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FEDERAL ENERGY  
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RE: Upper North Fork Feather River Project, FERC No. 2105

Dear Ms. Bose

My name is Kirk Hepler, my wife and I own a home in Lake Almanor at 1434 Peninsula drive. We have been coming to the lake for over 28 years, purchasing our first home here in 2010. We were drawn to the Lake Almanor basin for its beauty and recreational activities. I am an avid angler and enjoy the fact that Lake Almanor is one of the best fresh water fishing locations in California. Our family enjoys the lake activities and abundance of hiking trails the area has to offer.

Lake Almanor is really a special place for so many reasons. Many people including ourselves have invested millions of dollars in our homes and in the community. During the last year, many families came to the lake escaping the cities due to the pandemic and found out how wonderful this place is. Because of that, many individuals and families decided to invest in real estate and call this special place home.

The lake is a fragile ecosystem that has many species of fish and wildlife interdependent on each other for their existence. This has taken many years to develop, with underwater springs and several rivers that run into the lake. Removing cold water from the lake to benefit cooler downstream temperatures benefiting a fish population many miles downstream is unrealistic. There have been many studies and alternative solutions that were taken into account when the settlement agreement was drafted in April 2004.

During your review of the Project 2105 Licensing, we ask that you do the following.

- Honor and uphold the April 22, 2004 Settlement Agreement filed on behalf of the Project 2105 Licensing Group addressing reservoir levels, stream flows below project dams, water quality monitoring, wildlife habitat enhancement and recreation enhancements.

- **Not allow any additional releases of cold water in Lake Almanor beyond what was agreed to in the 2004 settlement agreement. The health of our fisheries and water quality are absolutely critical to our economy, our businesses and quality of life on our community.**

**Thank you for your consideration regarding this important matter.**

Handwritten signatures of Kirk and Paula Heppler. The signature on the left is a stylized cursive signature, likely Kirk's. The signature on the right is a more legible cursive signature, likely Paula's.

**Sincerely,**

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