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

Dear Commissioners:

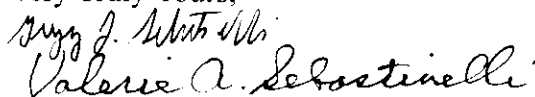
As you are aware, the re-licensing for Project 2105 has gone on for quite some time. While most issues have been resolved, there are a few outstanding issues, the most concerning of which is the last-minute requirement by the State Water Resources Control Board to divert cold water from Lake Almanor to marginally lower the downstream water temperature for fish through use of a very controversial "thermal curtain."

We live on the Peninsula at Lake Almanor, and the proposed diversion of cold water from the Lake will - as a certainty - have a detrimental impact on the environment in and around Lake Almanor. The supposed marginal benefits of the cold-water diversion are substantially outweighed by the ecological damage to Lake Almanor. Given Lake Almanor's large surface area and shallow depth, the lake water is already warmer in the summer than in past years. This is now beginning to cause some algae blooms in the Lake, and proposed diversion of cold water through a thermal curtain will in short order destroy the Lake environment upon which an entire community depends for economic survival. Further, the residents of California view Lake Almanor as a natural treasure and with cold-water diversion that treasure will be lost.

Although I'm no biologist, it makes no sense to divert Lake Almanor's cold water downstream for fish while, at the same time, increasing the Lake's water temperature to damage its fish population. Lake Almanor is well known as a fishing hobbyist destination, and that will be no more. The Lake Almanor community depends upon visitors and vacationers, and such a proposed diversion will discourage those folks from visiting this beautiful Lake.

It is respectfully requested that you reject the proposed thermal curtain for the above compelling and indisputable reasons.

Very Truly Yours,


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