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RE: Draft EIR, P.G.&E. Certification UNFFR Project No. 2105

Dear Mr. Barnes:

I wish to make a number of comments regarding the proposed installation of "Thermal Curtains" at Lake Almanor as well as at Butt Valley Reservoir.

1. The increased water releases proposed in "Alternative 1" between June 15<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup> are excessive and would not be sustainable especially during the drought that we are currently experiencing. These increased water release levels is also decreasing the ability of P.G.&E. to provide power from renewable sources.
2. There are no mitigations proposed for the "Thermal Curtains" that would be installed at Butt Valley Reservoir. How can an EIR propose such drastic changes to an ecosystem and not at least monitor the effects that this change could produce? I find that irresponsible.
3. As I understand it at this point the data that is being used to support this project is old (10 years). In light of our current low water level and no significant discharges to the lake from snow melt into Lake Almanor over the last four years the temperatures within the Lake have no doubt increased significantly. Current data must be used to be able to make educated decisions regarding this proposed project.

When considering the impact that increased water temperatures, increased algae levels and reduced fisheries could have on our very fragile local economy, I am opposed to both Alternatives 1 & 2. Our community is dependant upon tourism for its very survival and this project in either form threatens our way of life.

I urge the State Water Board to accept the P.G. & E. project proposal that was submitted and approved in April of 2004.

Submitted for your consideration,



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