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PROJECT 2105

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Mr. Peter Barnes, Engineering Geologist
State Water Board Resource Control Board, Division of Water Rights
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Re: Draft EIR, PG&E Certification UNFFR Project NO 2105

Dear Mr. Barnes,

This letter is in regards to the proposed "Thermal Curtain" at Lake Almanor. I have lived at Lake Almanor since my retirement. My work background was in the water storage, distribution and recreation business. I also served on the local water company board of directors.

My work experiences expanded 30 years with a large water district serving drinking water, irrigation water, recreation facilities, fisheries, etc. The lake was only about 1,000 feet elevation and the temperature was milder. The lake consists of 250,000 acre feet with twenty seven mile of shoreline. Algae around the shoreline caused many problems. Chemical treatments and aeration were constantly used for control. This was very expensive and required monitoring to maintain the balance of water quality.

I am familiar with the responsibilities of the State Water Board and the purpose they serve. It is my opinion that the "Thermal Curtain" would potentially destroy the Lake Almanor basin environment as we know it and do little to enhance downstream conditions.

I therefore urge the State Board to do the right thing – reject the "Thermal Curtain."

Yours truly,


Merle C. Reese