



December 18, 2020

Rob Peterson, CPUC
c/o Tom Engels
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Re: Opposition to SE-PLR-2, Templeton - S. River Route Alternative

Dear Dr. Engels,

There are many cogent reasons to oppose the S. River Route Alternative. In my view, the increased risk of fire is among the most significant.

Placing transmission lines in a high fire hazard area will greatly increase our risk of fire. Importantly, in case of a fire on S. River Road, evacuation of SYR would be extremely limited since all but one exit from SYR flows onto S. River Road. If power lines absolutely need to be placed along S. River Road, undergrounding the lines would eliminate the fire danger along with the other harmful impacts.

SYR contains a great deal of old oak trees which are protected from removal and several acres between houses that contain dry grass. Because of the topography much of the grass is inaccessible, not to mention the protected trees. Fire would move rapidly through SYR and, as you know, fire tends to move rapidly uphill. Many of the homes at SYR (including mine) are on elevated lots.

I trust that the CPUC will take these concerns, as well as the others that you hear about, into consideration and that another site can be established.

Sincerely,

