

**Letter AA: David M Bulfer (December 22, 2020)**

David Bulfer &amp; Kelly Pope

**Letter AA****December 22, 2020**

Rob Peterson, CPUC  
 c/o Tom Engels  
 Horizon Water and Environment, LLC  
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 Oakland, CA 94610

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

Dear Dr. Engels,

- AA-1 | I am writing you to express my opposition to the S. River Route Alternative. Please let me explain.
- AA-2 | 1. Based on PG&E's experiences in the Camp Fire in Nov. 2018 (that burned Paradise) and the Kincade Fire in Oct. 2019, it is obvious that placing power lines in an area of High Fire-Danger is an unacceptable risk. The proximity to the homes in Santa Ysabel Ranch (SYR) and especially my home makes this proposed route unacceptable.
- AA-3 | 2. My home is located only about 150 feet from the proposed route. If PG&E chooses this route, they would be essentially condemning a \$2,100,000 property. While the home might remain "livable" the placement of the transmission lines in my front yard would effectively reduce the resale of the home to essentially nothing.
- AA-4 | 3. This is a poor routing choice because of its impact on native Golden Eagles and visiting Bald Eagles. There are several Golden Eagle nests in SYR. There are photos of the eagles available for your viewing. The risk, of course, is electrocution or collision with the power lines and their structures.
- AA-5 | 4. There are less risky and more cost-effective solutions to achieve the energy needs of the area. The energy needs of Paso Robles 1107 is mod-

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AA-5 | est and can easily be addressed with battery or thermal storage in com-  
cont. | bination with increases solar power generation.

AA-6 | 5. The need for the SE-PLR-2, Templeton - S. River Route is not substantiated  
| by other factors:  
| i. Templeton has no capacity for substantial residential or commercial  
| growth invalidating any perceived need.  
| ii. A power line on S. River Rd. is contrary to the California policy tar-  
| geting "non-wire" alternatives.  
| iii. The local power need of the area is less than 0.5 MW and can be  
| addressed differently.

AA-7 | When taking these factors together, it is clear that the elevated risk and  
| higher cost of the S. River Route Alternative cannot be justified. I am open  
AA-8 | to discussing this matter further. You can find my contact information be-  
| low.

Sincerely yours,

David M Bulfer

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**Response to Comment AA-1**

The commenter provides an introduction to the remainder of their comment letter expressing opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route. This comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AA-2**

The comment argues that Alternative SE-PLR-2 should not be selected because it is in an area of high fire danger. For CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

**Response to Comment AA-3**

The commenter expresses opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 due to the alleged impact on the commenter's property value. For CPUC's response to comments related to potential effects on property values, please see Master Response 7.

**Response to Comment AA-4**

The comment states that Alternative SE-PLR-2 is a poor routing choice because of its impacts on golden eagles and bald eagles and expresses concerns over the existing golden eagle nests and the risk of electrocutions and collisions. Please see Master Response 9 to see how the Proposed Project Applicants will sufficiently mitigate potential impacts to golden eagles and bald eagles.

**Response to Comment AA-5**

This comment states that there are less risky and more cost-effective solutions to achieve the energy needs of the area. The comment notes that the energy needs along Paso Robles 1107 (electric distribution feeder) are modest and can be addressed through battery or thermal storage in combination with increases in solar power generation. For the CPUC's response to comments related to the Proposed Project need and consideration of alternatives, please see Master Response 8. For the CPUC's response to comments relating to battery storage alternatives, please refer to Master Response 5.

**Response to Comment AA-6**

This comment asserts that Alternative SE-PLR-2 is not needed for three reasons: that Templeton does not have capacity for substantial residential or commercial growth; that the "local power need of the area is less than 0.5 MW and can be addressed differently."; and that Alternative SE-PLR-2 would be contrary to the California policy targeting "non-wire" alternatives. For the CPUC's response to these comments, please refer to Master Response 8.

**Response to Comment AA-7**

The commenter expresses Alternative SE-PLR-2 cannot be justified due to elevated risks and alleged higher cost. Please refer to Response to Comment AA-6. In addition, please refer to the FEIR's discussion of alternatives in Chapter 5, *Alternatives Analysis Summary and Comparison of Alternatives*, within Volume 1 of the FEIR, which discusses the relative impacts of each alternative. Note that the CEQA Guidelines do not include a consideration of cost in the alternative selection process. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.6.) For the CPUC's response to

comments related to consideration of alternatives, please refer to Master Response 8. This comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AA-8**

The commenter provides contact information and states they are open to discussing the matter further. This comment does not raise an issue regarding EIR adequacy, and no response is required. Nevertheless, the comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Letter AB: Jane Carey (January 15, 2021)****Letter AB**

**From:** [jane.carey](mailto:jane.carey)  
**To:** [estrellaproject@horizonh20.com](mailto:estrellaproject@horizonh20.com)  
**Subject:** PG&E Estrella Substation project  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2021 5:03:59 PM

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To Whom It May Concern...**and it concerns us all in Paso:**

- AB-1 Why on earth would the city of Paso Robles not **object strongly** to PG&E's proposed routing of the new 70kV transmission lines? Our city is known for its scenic beauty, one reason our economy enjoys so much tourist business. Why would it not fight against ruining that image by allowing these towers to follow a route clearly visible from all over town?
- AB-2 Our departing City Manager's callous view that the people affected by this routing don't matter because they live just over the town line to the north is simply wrong and stunningly short sighted. **This will change the town's image in the eyes of all visitors, period.**
- AB-3 There are alternate routes that would affect the city and its residents and visitors much less directly. The City previously approved the PLR-1A route. **I urge the City Council and all who care about our city to reject the 70kV minor route** and bring pressure to bear to select the PLR-A route or any other alternative route.

Thank you for caring about our city and its residents.  
Jane Carey

**Response to Comment AB-1**

The comment expresses concern regarding the Proposed Project's impacts on the City of Paso Robles' "scenic beauty" and tourist economy. CEQA requires an analysis of physical impacts to the environment; it does not require analysis of social and economic impacts. Under CEQA, "an economic or social change by itself shall not be considered a significant effect on the environment." (CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15131, 15382.) For a response to the commenter's concern regarding the aesthetics impacts of the Proposed Project, please refer to Section 4.1, "Aesthetics," in Volume 1 of the FEIR, and Master Response 3. The commenter's opposition to the Proposed Project's 70 kV power line routing is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AB-2**

The comment suggests the Proposed Project "will change the town's image in the eyes of all visitors." As noted in Response to Comment AB-1, CEQA does not require analysis of social and economic impacts. Please refer to Section 4.1 in Volume 1 of the FEIR for analysis of the specific aesthetic impacts of the Proposed Project. The comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AB-3**

The commenter urges the selection of Alternative PLR 1A: Estrella Route to Estrella Substation. The comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Letter AC: Jane Carey (December 19, 2020)****Letter AC**

**From:** [jane.carey](mailto:jane.carey)  
**To:** [estrellaproject@horizonh20.com](mailto:estrellaproject@horizonh20.com)  
**Cc:** [Steve Baker](#); [Bruce Dixon](#)  
**Subject:** Estrella Substation and Paso Robles Area Reinforcement Project (A.17.01-0130)  
**Date:** Saturday, December 19, 2020 1:32:52 PM

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- AC-1 I am writing to strongly protest the routing of 70kV overhead power lines along Golden Hill Rd north and west paralleling Circle B Road to the river. This is a neighborhood close into the town of Paso Robles. There are alternative routes through more rural areas that would affect far fewer lives. Alternative PLR-1A is one such.
- AC-2 These power lines would impact our neighborhood dramatically, not just **aesthetically** and in terms of **our property values**, but also **environmentally**, damaging the sensitive woodlands at the north end of Golden Hill, migratory flight patterns of birds, the golden eagle and the kit fox habitats in our region.
- AC-3 Hissing high voltage power lines such as those being proposed by PG&E are suspected of causing **a variety of health problems** (documented by the World Health Organization), may have causal links to certain kinds of cancer, and can cause interference with pacemakers and defibrillators.
- AC-4 Please select a route without such a negative impact on so many. It is the right thing to do.

Thank you

Jane Carey

**Response to Comment AC-1**

The commenter expresses opposition to the Proposed Project and support for Alternative PLR-1A: Estrella Route to Estrella Substation. This comment does not raise an environmental issue related to EIR adequacy and no further response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AC-2**

The comment states that the Proposed Project 70 kV power lines would impact the commenter's neighborhood aesthetically, in terms of their property values, and would damage woodlands, migratory flight patterns, golden eagle and kit fox. Please refer to Master Response 3 for comments regarding aesthetics. For the CPUC's response to comments related to property values, please see Master Response 7.

The aesthetic impacts of the Proposed Project 70 kV power lines are evaluated in detail in Section 4.1, "Aesthetics," in Volume 1 of the FEIR. Impacts on biological resources are discussed in Section 4.4 "Biological Resources" in Volume 1 of the FEIR, including discussion of mitigation measures that will be implemented to avoid or minimize impacts on the biological resources mentioned in the comment. (FEIR, Volume 1, Section 4.4.4.) These measures include biological monitoring, wildlife protection from work areas, and compliance with San Luis Obispo County kit fox protection measures. These measures will help ensure that project construction activities would avoid special status species and their nesting areas. Additionally, for the CPUC's response to comments related to golden eagle, see Master Response 9.

**Response to Comment AC-3**

This comment states that high voltage powerlines such as those being proposed by the Proposed Project are suspected of causing a variety of health problems. This comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers. The EIR discusses noise impacts related to high voltage powerlines in Section 4.13, "Noise and Vibration," in Volume 1 of the FEIR, within Section 4.13.5. This analysis finds that noise impacts resulting from the operation of high voltage powerlines would not be substantial. For the CPUC's response to comments related to health risks associated with powerlines, see Master Response 2.

**Response to Comment AC-4**

This comment does not raise an environmental issue related to EIR adequacy and no further response is required. Nevertheless, this comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.



**Letter AD: Dennis Casagrande (January 14, 2021)****Letter AD**

Rob Peterson, CPUC  
c/o Dr. Tom Engels  
Horizon Water and Environment, LLC  
266 Grand Ave., #210  
Oakland, CA 94610

January 14, 2021

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

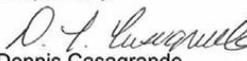
Dear Mr. Peterson,

AD-1 [ We live in Santa Ysabel Ranch and are very much against this Alternative. Fire danger is our major concern. We live on top of the hill overlooking S. River Road. Even though we and our community have worked hard to mitigate the fire danger, there are many trees and grasses on the hillside. We would be in grave danger if a fire was ignited by the PG&E power lines and spread by the high winds that are common here.

