

Rob Peterson, CPUC
c/o Tom Engels
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266 Grand Avenue, Suite 210
Oakland, CA 94610

January 1, 2021

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

Dear Dr. Engels,

I oppose the S. River Route Alternative for the following reasons:

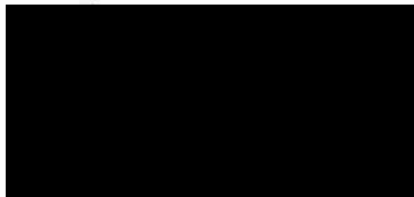
Transmission lines in a Wildfire area will greatly increase our risk of fire. Santa Ysabel Ranch is located within a High Fire Hazard Zone. Both the Camp Fire in Nov. 2018 (that burned Paradise) and the Kincade Fire in Oct. 2019 were determined to have been caused by PG&E transmission line failures. Please don't put us further at risk by allowing this route to proceed. It's bad enough that insurance companies are getting skittish now about offering fire policies in our area. Who will protect us if they stop issuing fire policies? Certainly not the state of California nor the CPUC. Has the CPUC even considered this issue important? Those of us who live here most certainly have!

Our resident Golden Eagles (and visiting Bald Eagles) would be endangered by high power lines on S. River Rd., a known wildlife migration path. There are several Golden Eagle nests on SYR. We have photos of young in the nests for 4 of the past 5 years. Construction of the lines on S. River is estimated to take 9 months. The eagles may be killed due to electrocution / collision with the power lines.

The energy required for our area, Paso Robles 1107, is small enough that it can be accomplished with battery or thermal storage. Templeton has no capacity for substantial residential or commercial growth, and a power line on S. River Rd. 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 .53MW.

For the sake of public safety, wildlife preservation, and the general well being of the residents impacted, please do not put a transmission line along S. River Road.

Sincerely

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.