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Mr. Peter Barnes
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Division of Water Rights
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P.O. Box 2000 Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Re: Draft EIR, PG&E Certification Project # 2105 of the UNFFR

Dear Mr. Barnes,

We are writing you to express sincere concern regarding the direction being followed with regard to PG&E's draft EIR. Our family was part of Red River Lumber's management at the time of the first dam construction by Great Western Power, and we have had a home on the Lake for more than 100 years. The original intention was always to not only provide electrical power to the State of California, but also to offer recreational and residential opportunities to the northern California community.

The proposed Alternatives 1 & 2 would have a negative impact on this community, the surrounding communities, the local economy, and the environment. The Draft EIR does not sufficiently address this impact. In particular, any system that reduces lake temperature will increase algae production, devastate aquatic life and have a negative impact on the local economy, which is dependent upon tourism.

We are **OPPOSED** to Alternatives 1 & 2, as described in the Draft EIR, and we believe that pursuing these Alternatives is unreasonable and reckless.

We 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 mandating the additional release of cold water from Lake Almanor.

Respectfully submitted,

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