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TO: FERC, SECRETARY OF THE COMMERCE
RE: FERC PROJECT # 2105
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FEDERAL ENERGY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

WE RECENTLY ATTENDED TWO MEETINGS, THE LICENSING COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 14, AND FERC'S PUBLIC HEARING ON OCTOBER 19, BOTH IN CHESTER, CALIFORNIA.

WE ARE EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE "THERMAL CURTAINS" FOR LAKE ALMANOR AND BUTT LAKE MENTIONED MANY TIMES IN THE DEIS. THE "CURTAINS" ARE TO LOWER THE WATER TEMPERATURE IN THE ROCK CREEK - CRESTA REACH OF THE FEATHER RIVER FROM JULY TO AUGUST OF EACH YEAR. THE PURPOSE BEING TO IMPROVE THE FISHING HABITAT OF THAT PARTICULAR STRETCH OF THE RIVER.

WE IMPLORE YOU TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE MULTITUDE OF NEGATIVES REGARDING THIS VENTURE VERSUS THE NUMBER (?) OF FISH THE "CURTAINS" WILL HELP. IS THE NUMBER OF FISH IN THE ROCK CREEK CRESTA REACH GREATER THAN THE NUMBER OF FISH THEY (CURTAINS) WILL KILL OR AFFECT IN LAKE ALMANOR AND BUTT LAKE ??

IS IT WORTH THE DEVASTATION TO TWO PRIME LAKES AND THE ENTIRE LAKE ALMANOR BASIN? THE ECONOMIC BASE FOR NORTHERN PLUMAS COUNTY WILL BECOME DEPRESSED, AFFECTING LOCAL MERCHANTS, EMPLOYMENT, AS WELL AS THE

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ECOLOGICAL IMPACT ON THE LAKES, LOWER PROPER VALUES, AND A DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON TOURISM, CAMPING, AND BOATING. OF COURSE, THE COST TO PG&E RATEPAYERS (US) IN ADDITION TO THE CURRE AND PROJECTED RATE HIKES NEXT YEAR IS UNACCEPTABLE

ALTERNATIVES TO THE "THERMAL CURTAINS" DO EXIST AS SUGGESTED AT BOTH MEETINGS, PERHAPS IN MODIFICATION AND IN COMBINATION. (OR, A NEW ID

WE OWN A COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN CHESTER WHICH HOUSES TWO BUSINESSES, PLUS TWO HOMES IN THE LAKE ALMANOR BASIN, PLUS WE ENJOY FISHING AND BOATING IN LAKE ALMANOR, BUTT LAKE AND THEIR TRIBUTERIES.

THEREFORE, WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOU NOT APPROVE THE DEIS ON THIS MATTER AND LOOK INTO AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD WHICH WILL NOT DECIMATE LAKE ALMANOR AND BUTT LAKE, NORTH PLUMAS COUNTY.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS IN TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THING.

SINCERELY,

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