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Kimberly Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St, N.E. Rm 1A
Washington, DC 20428

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

Dear Ms. Bose:

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.

I strongly disagree 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.

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 due to COVID-19, COVID-19 variants and the horrific Dixie Fire.

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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