



January 5, 2021

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**Re: Opposition to SE-PLR-2, Templeton - S. River Route Alternative**

Dear Dr. Engels,

We recently moved to the Santa Ysabel Ranch community and think it is one of California's most beautiful developments, let alone the Paso Robles/Templeton area. Our specific lot borders S. River Road, and the proposed path of the transmission towers would likely install one or two towers on our property. This would substantially decrease property values in the community, let alone the specific lot we own would be decimated. In addition to these reasons, I will outline multiple reasons I oppose the SE-PLR-2, Templeton - S. River Route Alternative option.

**Transmission lines in a high fire hazard area will significantly increase our risk of fire.** Santa Ysabel Ranch is located within a High Fire Hazard Zone. Bot the Camp Fire in November 2018 (that burned Paradise) and the Kincade Fire in October 2019 were determined to have been caused by PG&E transmission lines. Please don't put us further at risk by allowing this route to proceed.

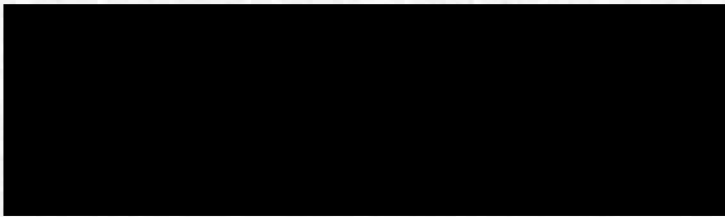
**The recommended safety zone between the electromagnetic field generated by a high voltage transmission line and human habitation is 800-1200 feet. The proposed poles would sit within 200 feet of our home.** Why should the health of my family and other residents be put at risk when there are other alternatives?

**S. River road is lined with large Heritage Oak trees.** Installing the poles would require the removal of some of these trees. How many trees would need to be removed? It is not possible to replace these special trees of this age and size.

As noted in my introduction, **property values and resale would be dramatically impacted.** It is an unfair and needless burden to place on residents when battery and thermal energy storage is an entirely viable option.

We are in the Great State of California, where innovation has been part of its history. **This project should be forward-thinking and an example of what can be done to solve**





energy needs here. Why would the CPUC consider using 19th-century technology when the 21st-century energy storage technology would solve the problem?

**And finally, the energy required for our area, Paso Robles 1107, is small enough to be accomplished with battery or thermal storage.** PG&E is asking for an additional 5MW of power capacity and has proposed the Estrella project. In Templeton, Santa Ysabel Ranch is an area that only requires .53 MW of that power (per PG&E DIDF program). Templeton's needs can be produced using Behind the Meter energy storage in Paso Robles 1107 area. Templeton has no capacity for substantial residential or commercial growth, and a power line on S. River Road is contrary to the California policy targeting "non-wire" alternatives. This is such a high cost to our neighborhood, our wildlife, and our fire safety, for the local need being so small at .53 MW.

We, too, have made investments in our own lot to reduce the demand on the grid by installing 14.5 kW of solar power generation. Many in our community have done so as well.

Sincerely yours,

