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FEDERAL ENERGY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

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

Dear Ms. Bose and Commissioners:

As you know, the re-licensing for Project 2105 has been ongoing for quite some time. While the majority of the issues have been resolved, there are still a few outstanding. The most significant issue that will have the most substantial impact on Lake Almanor, its residents and its ecology is the last-minute request by the State Water Resource Control Board to divert Lake Almanor cold water in an attempt to lower the downstream water temperatures for fish through the use of a thermal curtain.

It is patently obvious through actual water temperature measurements over the last two (2) Summers that diverting cold water from Lake Almanor will simply be cutting off one's nose to spite your face. While diverting the water may result in lower water temperatures downstream and assist those fish, it will undeniably result in higher water temperatures at Lake Almanor and irreversible damage to thousands of fish and to the Lake's ecosystem.

My family and I have owned a home at Lake Almanor for ten (10) years and have been utilizing the lake for about twenty (20) years. We currently own a home at 1211 Driftwood Cove on the peninsula. As you know, our Lake and the communities surrounding it have been devastated over the last two (2) years by wildfires. The forests around the Lake have been decimated and the towns of Canyon Damn and Greenville burned to the ground. Allowing the water to be diverted will be the equivalent of kicking our residents while they are down. It will have a further devastating impact on us directly, the environment and the Lake communities.

As you know, many businesses around the Lake rely on it for their income. It is a summer destination area that caters to thousands of tourist visitors. If the lake levels are permitted to be reduced further, it will result in a shorter tourist season and huge financial losses to the many businesses and families that rely on it to survive.

As demonstrated above and by the Lake's severe algae bloom over the last two (2) Summers due to increased water temperatures from low water levels, it is patently obvious that the potential benefits of the cold-water diversion will be heavily outweighed by the damage that will

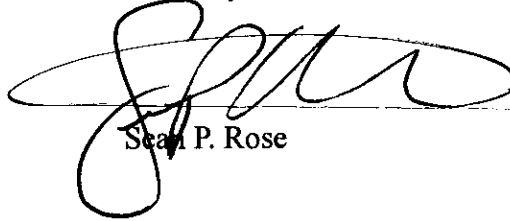
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definitely occur to the Lake's ecosystem and communities. While the thermal curtain might benefit downstream fisheries, it would cause overwhelming harm to Lake Almanor's fish populations, the recreational use of the lake and the local economy. Potentially causing financial ruin to thousands of residents.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that you reject the proposed thermal curtain for Lake Almanor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SPR', written over a horizontal line.

Sean P. Rose

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