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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
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**Re: FERC Project 2105**

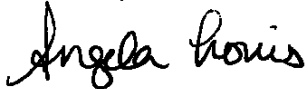
To Whom It May Concern:

I recently learned of PG&E's plan to install "thermal curtains" on Lake Almanor and Butt Lake as part of the FERC Project 2105 relicensing. I am deeply concerned about this. There is no benefit to be gained by installing these curtains. They would only cause environmental harm to these lakes, while providing minor improvement to trout habitat further downstream. Lake Almanor is a cold water lake that is known for its fishing. I have enjoyed camping and fishing at Lake Almanor these five years. To allow a utility company to come in and have little to no regard for the environment, and allow it to change the ecosystem of Lake Almanor and Butt Lake is appalling. Not to mention the fact that higher utility rates are unacceptable. The cost to install these curtains, and maintain them is not fully known; the initial cost of installation alone went up by \$10 million in the period of one month.

PG&E has not provided any good reason as to why these "thermal curtains" should be installed. The "proposed benefit" is to enhance trout habitat in the lower reaches of the Feather River. This plan is poorly thought out, with no concern given to the environment or ecosystem of Lake Almanor. The economy of Lake Almanor, one that relies heavily on tourism, will feel a negative impact if this plan is adopted. The coldness of Lake Almanor will be reduced, impacting the fishing in the lake area. The curtains themselves will create a hazard recreational boaters and skiers on the lake. Is irreparable damage to Lake Almanor and Butte Lake worth it, so as to lower the temperature in the lower reaches of the Feather River by one-degree Celsius?

I urge you to help put a stop to this plan, and save Lake Almanor and Butt Lake.

Sincerely,



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