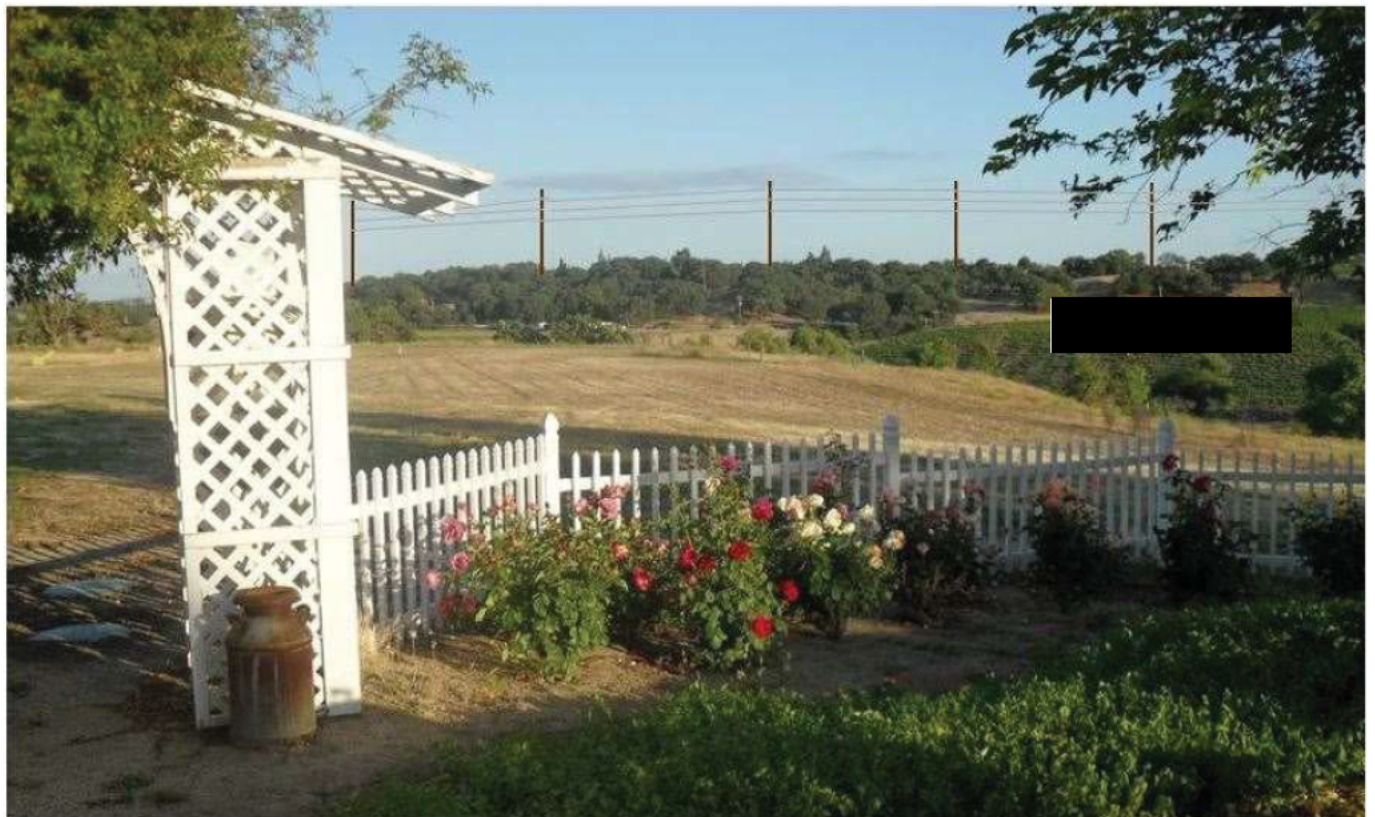
██████████ bustles with walkers, joggers, and cyclists from the nearby ██████████ housing development, ██████████ and beyond. The 70kV line would ruin this popular route.

I often take photos of our landscape. I created a series of before-and-after renderings of the 70kV line. For ease, I drew three high-voltage wires spanning the poles. Additional wires would be visible on the actual line. Although these photos were taken from our property, they represent the devastating impact to the entire ██████████ neighborhood. The series begins on the next page.

Backyard at [REDACTED] looking south.



Five 70' to 110' steel poles are planned for this expanse.



Winter sunrise. Same view as above.



Six 70' to 110' steel poles are planned for this expanse. The poles along [REDACTED] would also be visible, but I did not illustrate them.



