

Jan. 14, 2021

Rob Peterson, CPUC January 1, 2021
c/o Tom Engels
Horizon Water and Environment, LLC
266 Grand Avenue, Suite 210
Oakland, CA 94610

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

Dear Dr. Engels,

I oppose the S. River Route Alternative for the following reason

WILDFIRE DANGER

1. Transmission lines in a Wildfire area will greatly increase our risk of fire.

Santa Ysabel Ranch is located within a High Fire Hazard Zone. Both the Camp Fire in Nov. 2018 (that burned Paradise) and the Kincade Fire in Oct. 2019 were determined to have been caused by PG&E transmission line. **It could be considered negligence to construct the lines on this route, considering the alternatives/**

2. The S. River Rd. alternative (SE_PLR-2) and the Templeton Substation sit entirely within the HIGH FIRE HAZARD ZONE.

Both the Camp Fire in Nov. 2018 (that burned Paradise) and the Kincade Fire in Oct. 2019 were determined to have been caused by PG&E transmission lines...the same type of lines being considered for S. River Road. The steep hill of the Blue Oak forest would mean that the fire would climb very quickly, spreading to more homes and impacting evacuation.

3) A fire could be ignited during construction. From DEIR 4.9-38 "any accidental ignition from construction equipment or the electrified 70 kV power line once operational could have significant effects on the surrounding rural residential community along South River Road and surrounding areas". Construction methods can be fire resistant, but never FIRE PROOF.

You have the opportunity thru your review to make the proper decision regarding the path of the transmission lines. The cost should not be the deciding factor.

Sincerely,

