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Kimberly Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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FEDERAL ENERGY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

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 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.

My wife and I own a vacation home at 824 Golf Club Road on the peninsula in Lake Almanor, CA. This has been a vacation destination for our family for four generations. The proposed diversion of cold water from the lake would have significant impact on us directly, the environment, and the community around Lake Almanor. While it may seem acceptable to make an effort to lower the downstream water temperatures, 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 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.

The recent algae blooms in 2020 are a direct result of the warm water, and we have seen similar blooms in 2021. These blooms create unsafe water conditions for our family and pets. It is an obvious indication of declining health of the lake which so many of us in the community enjoy and which is a major contributor to the local economy.

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. We discouraged this effort by PG&E years ago and it is unfortunate we are fighting the same battle now. We ask that you reject the proposed thermal curtain for Lake Almanor.

Sincerely,



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