




December 22, 2020

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

Dear Dr. Engels,

I am writing you to express my opposition to the S. River Route Alternative. Please let me explain.

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.
2. My home is located  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.
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.
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-





est and can easily be addressed with battery or thermal storage in combination with increases solar power generation.

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 targeting "non-wire" alternatives.
- iii. The local power need of the area is less than 0.5 MW and can be addressed differently.

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 to discussing this matter further. You can find my contact information below.

Sincerely yours,

