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FEDERAL ENERGY
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Dear FERC Commissioners,

I have deep concerns that **Project 2105** will have a devastating negative impact on my community, the surrounding communities, the local economy, and the environment.

My main issue with the **Project 2105** is that there is little in the report regarding the impacts of this project and what the proposed alternatives will be. I strongly disagree with the statement that increasing the water temperatures of Lake Almanor will not have a "substantial impact." I live here and my personal experience has been contrary to your findings. After several years of drought, I have seen firsthand the negative effects that an increase in water temperature has on the lake. We are experiencing more algae than in the past, which in turn reduces the clarity of the lake. Any activity that further reduces cold water in the lake will also greatly reduce the cold-water fisheries that have made Lake Almanor one of the best fishing destinations in the State of California. My observations are supported by data in the final draft of the Lake Almanor Water Quality Report, 2020. [https://sierrainstitute.us/new/wp-content ... rt2020.pdf](https://sierrainstitute.us/new/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Lake-Almanor-Water-Quality-Report-2020.pdf)

Increased water temperatures, increased algae, and reduced fisheries will have a devastating impact on local wildlife, local economy, and local families, which are ALL dependent upon the lake. Further damage to the lake will also exasperate declining tourism, which is already suffering. After considering all of the negative impacts this project will have, will it also affect my community by losing needed services, such as our hospital, as a result of a worsening local economy? Will we lose the one thing that has brought us all here – the enjoyment and preservation of Lake Almanor?

In conclusion, I am **OPPOSED** to Alternatives one & two of SWRCB's 2014 draft, and now Alternative three of SWRCB's 2020 draft. All three of these alternatives are unreasonable and reckless. I strongly urge the State Water Board to only consider the PG&E project, as submitted and approved in the Settlement Agreement of April 22, 2004, without the additional release of cold water from Lake Almanor.

Sincerely,

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