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

Dear Dr. Engels,

I feel compelled to write to you in opposition to the S. River Route Alternative for the various reasons, but namely:

As I understand it the **proposed transmission lines are in a Wildfire area, thus greatly increasing the risk of fire in my community** (Santa Ysabel Ranch) which is located within a High Fire Hazard Zone. Recent California fires (2018 Camp Fire and 2019 Kincade Fire) were determined to have been caused by a PG&E transmission line: Have we not learned from this unfortunate past tragedy?? Our Utility and its representatives should not sleep well at night knowing this fact was not considered as the number one criteria when selecting among route alternatives, much less should a future fire incident occur.

Also, **the energy required for our area, Paso Robles 1107, does not place the demand of such a robust solution. Our needs** (very small at .53MW) **can likely be met through battery or thermal storage. So why are power lines the proposed solution? In 2021 shouldn't we be specifying underground lines???**

Finally, **we have wildlife endangerment considerations here** (namely Golden Eagles) **should high power lines on S. River Rd. impede a known wildlife migration path.** Again, a "non-wire" alternative should be the direction here.

Let's learn from the past and consider the future! Would placing a transmission line along S. River Road really pass that test?? I think not and I hope you agree.

Sincerely,