AD-2 [ Those same trees are important to the surrounding natural beauty. If the transmission lines were to be put along S. River Road, Heritage Oaks would be lost and our wildlife, including our resident Golden Eagles, who's nest is just below our house, will be adversely affected.

AD-3 [ Vote NO on SE-PLR-2.

Respectfully,

  
Dennis Casagrande  
2340 Battering Rock Road  
Templeton, CA 93465

**Response to Comment AD-1**

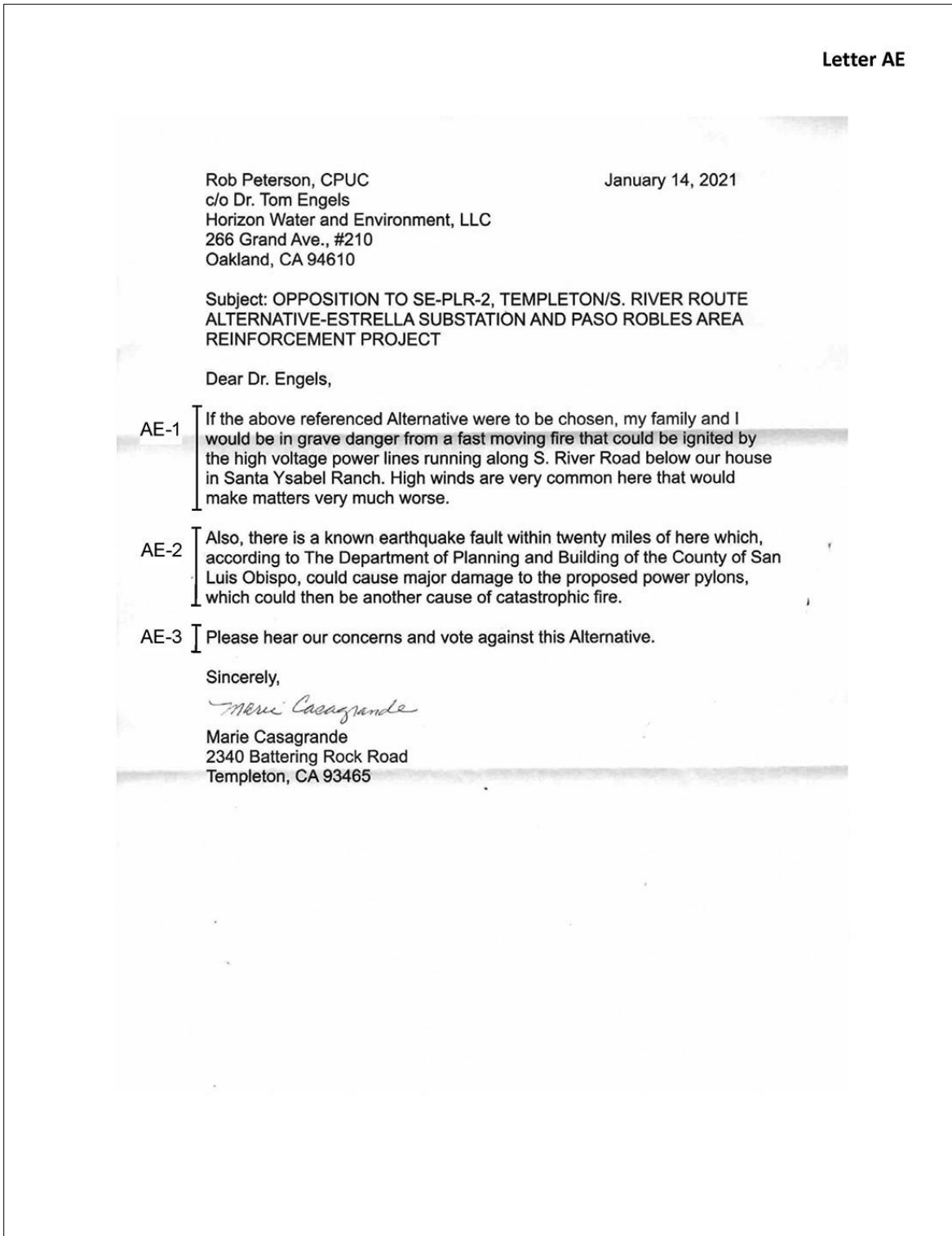
The comment expresses concern regarding increased fire risk from Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route, noting that the area is subject to conditions that increase fire danger. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

**Response to Comment AD-2**

The comment expresses concern over impacts to the heritage oaks and golden eagles that are located near Alternative SE-PLR-2. Section 4.4, "Biological Resources," in Volume 1 of the FEIR, analyzes impacts to oak trees and golden eagles for the Proposed Project and the alternatives. For the CPUC's response to comments related to golden eagles, see Master Response 9. For the CPUC's response to comments related to heritage oaks, see Master Response 10.

**Response to Comment AD-3**

The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Letter AE: Marie Casagrande (January 14, 2021)**

**Response to Comment AE-1**

The comment expresses concern regarding increased fire risk from the transmission lines under Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route, noting the conditions along the route that make it susceptible to wildfire. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns regarding increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

**Response to Comment AE-2**

This comment expresses concern regarding the earthquake fault in proximity to the Alternative SE-PLR-2 alignment. For CPUC's response to comments related to the Rinconada Fault Line's proximity to Alternative SE-PLR-2, including the resiliency of the infrastructure to withstand a large earthquake, see Master Response 1.

**Response to Comment AE-3**

The comment requests decisionmakers reject Alternative SE-PLR-2 and expresses the commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2. This comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Letter AF: Charles Clark (January 1, 2021)****Letter AF**

January 1, 2021

Rob Peterson, CPUC  
% Tom Engels  
Horizon Water & Environment, LLC  
266 Grand Ave., Suite 210  
Oakland, Calif. 94610

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

Dear Dr. Engels,

- AF-1 | I oppose the South River Route Alternative for the following reasons:
- AF-2 | 1. I am deeply concerned that the route is totally within the High Fire Hazard Zone. With so many oak trees and dry grasses in SYR, it is prime fuel for a fire.
- AF-3 | 2. Transmission lines in our area will increase the risk of fire immensely! The Camp Fire and the Kincade Fire are evidence of this.
- AF-4 | 3. Given So. River Rd. is part of the Rinconada Fault line, it makes no sense that transmission lines be installed here.
- AF-5 | 4. The most practical way of doing this is to put the power lines underground which would avoid many of the impacts.
- AF-6 | 5. Last, but not least, the energy needed for our area (Paso Robles 1107) is small enough it can be accomplished with battery or thermal storage.
- AF-7 | In closing, I hope you decide to not put a transmission line along So. River Rd which can have serious consequences to public safety and our wildlife.

Sincerely,



Charles Clark  
2256 Lake Ysabel Rd.  
Templeton, Calif, 93465

**Response to Comment AF-1**

The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AF-2**

The comment expresses concern that Alternative SE-PLR-2 is located in a High Fire Hazard Zone. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

**Response to Comment AF-3**

The comment expresses concern that transmission lines under Alternative SE-PLR-2 would increase fire risk. Please refer to Master Response 4.

**Response to Comment AF-4**

This comment expresses concern regarding the proximity of the Rinconada Fault Line to the Alternative SE-PLR-2 alignment. For the CPUC's response to comments related to the Rinconada Fault Line's proximity to Alternative SE-PLR-2, please refer to Master Response 1.

**Response to Comment AF-5**

The commenter's preference for undergrounding the transmission lines is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers. Please note that the EIR considers an alternative that includes undergrounding (Alternative PLR-3: Strategic Undergrounding, Option 1 & 2). Proposed Project alternatives are summarized and compared in Chapter 5, *Alternatives Analysis Summary and Comparison of Alternatives*, in Volume 1 of the FEIR. Additionally, for a discussion of consideration of alternatives, please refer to Master Response 8.

**Response to Comment AF-6**

This comment asserts that energy needed for the Paso Robles area is small enough that it can be accomplished with battery or thermal storage. For the CPUC's response to comments related to the Proposed Project energy need and consideration of alternatives, please refer to Master Response 8.

**Response to Comment AF-7**

The comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Letter AG: Renet Clark (January 1, 2021)****Letter AG**

January 1, 2021


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 % Tom Engels  
 Horizon Water & Environment, LLC  
 266 Grand Ave., Suite 210  
 Oakland, Calif. 94610

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

Dear Dr. Engels,

- AG-1 | I oppose the South River Route Alternative for the following reasons:
- AG-2 | 1. I am deeply concerned that the route is totally within the High Fire Hazard Zone. With so many oak trees and dry grasses in SYR, it is prime fuel for a fire.
- AG-3 | 2. Transmission lines in our area will increase the risk of fire immensely! The Camp Fire and the Kincade Fire are evidence of this.
- AG-4 | 3. Given So. River Rd. is part of the Rinconada Fault line, it makes no sense that transmission lines be installed here.
- AG-5 | 4. The most practical way of doing this is to put the power lines underground which would avoid many of the impacts.
- AG-6 | 5. Last, but not least, the energy needed for our area (Paso Robles 1107) is small enough it can be accomplished with battery or thermal storage.
- AG-7 | In closing, I hope you decide to not put a transmission line along So. River Rd which can have serious consequences to public safety and our wildlife.

Sincerely,

  
 Renet Clark  
 2256 Lake Ysabel Rd.  
 Templeton, Calif, 93465

**Response to Comment AG-1**

This comment letter is identical to Comment Letter AF. Please see Response to Comment AF-1.

**Response to Comment AG-2**

Please see Response to Comment AF-2.

**Response to Comment AG-3**

Please see Response to Comment AF-3.

**Response to Comment AG-4**

Please see Response to Comment AF-4.

**Response to Comment AG-5**

Please see Response to Comment AF-5.

**Response to Comment AG-6**

Please see Response to Comment AF-6.

**Response to Comment AG-7**

Please see Response to Comment AF-7.



**Letter AH: Tracy Cockerham (January 13, 2021)****Letter AH**

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 c/o Dr. Tom Engels  
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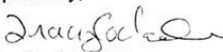
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 ALTERNATIVE-ESTRELLA SUBSTATION AND PASO ROBLES AREA  
 REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

Dear Mr. Peterson and Dr. Engels,

- AH-1 [ 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.
- AH-2 [ 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.
- AH-3 [ 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 then the Proposed Project", according to the EIR.
- AH-4 [ Please recognize our concerns and vote against running the lines along South River Road.

Respectfully,

  
 Tracy Cockerham  
 1715 Fire Rock Loop  
 Templeton, Ca. 935665

**Response to Comment AH-1**

The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

The comment expresses concern that transmission lines under Alternative SE-PLR-2 would increase fire risk, noting that the alternative would be located in a High Fire Hazard Zone. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

**Response to Comment AH-2**

The comment expresses concern over the golden eagle nests and possible collisions with and electrocutions from the power poles along Alternative SE-PLR-2. For CPUC's response to comments related to golden eagle, see Master Response 9.

