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January 26, 2021

Rob Peterson, CPUC
c/o Tom Engels
Horizon Water and Environment, LLC
266 Grand Avenue, Suite 210
Oakland, CA 94610

Mr. Peterson:

I am writing to respectfully request opposition to the current proposed route of the 70Kv transmission lines included in PG&E and Horizon West's proposed Estrella Substation and Paso Robles Area Reinforcement Project.

The proposed route would severely impact the Golden Hill business district along with multiple residential neighborhoods and numerous current and future businesses. The Golden Hill area is one of the largest potential growth communities in the Paso Robles area and this proposed route would be detrimental to this effort as well as the future growth for the City.

For a City and region that rely on tourism and recreation as a majority of its financial stability and livelihood, 70-foot poles and transmission lines woven throughout is an unacceptable visual. This is not what the tourism industry wants to promote, and will force residents and businesses to live with the visual impacts on a daily basis.

The #1 ranked project alternative known as "Alternative PLR-1A, Green Route", (Estrella Route to Estrella Substation) would move the transmission lines East and to the North of Paso Robles. This route would have far fewer impacts on residential neighborhoods, businesses, and the Highway 46 corridor. This alternative has already been deemed the #1 environmentally superior alternative under the draft EIR by the CPUC. "Alternative PLR-1C, Yellow Route", (Bonel Ranch Option 1) would also be a less intrusive route with minimal impacts on residential and business growth areas. These two options, with minimal impacts on residents, businesses and the environment, are far better.



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We appreciate the CPUC taking up this important issue for consideration and hope that it will choose to reject the current proposed route through the Golden Hill corridor and support local residents and businesses by promoting the "Green Route, PRL-1A-Estrella Route" as a first choice, and "Yellow Route, PLR 1-C-Estrella Route to Bonel Ranch" as a second alternative in the draft EIR report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jordan Cunningham".

Jordan Cunningham
Assemblyman, 35th District

