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Honorable Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
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**Upper North Fork Feather River Project - FERC No. 2105  
Relicensing Settlement Agreement  
Plumas County Statement of Support**

Dear Secretary Salas:

This letter is to provide Plumas County's (County) statement of support for Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) October 1, 2003 letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on the status of the Upper North Fork Feather River Project relicensing settlement agreement. The County supports the flow issues settlement proposal referenced in the October 1 letter. We believe that the flow and lake level proposal strikes an appropriate balance among power and energy interests, downstream aquatic resource enhancements, downstream recreation enhancements, and Lake Almanor water level interests. The agreement will protect aquatic resources and wetlands in and around Lake Almanor, permit continued recreational usage of Lake Almanor, protect lake aesthetic resources, and protect adjacent property values around the lake.

The County is particularly supportive of the active involvement of the U.S. Forest Service, the California Department of Fish and Game, the California State Water Resources Control Board, the U.S. National Park Service, American Whitewater, the California Hydro Reform Coalition, the Anglers Committee, the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, and PG&E for their consistent and continued participation in settlement discussions. We also welcome the participation of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which has become more consistent over the past few months.

The 2105 Committee has made much progress over the past year and hopes to finalize agreement on remaining issues within the October timeframe identified by PG&E in their filing. The County believes that the 2105 Committee is close to agreement on the boilerplate, recreation issues, and shoreline management issues. We are hopeful that we can also reach agreement on future water quality monitoring and compliance by the end of October. As noted in PG&E's transmittal, we hope to have a fully executed settlement agreement filed with the Commission by December 1, 2003.

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If you have any questions, please call Tom Hunter at (530) 283-6268 or me at (530) 258-2058.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William V. Dennison". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "W".

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