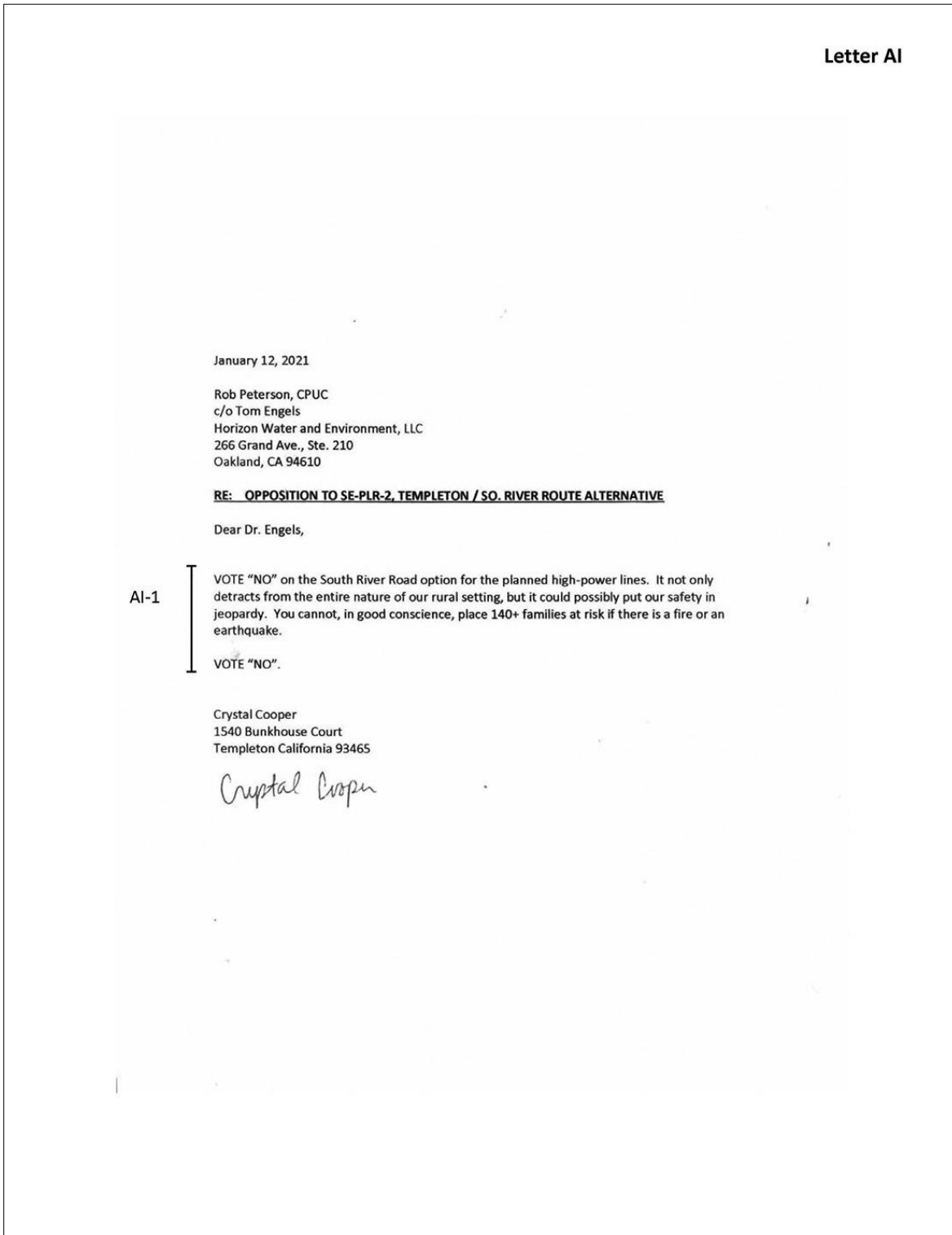
**Response to Comment AH-3**

The comment states that Alternative SE-PLR-2 is not fiscally responsible and would be more expensive than the Proposed Project. CEQA requires an analysis of physical impacts to the environment; it does not require analysis of social and economic impacts. Under CEQA, "an economic or social change by itself shall not be considered a significant effect on the environment." (CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15131, 15382.) The CPUC conducted an alternatives screening process and determined that Alternative SE-PLR-2 could feasibly attain the basic objectives of the project. (FEIR Appendix B, *Alternatives Screening Report*.) The comment does not address environmental impacts analyzed in the EIR and, therefore, no additional response is required. The comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AH-4**

This comment does not raise an environmental issue related to EIR adequacy, and no further response is required. The comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Letter AI: Crystal Cooper (January 12, 2021)**



Letter AI

January 12, 2021

Rob Peterson, CPUC  
c/o Tom Engels  
Horizon Water and Environment, LLC  
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Oakland, CA 94610

**RE: OPPOSITION TO SE-PLR-2, TEMPLETON / SO. RIVER ROUTE ALTERNATIVE**

Dear Dr. Engels,

AI-1

VOTE "NO" on the South River Road option for the planned high-power lines. It not only detracts from the entire nature of our rural setting, but it could possibly put our safety in jeopardy. You cannot, in good conscience, place 140+ families at risk if there is a fire or an earthquake.

VOTE "NO".

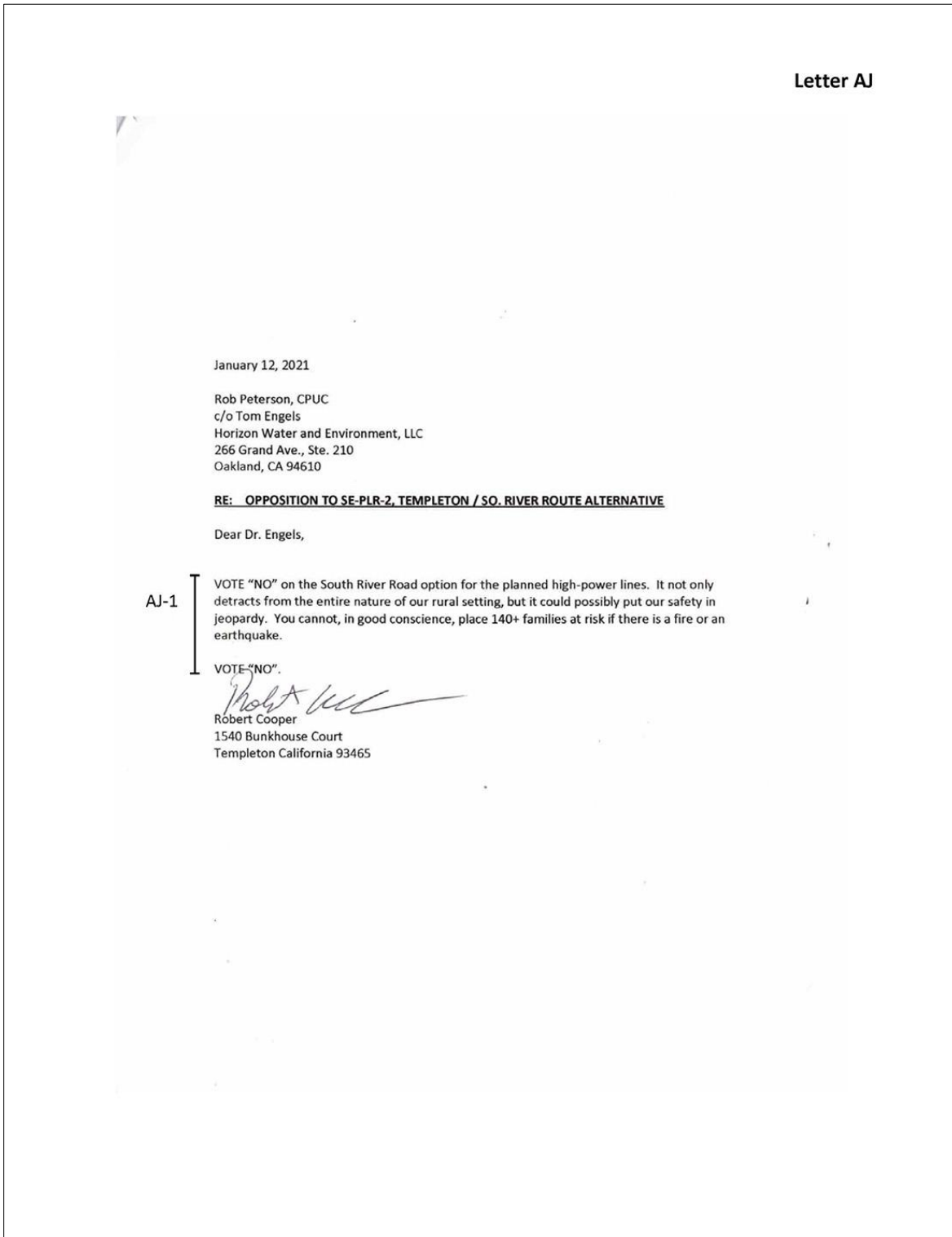
Crystal Cooper  
1540 Bunkhouse Court  
Templeton California 93465

*Crystal Cooper*

**Response to Comment AI-1**

The comment expresses general concern that Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route would detract from its rural setting. The comment also expresses general concern regarding safety, fire risk, and earthquakes. For a response to comments regarding aesthetics, please refer to Master Response 3. For concerns regarding EMFs, please see Master Response 2. For a response to comments regarding fire risk, please refer to Master Response 4. Master Response 1 responds to comments regarding earthquake faults. The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Letter AJ: Robert Cooper (January 12, 2021)**



**Response to Comment AJ-1**

This comment letter is identical to Comment Letter AI. Please see Response to Comment AI-1.

**Letter AK: Michael & Peggy Daly (December 23, 2020)**

Letter AK

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Horizon Water and Environment, LLC  
266 Grand Avenue, Suite 210  
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December 23, 2020

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

Dear Dr. Engels,

AK-1 I oppose the transmission lines being considered along S. River Road for many reasons. I will list our reasons by priority.

AK-2 Everyone knows California wildfires have devastated our state. It has also devastated the insurance industry and getting insurance in this area is difficult enough. PGE's track record of maintenance and safety is abhorrent. I do not trust PGE to be a good partner when it comes to infrastructure maintenance and fire safety.

AK-3 Second, the area of Templeton does not envision any substantial growth in the near- or long-term future. Putting up behemoth power lines do not comport with our area in terms of energy use or aesthetically. These power line towers need to go in commercially available areas with high energy use. Some would argue these towers are antiquated and other technology should be considered.

