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Dear Dr. Engels,

I oppose the Estrella Substation and Paso Robles Area Reinforcement Project Alternative SE-PLR-2: Templeton – Paso South River Road Route.

Writing to you voicing my concerns for this project and the impact it will have on all residents in the area. Fire risk is my biggest worry SE-PLR-2 will place on the residents of Saint Ysabel Ranch and the surrounding areas. California has been experiencing severe drought and will continue to according to climate scientists and meteorologists; Californians felt the devastating affects of this pattern over the last three years during the state’s biggest fires in history. PG&E’s transmission lines have already been faulted for the Camp Fire (Nov 2018) and the Kincade Fire (Oct 2019) thus it would be unwise to construct the very same transmission lines in an area that has been deemed a high fire hazard zone.

Another concern I want to express is the damage SE-PLR-2 will have on the ecosystem of Saint Ysabel Ranch and the surrounding areas. The California native oak trees are what drew me to the Paso Robles area. Their beauty is in danger again because of the foreseeable fire hazard. Even if you do not believe in this potential hazard, what is imminent is the removal of these trees to make room for the transmission lines. I believe these Oak trees are apart of defining the community character of Saint Ysabel Ranch and should not be sacrificed for this project. Vegetation is not the only part of the ecosystem that would be impacted — the local Golden Eagle and Bald Eagle population would be endangered by these massive constructs. Please do your part to help preserve California’s great natural beauty.

Thank you for your time reading this letter,

