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

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 were agreed to by all parties long ago, 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. It defies logic why, after 20 years since most other significant provisions relating to the re-licensing of Lake Almanor had been agreed to by many divergent parties, that the State Water Resources Control Board's last minute and extremely tardy requirement would be given any credence or consideration at all.

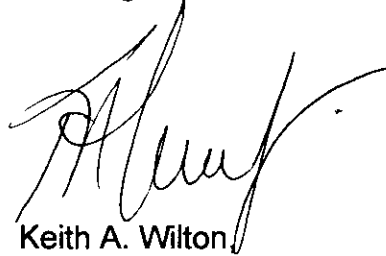
The proposed diversion of cold water from the lake would have a significant impact on me directly, the environment, and the community around Lake Almanor. I understand the desire to lower the downstream water temperatures. But we need to keep in mind the ethical principle of "first, do no harm". The benefits of the cold-water diversion are outweighed by the damage that would 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.

When I first came to Lake Almanor, algae blooms were non-existent but now are more prevalent as a direct result of the warm water and a generally lower lake level due to reduced rainfall. This is an obvious indication of declining health of the lake which will only be exacerbated if you acquiesce to the State Water Resources Control Board's requirement. So many of us in the community enjoy the lake which is a major

contributor to a local economy which is already reeling from the negative effects of the Dixie WildFire.

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

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith A. Wilton', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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