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Mr. Rollie Wilson, Tribal Liaison
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Office of General Council #9109
883 1st St. NE
Washington DC, 20426

Re: Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Upper Feather River Project FERC Project No. 2105; relating to Prattville Intake (Lake Almanor - Butt Valley Reservoir) at FERC Project 2105; Plumas County, California.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

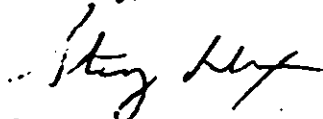
This letter is to inform you that the Susanville Indian Rancheria (SIR) was not notified nor consulted regarding a portion of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) re-licensing Project No. 2105 involving Lake Almanor. As part of Project No. 2105, PG&E is proposing to install a thermal curtain at Lake Almanor that involves dredging the bottom of the lake and the installation of two thermal curtains in Butt Valley Reservoir. In the recent past Native American remains have surfaced in the Prattville area of Lake Almanor where the dredging is proposed. This project has the potential to significantly impact Native burial sites which are now located at the bottom of Lake Almanor in the Prattville area and are protected under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

SIR became aware of the project only because of an informed employee who lives in the Lake Almanor area. The SIR Environmental Protection Department (EPD) attended a public meeting on September 2, 2004 concerning project No. 2105. During this meeting, PG&E project coordinator Tom Jereb was asked why local tribes have not been consulted with concerning this portion of the re-licensing process. Mr. Jereb responded that there have been no final decisions made yet and consultation would not occur until then. Consultation should occur prior to making final decisions. Also, when Mr. Jereb was asked why there was no Native American representative sitting on any of the collaboratives or committees concerning this project, he responded "We would invite you, but you wouldn't show up anyway". This response can be construed as ignorant and racist and shows the continued lack of respect and concern for Native American culture.

The SIR believes the commission has not lived up to its trust responsibilities concerning this project. The commission has not sought to address or consult with the SIR concerning the effects this portion of the proposed project will have on culturally sensitive areas in this Area of Potential Effect (APE).

The SIR is formally requesting a meeting with FERC and PG&E as specified in FERC's Docket No. PL03-4-000 (Tribal Policy Statement) to address concerns regarding FERC re-licensing project NO. 1962 and 2105.

Sincerely,



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Tribal Chairman

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