AK-4 Lastly, our wildlife in this area will be affected. Santa Ysabel Ranch is the home to many eagles, most notably Golden Eagles. There are current nesting areas that would be endangered over long term construction and/or any potential for accidental electrocution.

AK-5 For all the reasons stated above, we are STRONGLY OPPOSED to the construction of the propose power lines along S. River Road.

Sincerely,

  
Michael Daly

  
Peggie Daly

Michael and Peggie Daly  
2494 Battering Rock Road  
Templeton CA 93465

**Response to Comment AK-1**

The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AK-2**

The comment expresses concern regarding the risk of wildfires and regarding PG&E's ability to maintain the installed infrastructure. For CPUC's response to these concerns, please refer to Master Response 4.

In addition, the comment expresses concern about the commenter's ability to purchase homeowner's insurance due to wildfire risk as a result of Alternative SE-PLR-2. For the CPUC's response to these concerns, please refer to Master Response 7.

**Response to Comment AK-3**

The comment expresses general opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 due to adverse aesthetic impacts of the power line. The commenter expresses a preference that the power line towers be located in "commercially available areas with high energy use." The commenter's general opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted. Comments regarding the Proposed Project need and consideration of alternatives are responded to in Master Response 8.

**Response to Comment AK-4**

The comment expresses concern over impacts to golden eagle nests located near Alternative SE-PLR-2. For CPUC's response to comments related to golden eagle, see Master Response 9.

**Response to Comment AK-5**

The comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.



**Letter AL: Lori Daniele (January 1, 2021)****Letter AL**

Rob Peterson, CPUC

January 1, 2021

c/o Tom Engels

Horizon Water and Environment, LLC

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Oakland, Ca 94610

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

Dear Dr. Engels,

AL-1 | I strongly oppose the S. River Route Alternative for the following reasons:

AL-2 | ***Transmission lines in a Wildlife area will greatly increase our risk of fire.***

Santa Ysabel Ranch is located within a High Fire Hazard Zone. It's been well documented that transmission lines caused numerous of devastating fires in California. Please do not put our community at risk by allowing this route to proceed.

AL-3 | Our resident wildlife would be endangered by the power lines on South River Road. There are several Golden Eagle nests on SYR. The construction of these lines could kill them due to collisions or electrocution not to mention if the transmission lines caused a fire.

AL-4 | For the sake of public safety and wildlife preservation, please do not put a transmission line along S. River Road.

Sincerely,



Lori Daniele

2725 Warm Springs Lane

Templeton, Ca 93465

**Response to Comment AL-1**

The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AL-2**

The comment expresses concern that transmission lines under Alternative SE-PLR-2 would increase fire risk, noting that Santa Ysabel Ranch is located in a High Fire Hazard Zone. The comment also notes that the transmission lines would be in a wildlife area. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4. Section 4.20, "Wildfire," in Volume 1 of the FEIR, discusses potential wildfire impacts from the Proposed Project and alternatives. Section 4.4, "Biological Resources," in Volume 1 of the FEIR, evaluates the impacts of the Proposed Project and alternatives on special status species. In addition, please refer to Master Response 9 for the CPUC's response to comments related to golden eagles.

**Response to Comment AL-3**

The comment expresses concern over impacts to the golden eagles that are located near Alternative SE-PLR-2 and the risk of fire caused by transmission lines. For CPUC's response to comments related to golden eagle, see Master Response 9. For the CPUC's response to comments related to fire risk, refer to Master Response 4.

**Response to Comment AL-4**

The comment requests that Alternative SE-PLR-2 not be selected due to "public safety and wildlife preservation." Please refer to Responses to Comments AL-2 and AL-3 for a response to concerns regarding fire risk and wildlife. The comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Letter AM: Ronald H Donati (January 1, 2021)**

**Letter AM**

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

January 1, 2021

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

Dear Dr. Engels,

AM-1

AM-2

AM-3

AM-4

AM-5

AM-6


AM-7

First and foremost, I oppose the S. River Route Alternative for the following reasons:

1. I am a resident of Santa Ysabel Ranch, which is located within a High Fire Hazard Zone. S. River Road is also completely contained within the High Fire Hazard Zone. The transmission lines for this project would be attached to 20 steel poles running along the inside of the white fence bordering the eastern side of Santa Ysabel Road. A pair of poles would also flank our beautiful entry gate. They would be at least 80' high and 4' wide. Not only is this ugly, but these lines would substantially increase the already high fire danger of this area. The beauty of Santa Ysabel Ranch would be permanently scarred. Our property value would certainly be negatively affected.
2. The transmission line noted above will greatly increase our risk of fire. PG&E transmission lines have been determined to cause both the Camp Fire in 2018 and the Kincadee Fire in 2019. These are the same type of lines being considered for the S. River Road Project. Santa Ysabel Ranch contains many oak trees and dry grasses which is ideal fuel for a major fire. Another fire caused by PG&E at this location would spread quickly and cause much destruction and possibly the lives of our neighbors.
3. The S. River Road Alternative (SE-PLR-2) and the Templeton substation sit entirely within the High Fire Hazard Zone. This is the only route combination that sits fully within the High Fire Hazard Zone. Why is this option even being discussed? Is this to help Paso Robles? If so, put it near where their growth is expected. Templeton has no capacity for substantial commercial or residential growth. Our residents should not have to face dangerous fire related events in order to support growth for other communities.
4. If this route is so important, why don't you put the lines under ground so that PG&E can't cause another fire?

This is an important matter to all residents of Santa Ysabel Ranch. You should not be creating an environment that has the potential to cause damage and destruction to so many people.

Stop this Route Alternative.  
 Stop this route Alternative.

Yours Very Truly,  
  
 Ronald H Donati  
 1535 Fire Rock Loop  
 Templeton, Calif  
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**Response to Comment AM-1**

The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AM-2**

The comment expresses general concern that Alternative SE-PLR-2 would have adverse impacts on fire risk, aesthetics, and property values. The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4. With respect to the concerns regarding aesthetic impacts, please refer to Section 4.1, "Aesthetics," in Volume 1 of the FEIR, for detailed analysis of the effects of Alternative SE-PLR-2 on visual resources. Finally, please refer to Master Response 7 for the CPUC's response to comments related to effects on property values.

**Response to Comment AM-3**

The comment expresses concern that transmission lines associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2 would increase fire risk. Please refer to Master Response 4.

**Response to Comment AM-4**

This comment questions why Alternative SE-PLR-2 is being considered. The commenter points out that Alternative SE-PLR-2 is located in a High Fire Hazard Zone and that Templeton is located further away from the areas of expected growth (e.g., Paso Robles). This comment is noted. The concerns with respect to fire risk are addressed in Master Response 4. For the CPUC's response to comments related to the Proposed Project need and consideration of alternatives, please refer to Master Response 8.

**Response to Comment AM-5**

The comment expresses a preference for undergrounding the route if Alternative SE-PLR-2 is selected. While undergrounding of a portion of the Proposed Project's 70 kV power line was considered in the EIR (Alternative PLR-3: Strategic Undergrounding, Option 1 & 2), undergrounding of the 70 kV power line under Alternative SE-PLR-2 was not considered. For discussion of this issue and the CPUC's response to comments relating to the consideration of alternatives, please refer to Master Response 8. The commenter's preference for undergrounding the transmission line is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AM-6**

The comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AM-7**

The comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Letter AN: Mary Durbin and David Henderson (December 28, 2020)**

**Letter AN**

Rob Peterson, CPUC  
c/o Tom Engels  
Horizon Water and Environment, LLC  
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**Re: Opposition to SE-PLR-2, Templeton - S. River Route Alternative**

December 28, 2020

Dear Dr. Engels:

AN-1 | We are writing to inform you of our strong opposition to the planned installation of high power transmission lines along River Road which runs along our community of Santa Ysabel Ranch. At a time when wild fires are such a danger in California, particularly the Paso Robles/Templeton area, you should not even be considering putting such transmission lines anywhere in California. You should be encouraging alternative means of energy like solar with battery storage. At a minimum you should be running power lines underground, not through neighborhoods.

AN-2 | Our neighborhood is a nesting ground for Golden Eagles and these transmission lines would present a danger to them as well as to the houses in the neighborhood. And I think the jury is still out as to the danger of high transmission lines emitting ELF radiation and the bussing caused by the corona discharge to people and animals living near these high power lines. The proposed line is right in front of several homes in Santa Ysabel Ranch.

AN-3 | We implore you to not run these high power transmission lines anywhere in the area. It is time to move on to more modern methods that don't endanger the community and the environment.

Sincerely,



Dr. Mary L. Durbin and Dr. David D. Henderson

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**Response to Comment AN-1**

The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route is noted. The comment expresses concern that transmission lines associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2 would increase fire risk. For the CPUC's response to these concerns, please refer to Master Response 4.

The comment also expresses a preference for a solar and battery storage alternative, or an alternative that includes undergrounding of transmission lines. The EIR considers an alternative that includes undergrounding (i.e., Alternative PLR-3: Strategic Undergrounding, Option 1 & 2) as well as two alternatives incorporating battery storage and/or other Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) (i.e., Alternative BS-2: Battery Storage to Address Distribution Objective and BS-3: Behind-the Meter Solar and Battery Storage), which are analyzed in each of the resource sections of the EIR (refer to FEIR, Volume 1, Sections 4.1 through 4.20). For a response to comments specifically regarding battery storage alternatives, please refer to Master Response 5. For comments related to consideration of alternatives, including undergrounding, solar, and battery storage, please refer to Master Response 8.

**Response to Comment AN-2**

The comment expresses concern over the danger of transmission lines being in close proximity to golden eagles and houses in the neighborhood near Alternative SE-PLR-2. The commenter also expresses concern about extremely low frequency (ELF) radiation and buzzing caused by the corona discharge to people and animals that live near these high power lines. For the CPUC's response to comments related to golden eagle, see Master Response 9. For the CPUC's response to comments related to EMF, see Master Response 2. Please refer to Section 4.13, "Noise," in Volume 1 of the FEIR, for discussion of corona noise from the transmission line components.

**Response to Comment AN-3**

The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers. The comment also alleges that "it is time to move on to more modern methods that don't endanger the community and the environment." Presumably, these modern methods are solar and battery storage, as referenced earlier in the comment letter. As described in Response to Comment A-1, the EIR considered two alternatives (BS-2 and BS-3) that incorporated battery storage and/or other DERs. Additionally, as discussed in Chapter 3, *Alternatives Description*, in Volume 1 of the FEIR, the CPUC acknowledges that DER technology will continue to advance: "The cost-effectiveness of various DER solutions is expected to change as technologies advance within the need timeframe for the reasonably foreseeable distribution components (5-15 years)" (FEIR, Volume 1, page 3-136).

