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Attn: FERC Project 2105

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Gentlemen,

In 1912 my Father-in-Law and his lumber Industry family watched the construction of a dam in the Feather River and the creation of Lake Almanor the following year. Ever since then my family has enjoyed summers on the shore of this beautiful lake.

For most all of the time since then PG&E has been a good steward of the resource, mindful of the disparate needs of boaters, fishermen, business owners and visitors.

For the last two years, my neighbors and I have diligently worked with your Commission and representatives of PG&E to assure this resource is preserved for future generations. As you know, the Lake Almanor vacation community is currently one of Plumas County's most valuable resources and a significant tax source.

Now it appears that as a result of misguided language in the Rock Creek/Cresta permit documents, the very future of Lake Almanor is at risk. In order to "lower temperatures" downstream it is proposed to build an outlandishly expensive, un-proven structure within the lake. This thermo-curtain if successful at lowering temperatures downstream would almost certainly increase lake temperatures behind the dam. Similar alterations to other bodies of water have resulted in catastrophic changes to bio-cultures.

We are dismayed that your Commission has been manipulated by a narrow-minded special interest and that because PG&E is perceived to have the resources to fund such a project so few questions are being asked.

I cannot believe that you would contemplate such a project if it required government funding or tax-payer approval, and yet as PG&E rate payers we ultimately will be called upon to pay the bill. The proposal therefore is effectively **taxation without representation** and demonstrates an irresponsible government disregard for the greater common good.

Please reconsider ~~this proposal~~.

Sincerely,

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