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Dear FERC Commissioners:

I have deep concerns that the temperature requirements added to the re-licensing process of the hydro-electric project operated by Pacific Gas and Electric Company located in Northern California in Plumas County at Lake Almanor (the 2105 license) will have a devastating negative impact on our community. Especially harmful will be the supplemental cold-water withdrawals from Lake Almanor envisioned by the water quality certification during summer months to reduce water temperatures in the North Fork Feather River envisioned in Conditions 1(B) and 6 of the water quality certifications should those conditions be included in the new license. It will harm the local economy and degrade the local environment and harm local families and local wildlife, all of which are dependent upon the lake.

These impacts will be especially onerous considering they will be added onto the recent devastation caused by the Dixie Fire, a Presidentially Declared Disaster that burned over one million acres of timber locally and did significant damage to the areas immediately surrounding the lake. This event deposited an incalculable amount of Nitrogen into the lake. Fire retardant, which is a mix of fertilizer and water, will do the same when the snow melt washes into the lake in the spring. Before this devastating event, Lake Almanor was already experiencing annual late-summer systemic toxic blue-green algae blooms, a result of the historical levels of Nitrogen being ingested by the lake. The lake area is already suffering from the mismanagement of the water resources related to the lake. The Dixie Fire has exasperated that damage. Adding the damage from the cold-water withdrawals will create the "tipping-point" from which the lake will likely never recover.

Therefore, I ask for your support of the original 2004 Settlement Agreement, as explained below, and that the license be issued ASAP and include the water releases agreed-to in the original Agreement.

The process of re-licensing the hydro-electric project operated by Pacific Gas and Electric Company located at Lake Almanor has been unduly difficult. A collaborative group of stakeholders (the 2105 group) worked diligently in 2004 to come to a Settlement Agreement which was thrown into chaos by the addition of a requirement for a 3-degree Celsius temperature change nine miles downstream in the outflow river by the CA State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). This caused the license to not be issued. During your review of the Project 2105 Licensing, I ask that you honor and uphold the April 22, 2004 Settlement Agreement filed on behalf of the Project 2105 Licensing Group addressing reservoir lake levels, stream flows below project dams, water quality monitoring, wildlife habitat enhancement, and recreation enhancements and not allow any additional releases of cold water from Lake Almanor

Most Sincerely,

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