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March 9, 2022

RE: Re-licensing Lake Almanor and proposed release of cold water (Project 2105):

Dear FERC Commissioners:

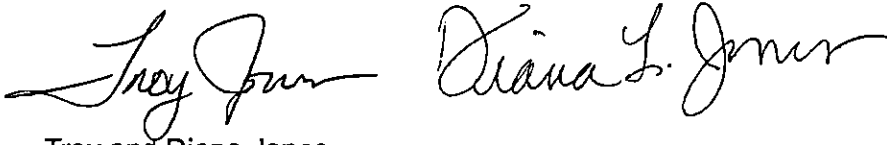
We have deep concerns that the temperature requirements added to the re-licensing process of the hydro-electric project operated by Pacific Gas and Electric Company located in Northern California in Plumas County at Lake Almanor (the 2105 license) will have a devastating negative impact on our community. We purchased our home at 103 Lake Almanor West Drive in 2006 and retired there nine years ago. We will be directly impacted by this decision. 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. 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, we 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.

This community has already been devastated by the Dixie Fire. The release of cold water from Lake Almanor will further harm the fishery, environment and residents of the Lake.

We strongly urge that the FERC honor and uphold the April 22, 2004 Settlement Agreement filed on behalf of the Project 2105 Licensing Group.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Troy Jones and Diana L. Jones in cursive script.

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