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

Dear Dr. Engels,

I live in Santa Ysabel Ranch and worry that some day a fire will burn down my lovely home. It is in a high fire danger zone. Now I see there's a proposal to add high power transmission lines just outside my front door. This is wrong in so many ways.

I know there is a need for more electricity to the north and east of Paso Robles. I live south of Paso Robles. Why would transmission lines, which caused the Paradise fire, be put south of the city when the need is north and east?

Because we have a great deal of dry grass and many, many beautiful oak trees, any fire that starts in our area will quickly burn. Due to our gated community, if South River Road, where the proposed lines would go, should be blocked, we have only one exit, the gate on Hanging Rock which is a one car lane. How could over 200 cars get out of that gate in a timely manner? Furthermore, how could the fire engines enter that gate if it's the only access point? And if the fire trucks are entering, there isn't any room for cars to exit.

Furthermore, our terrain is very steep in much of the ranch. Fire burns uphill fast. If there were a fire in the ranch, some estimates suggest it would be totally destroyed in a matter of minutes. And if the fire or down power lines block my particular street, Warm Springs Lane, there is no exit for us. Everyone living on the lane would have no escape.

There is also the issue of the earthquake fault line that runs parallel with South River Road, where the power lines are proposed. A large earthquake would at the very least snap the lines, throwing a live line onto the road or into the grass or trees, possibly starting a fire. Then there is the problem if the quake is large enough, it will topple the poles. If they were to fall toward my home, they would hit my roof, doing untold damage.

Finally, with the newest battery technology, there is no reason to use power lines any more. Why install a proven dangerous utility when there are safer alternatives?

Please confirm that the SE-PLR-2 selection is no longer in consideration, for the sake of everyone who lives in Santa Ysabel Ranch.

Respectfully,

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