Another winter sunrise. Looking slightly westward.



Seven 70' to 110' steel poles would be visible in this expanse.



vineyard in the summertime. View from our backyard looking southwest.



The 70kV line would dominate the landscape.



Hay harvest on our upper field.



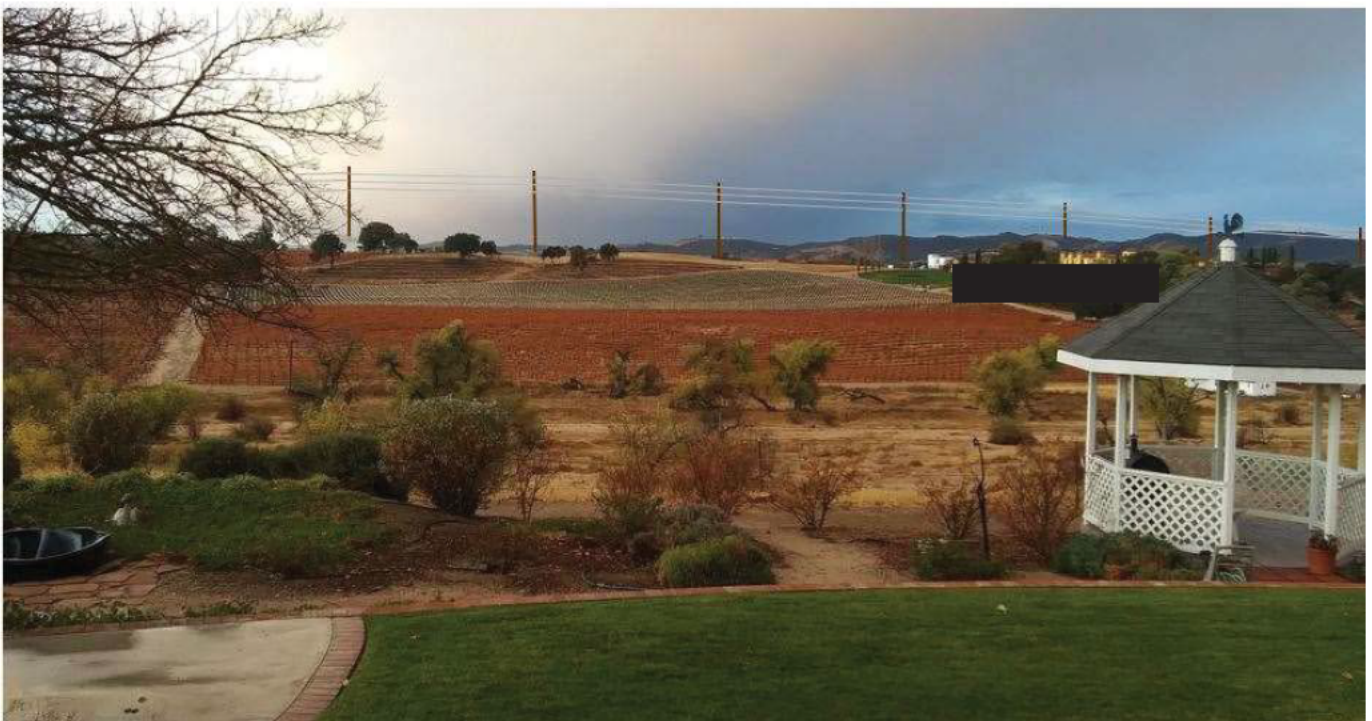
Beautiful rural landscape ruined.



Morning rain. Backyard looking west.



The 70kV line would be inescapable.



View from the door to our backyard. Looking west.



The 70kV line would loom forever.



Looking south from [REDACTED]



Heartbreaking.



Fall colors in the Huer Huero creek bed.



The 70kV line would tower over everything.



Haystack in our lower field along Huer Huero Creek.



The 70kV line would always detract.



Our road along Huer Huero Creek heading south.



The 70kV line would be forever present.



There would be no way to mitigate the impact of the 70kV line on our [REDACTED] neighborhood. A line of this magnitude does not belong in our landscape. Once built, the damage would be permanent.

[REDACTED] asks you to deny the proposed route of the 70kV line. We ask you to deny Alternatives PLR-3A and PLR-3B because our [REDACTED] neighborhood would not be included in the undergrounding. If undergrounding were to extend through our [REDACTED] neighborhood, these alternatives would be acceptable.

We ask you to approve Alternative PLR-1A. It has been ranked as the environmentally superior route.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]