**Letter AO: Gwendolyn Erskine (January 17, 2021)**

Letter AO

**Gwendolyn Erskine  
1840 Fire Rock Loop  
Templeton, CA 93465**

January 17, 2021

Rob Peterson, CPUC  
c/o Dr. Tom Engels  
Horizon Water and Environment, LLC  
266 Grand Ave., #210  
Oakland, CA 94610

Subject: OPPOSITION TO SE-PLR-2, TEMPLETON/SOUTH RIVER ROUTE ALTERNATIVE

Dear Dr. Engels

AO-1 [ My family and I live in Santa Ysabel Ranch. We are very opposed to the above referenced Alternative because of the severe risk of fire caused by these high voltage transmission lines coupled with our high winds. **Santa Ysabel Ranch experiences high winds on a daily basis!**

AO-2 [ We live along South River Road and our properties include 1760, 1840, 1880, & 1920 Fire Rock Loop which are fenced to us and adjacent to the proposed power poles. Our house would be vulnerable to complete destruction if a fire was started within that section of line. MORE important that my house in my child!!! I can't imagine our 13 year old Freshman home doing the new "COVID online school" as a student at Mission College Prep while we are gone at work trying to evacuate without a vehicle as a 13 year old cannot drive! A little girl running for her life towards an exit TWO miles away if South River Road was engulfed in flames!!! If fire can travel 360 ft per second and the gate is 2 miles away, then the fire would be there in 29 seconds. I guarantee my daughter cannot run a two mile stretch in 29 seconds so she would be torched alive!!! It tears me to picture my little girl running for her life because PG&E decided this route was more important than a child's life!!!

AO-3 [ **Other alternatives are available!!!** Fire Rock Loop, adjacent to South River Road is the highest populated area with children in Santa Ysabel Ranch. Multiple other children would also be torched like our daughter would! Horrific tragedy at best!!! This is a most dangerous situation!!!! Other options are available!!!

AO-4 [ Another important element in Santa Ysabel Ranch is the surrounding natural wildlife. If the transmission lines were to be put along S. River Road, historic oak trees would be lost and our wildlife filled with deer, coyotes, and resident Golden Eagles which would be adversely affected.

AO-5 ] The Draft EIR shows that this Alternative, coupled with the upgrade to the Templeton Substation, would be more expensive than the original proposed project. Please be fiscally responsible and don't put my child or other children at risk. Vote NO on SE-PLR-2.

AO-6 ] Thank you in advance for your review and consideration.

Sincerely,



Gwendolyn Erskine

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**Response to Comment AO-1**

The comment expresses concern that transmission lines associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route would increase fire risk, noting that the area is subject to high winds. For CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4. The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted.

**Response to Comment AO-2**

The comment expresses concern about the potential for adverse impacts related to evacuation routes/ability in the event of wildfire associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2. For the CPUC's response to these concerns, please refer to Master Response 6.

**Response to Comment AO-3**

The comment expresses concern that transmission lines associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2 would increase fire risk. Please refer to Master Response 4. The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers. The commenter alleges other alternatives are available, but provides no examples of such alternatives.

**Response to Comment AO-4**

The comment expresses concern that the transmission lines associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2 would have adverse effects on oak trees, and wildlife, including golden eagles. Please refer to Section 4.4, "Biological Resources," in Volume 1 of the FEIR, for discussion of applicable Applicant proposed measures (APMs) and mitigation measures that would be implemented for Alternative SE-PLR-2 to avoid or minimize impacts on the biological resources mentioned in the comment. Additionally, for the CPUC's response to comments related to golden eagle, see Master Response 9.

**Response to Comment AO-5**

This comment recommends dismissal of Alternative SE-PLR-2 because this alternative, coupled with Alternative SE-1A: Templeton Substation Expansion – 230/70 kV Substation, would be more expensive than the Proposed Project. This comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AO-6**

This comment does not raise any issues related to EIR adequacy and no further response is required. Thank you for your comment.

**Letter AP: Thomas Erskine (January 17, 2021)**

Letter AP

**Tom Erskine  
1840 Fire Rock Loop  
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January 17, 2021

Rob Peterson, CPUC  
c/o Dr. Tom Engels  
Horizon Water and Environment, LLC  
266 Grand Ave., #210  
Oakland, CA 94610

Subject: OPPOSITION TO SE-PLR-2, TEMPLETON/S. RIVER ROUTE  
ALTERNATIVE

Dear Mr. Peterson,

- AP-1 [ We have lived in Santa Ysabel Ranch for over 13 years along the above proposed route. Needless to say, we are extremely opposed to these transmission lines running below our house because of the very real fire danger. We are in a County designated High Fire Hazard Zone. If these enormous poles with high voltage lines were to ignite a wildfire as happened in the Camp fire recently, my family would be in grave danger.
- AP-2 [ Furthermore, it is my understanding that this proposed Alternative route is on and between earthquake faults. If an earthquake were to happen and the lines caused a fire or if one or more toppled, the evacuation of my family would be near impossible.
- AP-3 [ We are very much against this Alternative. Vote NO on SE-PLR-2. Please protect my family from another Paradise Fire situation!

Respectfully,



Thomas Erskine  
1840 Fire Rock Loop  
Templeton, CA 93465

**Response to Comment AP-1**

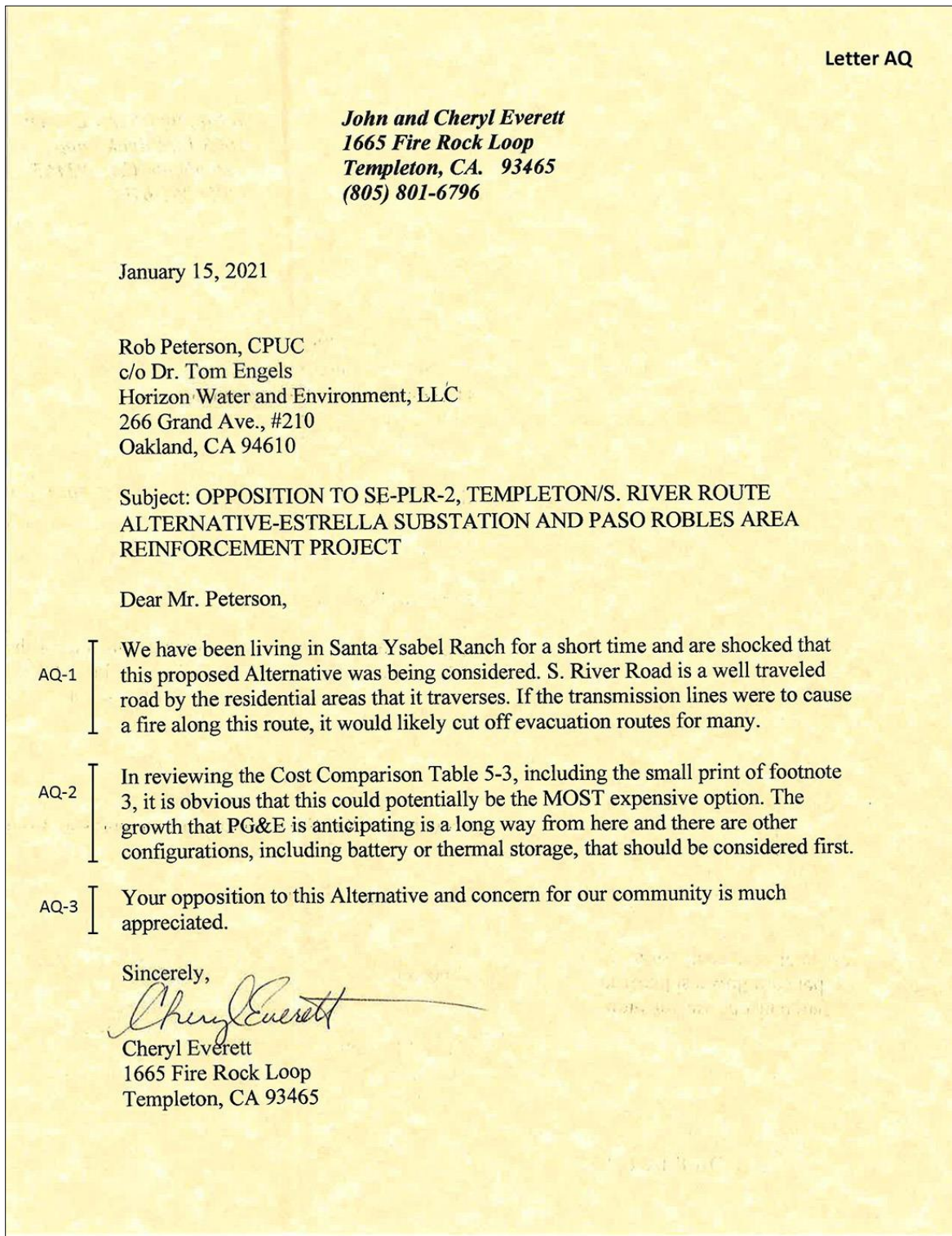
The comment expresses concern that transmission lines under Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route would increase fire risk, noting that the alternative route is in a High Fire Hazard Zone. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

**Response to Comment AP-2**

This comment expresses concern regarding the proximity of earthquake faults to the Alternative SE-PLR-2 alignment. For CPUC's response to these concerns, please refer to Master Response 1.

**Response to Comment AP-3**

The comment requests decisionmakers reject Alternative SE-PLR-2 and expresses the commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2. This comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Letter AQ: Cheryl Everett (January 15, 2021)**

**Response to Comment AQ-1**

The comment expresses concern about the potential for adverse impacts related to evacuation routes/ability in the event of a wildfire associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route. For the CPUC's response to concerns regarding potential impacts on evacuation routes, please refer to Master Response 6. The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted.

**Response to Comment AQ-2**

This comment asserts that, based on the information in Table 5-3 of the EIR, Alternative SE-PLR-2 would be the most expensive option. The comment also points out that the growth anticipated is not located within Templeton and recommends considering other configurations, including battery or thermal storage. The CPUC provides a response to comments related to the Proposed Project need and consideration of alternatives in Master Response 8 and to comments related to battery and thermal storage in Master Response 5.

**Response to Comment AQ-3**

The comment requests decisionmakers oppose Alternative SE-PLR-2. This comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.



**Letter AR: John Everett (January 15, 2021)**

**Letter AR**

***John and Cheryl Everett  
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Rob Peterson, CPUC  
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January 15, 2021

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

Dear Dr. Engels,

AR-1

We just completed our new home in Santa Ysabel Ranch and are very concerned about the potential of increased fire danger due to these transmission lines. The entire route from this proposed project is within the County designated High Fire Hazard Zone. If a fire were to be ignited by these lines and made worse by the erratic and powerful winds that are common to this area, our closest evacuation route would most likely be blocked and we would be over 2 miles away from a safe exit.

