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Mr. Peter Barnes, Engineering Geologist
State Water Board Resource Control Board,
Division of Water Rights Water Quality Certification Program
P.O. Box 2000
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RE: Draft EIR, PG&E Certification UNFFR Project NO 2105

Dear Mr. Barnes,

Regarding the above mentioned project, I am gravely and deeply concerned that Alternatives 1 and 2 will have a devastatingly negative impact on my community, the surrounding communities, the local economy, and the environment, and my livelihood, which is dependent on the value of my Lake Almanor properties.

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. As a scientist, I **strongly** disagree with the statement that increasing the water temperatures of Lake Almanor will not have a "substantial impact". In addition, I have lived on this lake for **48 years** and my personal experience has also been contrary to your findings. With several years of drought I have seen firsthand 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. Any activity that further reduces cold water in the lake will greatly reduce the cold water fisheries that have made Lake Almanor one of the best fishing destinations in the State of California.

My observations are supported by data in the final draft of the 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 especially my property value.

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, 2004, **without the additional release of cold water from Lake Almanor.**

Sincerely,



Julie Nedwin