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Ms. 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 using a thermal curtain.

My wife and I live at 1140 Peninsula Drive on the peninsula in Lake Almanor and the proposed diversion of cold water from the lake would have significant impact on us directly, the environment and the community around Lake Almanor. As a retired professor, I understand the desire to lower the downstream water temperatures. But 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 lake's declining health is a major concern to so many of us in the community who enjoy it and **which is a major contributor to the local economy.**

The thermal curtain probably will not benefit downstream fisheries because the water will heat up all along its journey in shallow feather river. We know, for a fact, that doing this (thermal curtain) would significantly harm the lake's fish populations, the recreational use of the lake and the **local economy.**

**We respectfully ask that you reject the proposed thermal curtain for Lake Almanor.**

Kind regards,

*Ronald J. Norman*

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