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RE: Opposition to the SDG&E Golden Pacific Powerlink Project

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the more than 1,400 firefighters and paramedics represented by CAL FIRE Local 2881 in Riverside County, I write in strong opposition to the proposed Golden Pacific Powerlink project through the Temecula Valley.

CAL FIRE Local 2881 stands with the Temecula City Council and the Riverside County Board of Supervisors in opposing this project. As firefighters, our concern is simple. Public safety.

The proposed transmission line would introduce significant new electrical infrastructure into some of Southern California's most wildfire prone terrain. California has learned hard lessons about the risks associated with overhead transmission systems during extreme fire weather. We should not be creating additional ignition risks in communities that already face the threat of catastrophic wildfire.

When infrastructure fails and a fire starts, firefighters are the ones called to protect lives, homes, and entire neighborhoods. Every additional wildfire risk placed in these communities increases the danger faced by both residents and the firefighters sworn to protect them.

We recognize the importance of a reliable electrical grid. However, reliability cannot come at the expense of public safety. Any project of this magnitude should prioritize reducing wildfire risk, not increasing it.

The question is not whether this region will experience another major wildfire. The question is whether we are willing to create additional opportunities for one to start.

For these reasons, CAL FIRE Local 2881 respectfully urges decision makers to reject the Golden Pacific Powerlink project as currently proposed and pursue alternatives that better protect our communities, our firefighters, and the region's wildfire resilience.

Respectfully,

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