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RE: FERC Project 2105, Upper North Fork Feather River Project

Dear Commissioners:

As you are aware, the re-licensing for Project 2105 has gone on for a long time. While most issues have been agreed to by all parties, there are a couple of outstanding issues, the biggest being the last-minute requirement by the State Water Resources Control Board to divert cold water from Lake Almanor to lower the downstream water temperature for the fish through the use of a thermal curtain.

We have lived at 554 Peninsula Drive, on the Lake Almanor Peninsula since 1975. The proposed diversion of cold water from the lake would have significant impact on us directly, the environment, and the community around Lake Almanor. We are both retired teachers, and we understand the desire to lower the downstream water temperatures, but we need to keep in mind the ethical principle of "first, do no harm." The benefits of the cold water diversion are outweighed by the damage that will be done to the Lake Almanor ecosystem. Given Lake Almanor's large surface area and shallow depth, the lake water is already relatively warm in the summer. Further diversion will make the problem worse. The algae bloom continues to increase and is a result of the warm water and an indication of the declining health of the lake, which so many of us enjoy in the community and which the lake is a major contributor to the local economy.

The thermal curtain would benefit downstream fisheries, but it would significantly harm the lake's fish populations, the recreational use of the lake, and the local economy. We ask that you reject the proposed thermal curtain for Lake Almanor.

Sincerely,

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