



January 5, 2021

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

Dear Dr. Engels,

We recently moved to the Santa Ysabel Ranch community and think it is one of California's most beautiful developments, let alone the Paso Robles/Templeton area. Our specific lot borders S. River Road, and the proposed path of the transmission towers would likely install one or two towers on our property. This would substantially decrease property values in the community, let alone the specific lot we own would be decimated. In addition to these reasons, I will outline multiple reasons I oppose the SE-PLR-2, Templeton - S. River Route Alternative option.

**In case of a fire on S. River Road, evacuation of Santa Ysabel Ranch would be extremely limited as 2 of the 3 Ranch exits flow onto S. River road.** We would all (140 homes) have to exit through the single -lane Hanging Tree gate. This could potentially cause panic and injury or worse.

**The recommended safety zone between the electromagnetic field generated by a high voltage transmission line and human habitation is 800-1200 feet. The proposed poles would sit within 200 feet of our home.** Why should the health of my family and other residents be put at risk when there are other alternatives?

**Putting a transmission line on or near a potential fault is absurd. S. River Road is on or near a branch of the Rinconada Fault line.** This fault line is capable of producing a 7.3 magnitude earthquake, which would no doubt cause damage to the proposed poles and lines.

**Power lines should be underground to avoid many of these impacts.** This would solve many of the impact issues.

**The beauty of South River Road and Santa Ysabel Ranch would be decimated by 20 massive steel poles.** This is one of the last pastoral routes entering Paso. To destroy this scenic route would be a tragedy.





**And finally, the energy required for our area, Paso Robles 1107, is small enough to be accomplished with battery or thermal storage.** PG&E is asking for an additional 5MW of power capacity and has proposed the Estrella project. In Templeton, Santa Ysabel Ranch is an area that only requires .53 MW of that power (per PG&E DIDF program). Templeton's needs can be produced using Behind the Meter energy storage in Paso Robles 1107 area. Templeton has no capacity for substantial residential or commercial growth, and a power line on S. River Road is contrary to the California policy targeting "non-wire" alternatives. This is such a high cost to our neighborhood, our wildlife, and our fire safety, for the local need being so small at .53 MW.

We, too, have made investments in our own lot to reduce the demand on the grid by installing 14.5 kW of solar power generation. Many in our community have done so as well.

Sincerely yours,

