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Mr. Peter Barnes, Engineering Geologist
State Water Board Resource Control Board, Division of Water Rights
Water Quality Certification Program
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RE: Draft EIR, PGE Certification UNFFR Project NO 2105

Dear Mr. Barnes:

I thank you for providing me the opportunity to provide feedback on the above mentioned project. My concern is that Alternatives 1 and 2 will have a devastating negative impact on my community, and the surrounding communities, the local economy and the environment.

My main issue with the Draft EIR is that I find very little in the report regarding the impacts this project and the proposed Alternatives will have on the quality of my life! I strongly disagree with statement that increasing the water temperatures of Lake Almanor will not have a "substantial impact". I live here and my personal experience has been contrary to your findings. With several years of drought, I have seen first hand the negative effects that an increase in water temperature has on the lake. We are experiencing more algae than in the past, which in turn reduces the clarity of the lake. I fear that any activity that further reduces cold water in the lake will greatly reduce cold water fisheries that have made Lake Almanor one of the best fishing destinations in the State of California. My observations are supported by the data in the final draft of Lake Almanor Water Quality Report, 2015.

Increased water temperatures, increased algae and reduced fisheries will have a devastating negative impact on the local economy, which is dependent upon tourism and already suffering. When I consider all of the negative impacts this project will have on the local economy and Environment, I wonder what the impact will be on my quality of life and property value. Already, property value are down from the turn about in 2008...7 years later and the property values have not risen from the 2002 era. Will more local business close? Will I lose needed services such as our hospital as a result of a worsening local economy? Will we lose the one thing that has brought us all here - the enjoyment of Lake Almanor?

In conclusion, I am OPPOSED TO ALTERNATIVES 1 & 2 as described in the Draft EIR and I believe that pursuing these Alternatives is unreasonable and reckless. I urge the State Water Board to only consider the PG&E project as submitted and approved in the Settlement Agreement of April 22, 2014 without the additional release of cold water from Lake Almanor

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marie M. Gatto", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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