AR-2

The natural beauty of this area would be drastically impacted as well as the property and resale values. This is an unfair burden on our community when other proposals do not impact as many people.

AR-3

Your opposition to this Alternative is much appreciated.

Sincerely,



John Everett  
1665 Fire Rock Loop  
Templeton, CA 93465

**Response to Comment AR-1**

The comment expresses concern about the potential for increased fire danger due to the transmission lines associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route, location in a designated High Fire Hazard Zone, as well as adverse impacts to evacuation routes in the event of wildfire. Please refer to Master Responses 4 and 6. The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted.

**Response to Comment AR-2**

The comment expresses general concern that Alternative SE-PLR-2 would have adverse impacts on aesthetics and property values. Please refer to Section 4.1, "Aesthetics," in Volume 1 of the FEIR, for detailed analysis of the aesthetic impacts of Alternative SE-PLR-2. For the CPUC's response to comments related to potential effects on property values, please refer to Master Response 7.

**Response to Comment AR-3**

The comment requests decisionmakers oppose Alternative SE-PLR-2. This comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Letter AS: Robin Fordyce (January 12, 2021)**

**Letter AS**

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

January 12, 2021

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

Dear Dr. Engels,

AS-1 | **I oppose the S. River Route Alternative.**

AS-2 | I would like to compare the construction of these power poles along this path to the construction of the Fukajima Nuclear Power plant in Japan. There are similarities, and one significant difference.

AS-3 | The proposed power poles will be designed and constructed to resist the natural forces of nature-gravity, wind, and seismic. Their design will be in compliance with the appropriate building codes, and will have a safety factor. The final design will make them resistant to these forces.

AS-4 | The Fukajima Power plant in Japan was also designed in a similar manner to resist these forces of nature, including tsunamis. As we all know, the final design of the plant may have been earthquake resistant, but it was not, and can never be EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI PROOF.

AS-5 | The designers of the Fukajima Plant needed to be close to the ocean to use the sea water for cooling. They had to accept the potential danger of a tsunami, and try to design their project accordingly. Obviously, they failed.

AS-6 | The proposed power poles along SE-PLR-2 also have a natural geological situation that needs to be addressed. Specifically the Rinconada Fault is 0.4 miles away. Please see the section below from the California Public Utilities Commission, Section 4.7, Geology, Soils, and Seismicity.

AS-7 | *Rinconada Fault*  
*The Rinconada Fault is located approximately 0.4 mile southwest of the Proposed Project's 70 kV power line re-conductoring segment. The Rinconada Fault also parallels the majority of the Alternative SE-PLR-2 route and crosses the Alternative SE-PLR-2 alignment near the intersection of El Pomar Road and South River Road. Although definitive geologic evidence of Holocene surface rupture has not been found on the Rinconada Fault, it was regarded as an earthquake source for the California Geological Survey (CGS) Probabilistic Seismic Hazards Assessment (PSHA) because of the postulated slip rate of 1±1 mm per year, and the calculated maximum magnitude of 7.3 (Rosenberg et al. 2009). Based on the quaternary age of the Rinconada Fault, it is considered potentially active.*



AS-8 | These poles will obviously be designed to be seismic resistant, taken into account the fact that a fault is nearby. They will be seismic resistant, but will not be SEISMIC PROOF. No designer can design them to meet such a requirement.

AS-9 | The difference between the pole design in question and the Fukajima plant is that the plant in Japan had to be constructed at the ocean. They didn't have a choice. These poles, on the other hand can be constructed along a different path, which would significantly reduce the possibility of failure.

AS-10 | California Utility Companies are already in jeopardy due to the fires that their equipment caused in Paradise and Kincade, A similar occurrence is likely here if the poles are constructed on top of an active fault.

AS-11 | In summation, Fukajima planners did not have a choice on their location. However, there are alternate locations of these poles. In the unfortunate event of a pole collapse due to a natural event, and subsequent fire, the utility company could certainly be found to be negligent in choosing this path. Structures can be designed to be earthquake resistant, but never designed to be earthquake PROOF. The obvious solution to this situation is to consider alternate routes.

AS-12 | Thank you for this opportunity to present my opinion



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**Response to Comment AS-1**

The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AS-2**

The comment alleging similarities and one difference between the construction of the Project's power poles and the construction of the Fukajima Nuclear Power Plant in Japan is noted. This comment does not raise issues regarding EIR accuracy and no further response is required.

**Response to Comment AS-3**

The comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AS-4**

The comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AS-5**

The comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AS-6**

This comment identifies the proximity of the proposed power poles under Alternative SE-PLR-2 to the Rinconada Fault as a "natural geological situation that needs to be addressed." For the CPUC's response to comments related to the Rinconada Fault Line's proximity to Alternative SE-PLR-2, please refer to Master Response 1.

**Response to Comment AS-7**

This comment includes a description of the Rinconada Fault Line taken from Section 4.7, "Geology, Soils, Seismicity, and Paleontological Resources" of the DEIR. This comment is noted.

**Response to Comment AS-8**

This comment states that while the Alternative SE-PLR-2 poles will be designed to be seismic resistant, the commenter alleges they will not be seismic proof. This comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers. Please also refer to Master Response 1.

**Response to Comment AS-9**

This comment compares the transmission line under Alternative SE-PLR-2 to the Fukajima Power Plant, arguing that the latter had to be constructed by the ocean, whereas the former could be constructed along a different path, alleging a different path would reduce the possibility of failure. This comment is noted. Please refer to Master Response 1.

**Response to Comment AS-10**

This comment states that if the project's transmission poles were constructed on top of an active fault, it would be likely to result in a similar occurrence as that of the Paradise and Kincadee fires. For a response to comments related to seismic impacts on the Proposed Project,

please refer to Master Response 1. For a response to comments related to fire risk, please see Master Response 4. This comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AS-11**

This comment restates that CPUC has a choice of where to place the transmission line and that pole structures can never be earthquake proof. This comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AS-12**

This comment does not raise issues regarding EIR accuracy and no further response is required. Thank you for your comment.

**Letter AT: Sharon Fordyce (January 14, 2021)**

Letter AT

Jan. 14, 2021

Rob Peterson, CPUC January 1, 2021  
 c/o Tom Engels  
 Horizon Water and Environment, LLC  
 266 Grand Avenue, Suite 210  
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**Re: Opposition to SE-PLR-2, Templeton - S. River Route Alternative**

Dear Dr. Engels,

AT-1 | I oppose the S. River Route Alternative for the following reason

**WILDFIRE DANGER**

AT-2 | **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/**

AT-3 | **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.

AT-4 | **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.

AT-5 | 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,



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**Response to Comment AT-1**

The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AT-2**

The comment expresses concern that transmission lines under Alternative SE-PLR-2 would increase fire risk, noting that Santa Ysabel Ranch is located in a High Fire Hazard Zone. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

**Response to Comment AT-3**

This comment further describes the high fire risk along the Alternative SE-PLR-2 alignment and at Templeton Substation, and alleges that due to the steep hills of blue oak forest, a potential fire would climb very quickly. Please refer to Master Response 4.

**Response to Comment AT-4**

The comment expresses concern that construction activities for Alternative SE-PLR-2 may result in wildfire. Please refer to Master Response 4.

**Response to Comment AT-5**

The comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Letter AU: Sonya and Robert Fry (January 15, 2021)**

January 15, 2020

**Letter AU**

Mr. Rob Peterson, CPUC  
 C/O Tom Engels, Ph.D.  
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**Re: Opposition to SE-PLR-2, Templeton - S. River Road Route Alternative**

Dear Dr. Engels,

AU-1 I oppose the S. River Road route alternative for the following serious reasons:

AU-2 1. **Wildfire Danger: The South River Road alternative (SE-PLR-2) and the Templeton Substation are both situated entirely within the HIGH FIRE HAZARD ZONE.** The EIR clearly states that the SRR alternative is in a High Fire Hazard Zone! It is stunning that this route is even a contender. How could this route be an option when the conditions of this location are so clearly ill-suited for such an installation? Surely this alternative is not truly an alternative but a contrast to far more safe alternative locations. PG&E must know that to place a high power line in the midst of a documented high fire zone is tantamount to welcoming a tragic wildfire. This evidence alone should exclude any further discussion about this route as a candidate for a high power transmission line!

AU-3 2. **Transmission lines known to be the cause of wildfires!** Multiple reports of the causes for California wildfires - Camp and Kincade fires in particular, cite transmission lines as the initial and primary causes. The failure of the equipment started those fires. The same type of towers and lines proposed in this project. This alternative sits squarely in a high fire hazard zone - and the proposal to add the very equipment that started disastrous wildfires in California communities is beyond comprehension! Surely other locations or other approaches - under-grounding, battery backups are more suitable for this project than this location with high power towers and lines!

AU-4 3. **Wildfire risk during construction of towers and lines:** The DEIR notes clearly "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". Knowing in advance of construction that the very construction of these lines run the risk of starting a wildfire, creating confinement without a safe escape or some electrical outage putting residents in a unknowable end to dark period is concern enough to remove this route from candidacy, given the high fire hazard zoning.

AU-5 There are no scenarios where this route is the pick of the alternatives considering the enormous risks this route presents. I urge you to eliminate this route from the list.

Cordially,

*Sonya Fry*  
 1880 Burnt Rock Way  
 Templeton, CA 93465

January 15, 2020

Mr. Rob Peterson, CPUC  
C/O Tom Engles, Ph.D.  
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**Re: Opposition to SE-PLR-2, Templeton - S. River Road Route Alternative**

Dear Dr. Engels,

AU-6 I oppose the S. River Road route alternative for the following serious reasons:

AU-7 **1. Wildfire Danger: The South River Road alternative (SE-PLR-2) and the Templeton Substation are both situated entirely within the HIGH FIRE HAZARD ZONE.** Santa Ysabel Ranch is a development that is sandwiched between South River Road, Santa Ysabel Avenue and connects to Neal Springs Road via Hanging Tree Lane. This entire area is encapsulated in a high fire hazard zone, per your submitted EIR. Why would the power company knowingly place high power transmission lines inside a high fire hazard zone, when there are far better options in low fire hazard zone areas near by?

AU-8 **2. Restricted evacuation routes in cases of emergency:** As noted above this development has very few exits. Santa Ysabel Avenue is a short access road on the west, between the development and SRR, which means that SRR is the only road on the east side of the development for residents to exit onto in the event of an emergency. Secondly, Neal Springs Road to the south of the development, can only be accessed from the development by either SRR or Hanging Tree Lane. Both of these roads are identified in this route, meaning residents attempting to exit in the case of an emergency will be faced with these power lines via the only two avenues for egress. There is not a north exit route.

