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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,

The re-licensing for the PG&E Project 2105 as it relates to Lake Almanor has gone on for too many years. While most issues have been agreed to by all parties, there is one significant last-minute requirement inserted by the State Water Resources Control Board to divert cold water from Lake Almanor in order to lower the downstream water temperature by the installation of a thermal curtain in the lake, something that had been previously agreed to be eliminated from the relicensing by all the involved parties.

For the past 36 years my wife Susan and I have had a lake front-home at 1246 Peninsula Drive at Lake Almanor, California. Now the proposed diversion of cold water from the lake would have significant impact on us directly including our enjoyment of the lake and value of our home, the environment and the community around Lake Almanor. I do not understand the need to lower the downstream water temperatures when things have been the same for over 100 years. Any benefits of the cold-water diversion are clearly outweighed by the damage 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 by causing a decline in the health of the lake.

The thermal curtain might benefit downstream fisheries, but would significantly harm Lake Almanor's fish populations, the recreational use of the lake and the local economy. The Chester and Lake Almanor community is highly dependent on tourism. Accordingly, Susan and I are requesting that you reject the proposed thermal curtain for Lake Almanor as part of the Project 2105 approval.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Hansen

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