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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

To: California Energy Commission

Fountain Wind Project, Effects to Power Grid

I do not believe the CEC assessment covered the effects of a wildfire on Power Grid immediately adjacent to the proposal.

The Round Mountain sub-station and the huge power system adjacent and just below the proposed project area was shut down and scrubbed during and after the Fountain Fire.

In the event of a wildfire in the proposed Fountain Wind farm, Red Bluff PG&E and Federal WAPA agency would have to be contacted to de-energize the nearby 500KV transmission lines and multiple feeder lines from hydro plants in the area to eliminate flash over potential from smoke and retardant in the Round Mt. substation vicinity. All of these large power lines are just below this Wind Farm proposal. (This area serves as a key power intertie between Oregon and California providing 4800 MW of power to about 150,000 homes. 13% of the state's hydroelectric power production also comes from this complex.) Note-All this was shut down during the Fountain Fire and all had to be scrubbed after the fire was controlled. Such an event would affect millions of PG&E customers and cost millions of dollars. This is another reason to deny this project so all firefighting options (especially aerial attack) may be utilized in the advent of a fire in the area. Thank you for the consideration of this possible effect and I urge you not to approve this project

Sincerely,

Steve Fitch, Former USFS Shasta-Trinity National Forest Supervisor