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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Re: Project 2105, Lake Almanor ecosystem

Dear Commissioner,

By now you have most likely received numerous letters regarding the proposed thermal curtain for Lake Almanor. I am a property owner near the lake and I have concerns about the installation of a thermal curtain.

The purpose of the curtain is to take cold water out of Lake Almanor and use it to lower the temperature of the Feather River, downstream from the dam, by 2-4 degrees Celsius. The theory is that the fish in the Feather River will be healthier if the water is colder. The thermal curtains will be designed to take water from the deepest part of the lake where the water is coldest. Lake Almanor is not a deep lake; the deepest part is only 90 feet. Since this lake is shallow, the trout in the lake seek the coldest part of the lake in the summer when the surface temperature increases. If cold water is taken from the deepest part of the lake, the result will be an increased temperature for the entire lake. This is not healthy for the ecosystem of a mountain lake. The increased temperature will also result in an increased algae bloom, further damaging the environment for the fish in the lake.

This proposal is clearly not in the best interest of the health of Lake Almanor. It will impact the local residents by making the lake less desirable. It will also have a major negative impact on the local economy, much of which is based on tourism. It does not make sense to change an ecosystem with a plan that will be devastating to one system while having an unproven impact on another.

This area has suffered from some serious wildfires this past year and is on the road to recovery. Please consider the health of Lake Almanor and the negative impact that the cold water diversion will have on the fish in the lake as well as the local residents and businesses. Please uphold the original settlement agreement.

Sincerely,

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