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Kimberly Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E. Rm 1A
Washington, D.C. 20428

RE: FERC Project 2105 Upper North Fork Feather River

Dear Ms. Bose;

I am writing as a 21 year resident of the Lake Almanor Peninsula with concern over the FERC Project 2105, Thermal Curtain; effectively diverting water from Lake Almanor downstream to Feather River for benefit of fisheries. I have personally witnessed over 20 years of decline in Lake Almanor water levels due to drought conditions and now intentional lowering of lake levels for benefit of Feather River fish habitat. However, far greater harm is evident at Lake Almanor, its own ecosystem and ultimately the human population and economic hardship.

Lake Almanor and its surrounding communities depend on a healthy lake for its economic survival. The lake and its beauty attract thousands of tourists annually who contribute to the local economy. Businesses here have a saying that there is a 4th of July economy and then everything else. That speaks volumes!

As a former tourist of Clearlake and Lake County, California I can personally attest as to what happens to a local economy when the main attraction, the lake "dies". Clearlake, once a thriving tourist area suffered from algae bloom and never recovered. It is a broken economy. It would be more than a horrible shame if Lake Almanor suffered a similar fate because lake waters remain intentionally too low resulting in an unhealthy lake, harming the ecosystem and discouraging the thousands of folks that visit here spending their tourist dollars at every vacation rental, retail shop and restaurant in the area.

For these reasons I urge you to reconsider any further progress on FERC Project 2105 Thermal Curtain.

Respectfully,

Susan O'Hara

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