

Rob Peterson, CPUC
c/o Dr. Tom Engels
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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,

I am extremely opposed to this Alternative because of the potential for a catastrophic fire along S. River Road caused by these transmission lines. As a member of in Santa Ysabel Ranch community, our personal safety would be put at risk if that fire blocked the two exits from the Ranch onto S. River Road, leaving only one exit, over 2 miles away. The erratic and powerful Templeton Gap winds which blow through our Santa Ysabel Ranch community would potentially exacerbate the fire threat.

Having read the EIR and listened to the December 15, 2020 Zoom meeting to discuss it, it is apparent that the above referenced Alternative is the most expensive (Cost Comparison Table 5-3) when the cost to upgrade the Templeton Substation is factored in. As mentioned above, it is also the most at risk for fire. In addition, it is also the most impactful to the natural beauty of the area as it would require the removal of many Heritage Oaks and would impact our resident Golden Eagles and other wildlife.

Please vote against this option.

Respectfully,