AU-9 At the same time, emergency vehicles would be required to use the same two roads (SRR and Neal Springs Road) to enter into the area to assist and deal with the emergency. These roads are narrow, windy with blind curves and hills. In light of these limitations and the very real potential for delays, chaos, being trapped and unable to exit and the loss of life and property are surely unacceptable risks to take.

AU-10 **3. Growth areas needing power resources:** Recently, the initiation of building nearly 2000 new homes and businesses in Paso Robles, was announced. This plan has apparently been underway for some time. The need for increased and stored power is primarily a Paso Robles development need. SYR is located in unincorporated Templeton, and Templeton and associated areas have minimal expansion possibilities. The SRR alternative is almost exclusively placed in the Templeton area and affecting Templeton residents. Why isn't the focus of the need and the equipment in the area of need and development?

AU-11 Respectfully, I ask that you remove this alternative from the list of considerations.

Regards,

*Robert Fry*  
1880 Burnt Rock Way  
Templeton, CA 93465



**Response to Comment AU-1**

The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AU-2**

The comment asserts that Alternative SE-PLR-2 should not be selected or even considered because it is in a High Fire Hazard Zone. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

**Response to Comment AU-3**

This comment further describes the commenter's concerns with respect wildfire hazard due to Alternative SE-PLR-2. Please refer to Master Response 4.

**Response to Comment AU-4**

The comment expresses concern that construction activities for Alternative SE-PLR-2 may result in wildfire. Please refer to Master Response 4.

**Response to Comment AU-5**

The comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AU-6**

The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AU-7**

The comment expresses concern that Alternative SE-PLR-2 should not be selected because it is in a High Fire Hazard Zone. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

**Response to Comment AU-8**

The comment expresses concern about the potential for adverse impacts to evacuation routes in the event of an emergency associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2. For the CPUC's response to concerns regarding potential impacts to evacuation routes, please refer to Master Response 6.

**Response to Comment AU-9**

The comment expresses concern that emergency vehicles would need to use the same roads that would be the evacuation routes for the San Ysabel Ranch community, in the event of an emergency associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2. For CPUC's response to concerns regarding potential impacts to evacuation routes, please refer to Master Response 6.

**Response to Comment AU-10**

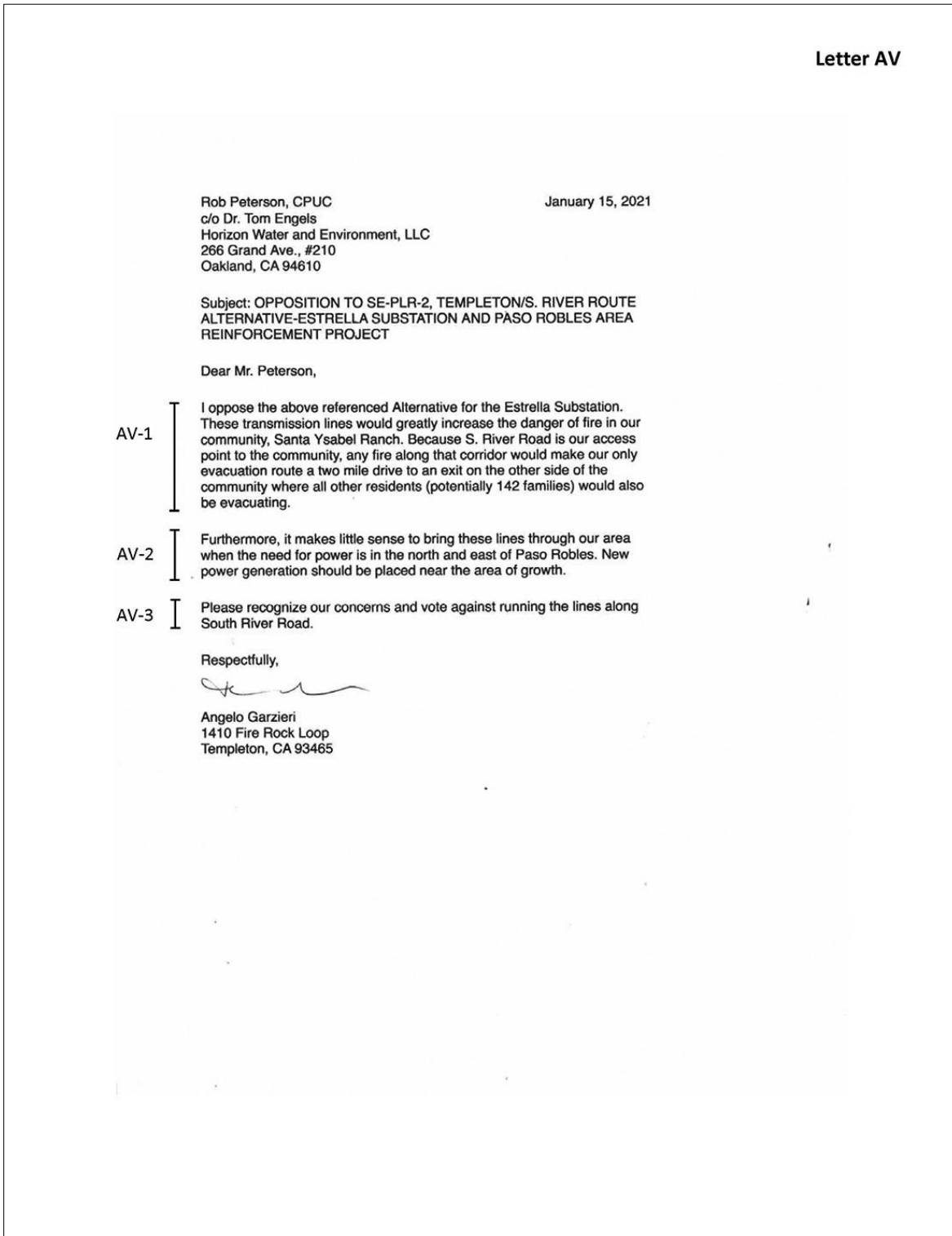
The comment asserts that Paso Robles has initiated development of nearly 2,000 homes and buildings, and therefore, the commenter argues, the equipment for increased and stored power should be located in Paso Robles, rather than Templeton. As described in Section 4.14, “Population and Housing,” in Volume 1 of the FEIR, the Proposed Project would not include any new homes or businesses; therefore, it would not directly induce substantial population growth. The Proposed Project, on its own, would not extend electrical distribution service to new areas such that it would indirectly induce population growth. However, the Proposed Project, with buildout of the reasonably foreseeable distribution components, would expand electric distribution service capacity to accommodate future anticipated growth in the Paso Robles Distribution Planning Area (DPA). Please refer to Chapter 6, *Other Statutory Considerations and Cumulative Impacts*, in Volume 1 of the FEIR, for discussion of the Proposed Project’s potential growth-inducing impacts.

With respect to the location of the anticipated electrical distribution capacity needs as it relates to Alternative SE-PLR-2, please refer to Master Response 8.

**Response to Comment AU-11**

The commenter’s opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted and will be shared with the CPUC’s decisionmakers.

**Letter AV: Angelo Garzieri (January 15, 2021)**



**Response to Comment AV-1**

The comment expresses concern that transmission lines associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route would increase fire risk. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns related to increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

The comment also expresses concern about the potential for adverse impacts to evacuation routes for the Santa Ysabel Ranch community in the event of a wildfire caused by Alternative SE-PLR-2. For the CPUC's response to these concerns, please refer to Master Response 6. The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted.

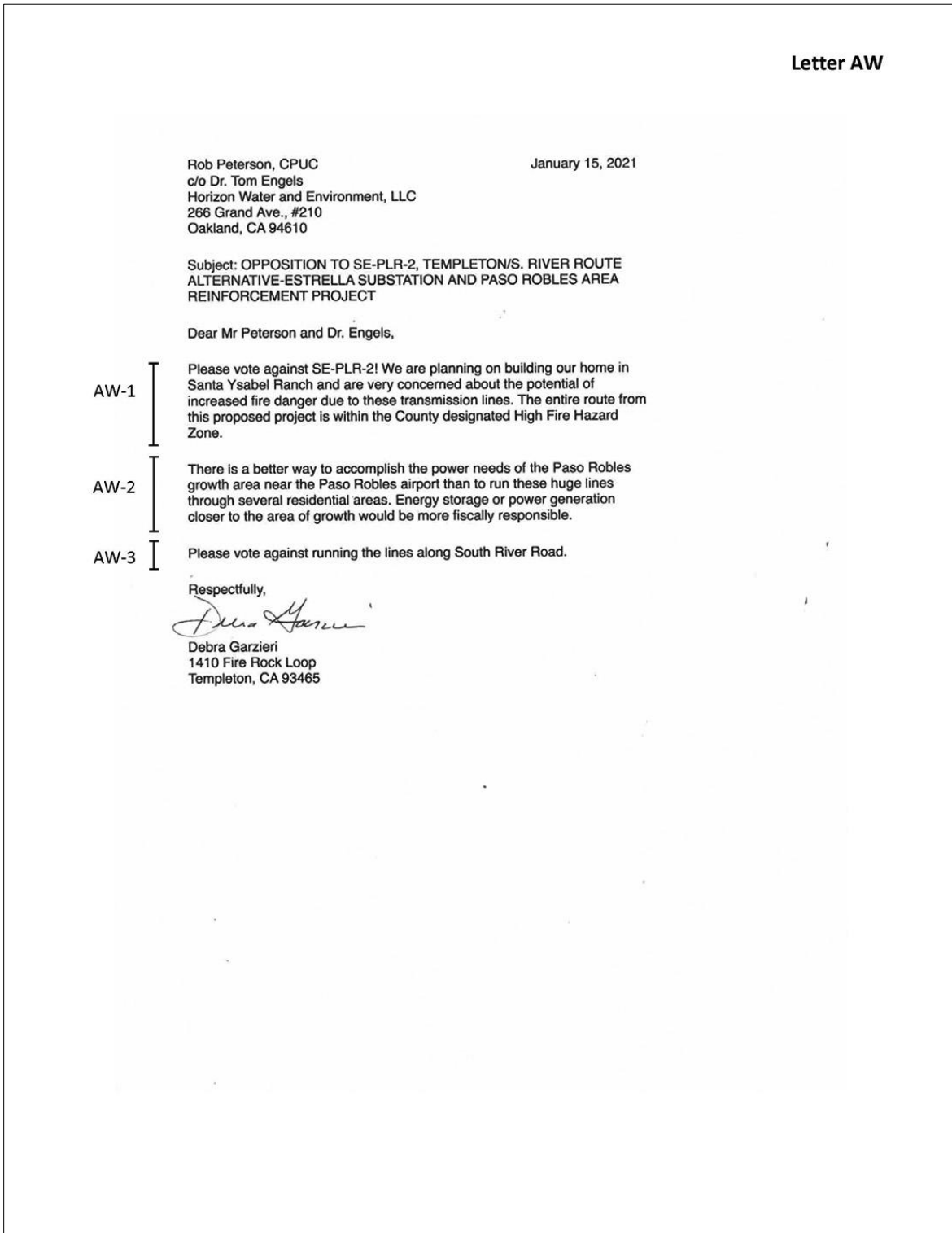
**Response to Comment AV-2**

This comment states that it makes little sense to bring the transmission lines through the South River Road area when the commenter alleges the need for power is in the north and east of Paso Robles and that new power generation should be placed near the area of growth. For the CPUC's response to comments related to the Proposed Project need and consideration of alternatives, please refer to Master Response 8.

