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FEDERAL ENERGY
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RE: Re-Licensing Lake Almanor and proposed release of cold water (Project 2105)

Dear FERC Commissioners:

My wife and I would like to voice our concerns about the temperature requirements added to the re-licensing the hydro-electric project (2105) operated by Pacific Gas and Electric Company located in Plumas County northern California. As we understand it, this project will set up a thermal curtain to transfer cold water from Lake Almanor to several levels downstream for Feather River fish habitat and spawning. We love the outdoors and do a lot of fishing ourselves, but this project that takes cold water from Lake Almanor simply resolves one problem by causing another. Lake Almanor is a great fishing lake with a restocking organization program. By taking the cold water out of the lake it will become a warm water lake with algae and other problems that will ruin the fishing.

Many years ago, to resolve the problem, it was suggested that a refrigeration system be built above the area that the state is trying to cool the water down for the fish. This makes sense because if cold water is taken from Lake Almanor, by the time it reaches the area where the cold water is needed, it will have warmed up several degrees.

Whatever project is chosen it is going to cost a lot. But please don't spend money on the Lake Almanor thermal curtain that will just cause another problem. We support the refrigeration system that will cool the water exactly where it needs to be cooled and has the backing from experienced water experts.

Sincerely:

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