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Peter Barnes
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights, Water Quality Certification Program
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Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Re: DEIR UNFFR FERC Project No. 2105

Mr. Barnes:

I am opposed to the State Water Resource Control Board's staff recommendations concerning Pacific Gas & Electric Co.'s relicensing its hydroelectric facilities on the North Fork of the Feather River, which involves removing cold water from Lake Almanor and Butt Lake. Your suggestions would inflict irreversible damage to the lakes and the Almanor Basin communities. It appears to me, that once again, our tax-supported 'guvmint' is politically-motivated to be nothing more than a mouthpiece for the land-grabbing, control-seeking, extreme environmentalists. Most of us are fed up with being coerced into providing the rope to hang ourselves. Perhaps the short-sighted, junk-science, from the folks, who want to rid "the wilderness" of human habitation, should be replaced with thoughtful reason.

P.G.&E. has been a good steward of their resources and an excellent care-taker of a valuable infrastructure. The proposed Lake Almanor and Butt Lake 'cold-water export' plans will be ecological and economical disasters and are reprehensible. In addition, P.G.&E. customers, who already enjoy the third highest rates in the nation, should not be saddled with another California-weirdness, bullshit project.

Yours for efficient, cost-effective, non-intrusive, smaller government,

John Forno