**Response to Comment AV-3**

The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Letter AW: Debra Garzieri (January 15, 2021)**



**Response to Comment AW-1**

The comment expresses opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route and expresses concerns regarding increased fire risk because the route is located in a High Fire Hazard Zone. The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers. For the CPUC's response to concerns regarding increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

**Response to Comment AW-2**

This comment argues that energy storage or power generation in locations closer to the areas of projected growth could better accomplish the power needs of the Paso Robles growth area than Alternative SE-PLR-2. This comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers. For the CPUC's response to comments regarding the Proposed Project need and consideration of alternatives, please refer to Master Response 8. The commenter also alleges that energy storage or power generation closer to the area of growth would be more fiscally responsible, but CEQA does not require analysis of social and economic impacts that do not cause physical impacts. For more information regarding the scope of CEQA analysis, please see Master Response 7.

**Response to Comment AW-3**

The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2 is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Letter AX: Andrew Gatano (January 21, 2021)**

**Letter AX**

Rob Peterson, CPUC  
c/o Dr. Tom Engels  
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January 21, 2021

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

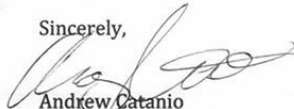
AX-1

The above referenced Alternative for the high-voltage lines route is dangerous. I live in Santa Ysabel Ranch where oaks and grasslands cover the hillside behind our house. Even though the community has been very proactive about fire abatement, there is still a lot of fuel which is why this area, as well as the entire route, has been designated by the County as a High Fire Hazard Zone. If a fire, such as the Camp fire, which has been attributed to PG&E's transmission lines, were to start along the proposed Ranch section, it could be catastrophic! A fire along this section would severely limit my ability to evacuate. The nearest non-River Road exit is over 2 miles away and would be the only exit for everyone else in the Ranch.

AX-2

vote NO on SE-PLR-2.

Sincerely,



Andrew Gatano  
2255 Warm Springs Lane  
Templeton, CA 93465

**Response to Comment AX-1**

The comment expresses concerns regarding increased fire risk due to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route, noting the characteristics of the Santa Ysabel Ranch area that make it susceptible to fire and the designation of the area as a High Fire Hazard Zone. For the CPUC's response to concerns regarding increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

The comment also expresses concern about the potential for adverse impacts related to evacuation routes/ability in the event of a wildfire associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2. For the CPUC's response to concerns regarding potential impacts to evacuation routes, please refer to Master Response 6.

**Response to Comment AX-2**

The comment requests decisionmakers remove Alternative SE-PLR-2 from consideration. This comment is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.



**Letter AY: Crystal Gholian (January 14, 2021)**

**Letter AY**

January 14, 2020

Mr. Rob Peterson, CPUC  
C/O Tom Engles, Ph.D.  
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266 Grand Avenue, Suite 210  
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**Re: Opposition to SE-PLR-2, Templeton - S. River Road Route Alternative**

Dear Dr. Engels,

AY-1

AY-2

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AY-4

AY-5

I oppose the S. River Road route alternative for the following serious reasons:

1. **Wildfire Danger: The South River Road alternative (SE-PLR-2) and the Templeton Substation are both situated entirely within the HIGH FIRE HAZARD ZONE. This is documented in both the EIR and the Paso Robles Local Hazard Mitigation Plan - adopted in 2016.** Why would this route even be a consideration with these specific known hazards? PG&E has admitted that their equipment, much the same as proposed for this route, is responsible for causing catastrophic wildfires. Given the high hazard zone rating, this route must be ruled as such a high risk that to keep it as an option is unthinkable.
2. **Restricted evacuation access: The presence of towering high power transmission lines complicate and potentially significantly restrict the only egress through which SYR residents would need to exit.** Well documented events of transmission lines being adversely effected by wildfires, resulting in failed insulation and subsequent arcing of electricity, would create such an unsafe environment, residents would not be able to access exit routes from a wildfire. We would be trapped without a safe route of escape.
3. **Vegetation and topography: The SYR development is situated on rolling hills and steep inclines with heavily forested areas between homes.** This combination of vegetation and uphill slopes among homes make this location ripe for a fast spreading wildfire. While the development has undertaken mitigation efforts for wildfire risk, the addition of dangerously high voltage, high altitude towers with a history of failure of both contributing and causal wildfire involvement renders those efforts near useless.

With respect - please consider the real risks of irreplaceable lives and eliminate this alternative.

Thank you,  
  
 Crystal Gholian  
 1113 Burnt Rock Way  
 Templeton, CA 93465

**Response to Comment AY-1**

The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AY-2**

The comment asserts that Alternative SE-PLR-2 should not be selected or even considered because it is in a High Fire Hazard Zone. For the CPUC's response to comments and concerns regarding increased wildfire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

**Response to Comment AY-3**

The comment expresses concern about the potential for adverse impacts to evacuation routes in the event of wildfire associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2. For CPUC's response to concerns regarding potential impacts to evacuation routes, please refer to Master Response 6.

**Response to Comment AY-4**

The comment expresses concern that transmission lines associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2 would increase wildfire risk, describing the conditions at Santa Ysabel Ranch that make it susceptible to fire. For the CPUC's response to concerns regarding increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

**Response to Comment AY-5**

This comment does not raise an environmental issue related to EIR adequacy, and no further response is required. Thank you for your comment.

**Letter AZ: Shervin Gholian (January 14, 2021)****Letter AZ**

January 14, 2020

Mr. Rob Peterson, CPUC  
 C/O Tom Engels, Ph.D.  
 Horizon Water and Environment, LLC  
 266 Grand Avenue, Suite 210  
 Oakland, CA 94610

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

Dear Dr. Engels,

AZ-1 | I oppose the S. River Road route alternative for the following serious reasons:

AZ-2 | 1. **Wildfire Danger: The South River Road alternative (SE-PLR-2) and the Templeton Substation are both situated entirely within the HIGH FIRE HAZARD ZONE.** This development is situated entirely within a high fire hazard zone. To minimize further risk we employ mitigation efforts to reduce fire hazards.

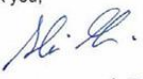
AZ-3 | The presence of the proposed high tower high power transmission lines would present significant risks to this development, to each and every resident and property. The PG&E equipment involved in the Camp Fire and similarly proposed for this alternative route heightens the fire hazard risk to an unacceptable level.

AZ-4 | 2. **Protected bird species habitat.** SYR is a nesting habitat for Golden Eagles. Year over year we are honored to watch Golden Eagles return here to nest and lay eggs. Additionally, we enjoy visits by Bald Eagles and many migrating birds. Electrocution of these protected raptors is reported and acknowledged in the literature. Putting up the towers with high power transmission lines in this area would create significant risk to these returning protected birds.

AZ-5 | 3. **Limited evacuation routes:** If the towering power lines failed, and fell, escape to safety would be severely limited. This development has limited emergency road access, and residents fleeing a downed line and/or a wildfire would be trapped with little time and limited exit options. Additionally, fleeing residents would have to compete with incoming fire services, making the situation for safe escape dire.

AZ-6 | Please reconsider identifying this route as a potential site for the project.

Thank you,

  
 SHERVIN GHOLIAN  
 1113 Burnt Rock Way  
 Templeton, CA 93465

**Response to Comment AZ-1**

The commenter's opposition to Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton-Paso South River Road Route is noted and will be shared with the CPUC's decisionmakers.

**Response to Comment AZ-2**

The comment expresses concerns regarding increased fire risk from Alternative SE-PLR-2 since the alignment would be located in a High Fire Hazard Zone. For the CPUC's response to concerns regarding increased fire risk from construction and operation of transmission lines, please refer to Master Response 4.

**Response to Comment AZ-3**

The comment expresses concern that "high tower high power" transmission lines would present significant risks to the commenter's development. The commenter does not specifically state the type of risk that is of concern to the commenter. The EIR (refer to Volume 1 of the FEIR) analyzes all potentially significant environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Project and alternatives, including Alternative SE-PLR-2, including impacts to wildlife and biological resources (Section 4.4), air quality (Section 4.3), and wildfire (Section 4.20). Chapter 2, *Project Description*, in Volume 1 of the FEIR, discusses EMFs and potential health effects. In addition, please refer to Master Response 2 for concerns regarding EMFs and Master Response 4 regarding concerns about fire risk.

**Response to Comment AZ-4**

The comment expresses concern regarding electrocution impacts to the golden eagles, bald eagles, and other migratory birds that are located near Alternative SE-PLR-2. For the CPUC's response to comments related to golden eagle, refer to Master Response 9.

**Response to Comment AZ-5**

The comment expresses concern about the potential for adverse impacts to evacuation routes in the event of a wildfire or another emergency (e.g., downed poles/lines) associated with Alternative SE-PLR-2. The comment also expresses concern that in the event of a wildfire, fleeing residents would have to compete with incoming fire services, which would make it difficult for safe escape. The FEIR discusses the availability and response times of fire departments in Section 4.15.3 of Volume 1, noting that "several County Fire Department stations are located near Paso Robles, each of which could potentially respond to a fire emergency at the Proposed Project, reasonably foreseeable distribution components, or alternatives sites." (FEIR, Volume 1, Section 4.15, "Public Services," p. 4.15-2.) In addition, Mitigation Measure TR-1 (Construction Traffic Control Plan) requires a traffic control plan to be implemented, in order to minimize any traffic impacts due to construction activities. For CPUC's response to concerns regarding potential impacts to evacuation routes, please refer to Master Response 6.

**Response to Comment AZ-6**

This comment requests reconsideration of this route as a potential site for the Project, but does not raise an environmental issue related to EIR adequacy, so no further response is required. Thank you for your comment.