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

RE: FERC Project 2105, Upper North Fork Feather River Project

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing to you about the re-licensing for Project 2105. My understanding is that most issues have been agreed to by all parties. However, one outstanding issue is 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.

I and my family have a home at 1309 Lassen View on the Peninsula. We are concerned that the proposed diversion of cold water from the lake would have significant impact on us directly, the environment and the community around Lake Almanor.

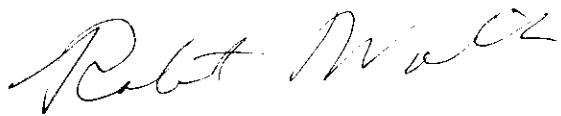
My career is as a journalist and after investigating the issue it seems evident to me that lowering the downstream water temperatures would directly damage the Lake Almanor ecosystem. Any potential benefits of a cold-water diversion would certainly be countered by the certain injury that would be done to the Lake Almanor ecosystem. The problem, as we can see every summer, is caused by the algae blooms across the lake. This is because of Lake Almanor's large surface area and shallow depth, making the lake water is already relatively warm in the summer. Further diversion will make the problem worse.

The algae blooms are a direct result of the lake's warm water and indicates a serious decline of the 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 might benefit downstream fisheries but would significantly harm the lake's fish populations, the recreational use of the lake and the local economy. We ask that you reject the proposed thermal curtain for Lake Almanor.

With all best wishes,

Robert Wolenik

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