

**SAVE LAKE ALMANOR  
OPPOSE THE THERMAL CURTAIN**

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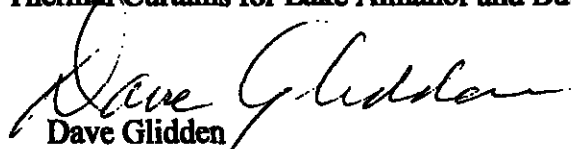
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

I am disturbed regarding the ongoing Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project 2105 re-licensing discussions and their focus on installing Thermal Curtains in Lake Almanor and Butt Valley Reservoir. In this regard I'd like to bring several points to your attention:

- ◆ "Thermal Curtain" is a euphemism for a curtain that would be suspended from lake surface to lake bottom from a large diameter, metal buoing system, similar in appearance to propane tanks. In the case of Lake Almanor the buoy system would be 2500 feet long and would require a great deal of hardware to install and anchor.
- ◆ These discussions have been ongoing for over three years. The public has only recently become aware of the substance of these discussions because "protocols" adopted in the beginning prohibited participants from revealing their contents.
- ◆ It has been documented by both agency and non-agency biologists that installing Thermal Curtains to remove water from the cold water pools of Lake Almanor and Butt Lake Reservoir would likely cause substantial harm to these fisheries and aquatic habitats and that the extent of these potential adverse effects are unknown.
- ◆ The cost of installing Thermal Curtains on these two lakes is now estimated at \$54 million dollars. Annual maintenance costs are unknown. PG&E rate payers would foot the bill.
- ◆ Lastly, the sole purpose of the installing the curtains is to lower the temperature in a five-mile reach of the North Fork of the Feather River by one degree Celsius for a couple months each year.

I suggest to you that Project 2105 discussions with respect to the re-licensing of the Lake Almanor dam have gone awry and are not in the best interests of either local or non-local residents. I urge you to confirm these facts for yourself and help put an end to the concept of Thermal Curtains for Lake Almanor and Butt Lake Reservoir.

Sincerely,



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