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To: State Water Resource Control Board

C/O Peter Barnes, Engineering Geologist

Regarding: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project # 2105 and The "Draft Environmental Impact Report" (DEIR) for the Upper Feather River Hydro Electric Project.

First, I would like to thank the State Water Resources Board for the work they do for the citizens of California. I realize you cannot please everyone all the time. However, when I see a grievous error being made I must speak up.

It is obvious from the DEIR that many issues were side stepped. There was no research at all on the financial impact it would have on local residents and businesses. Plumas County is a poor county with rich resources. We, the citizens of Plumas County, try to protect those resources for all citizens to enjoy. This county depends on tourism.

When the cold water fish die off from the rising temperatures and loss of oxygen and when the Lake becomes contaminated from algal blooms and parasites, what affect will that have?

1. Gone from the Lake are those healthy thriving large cold water fish that so many tourist come to fish for.
2. Gone are the tourist that help support our economy.
3. Gone are the businesses that tourist support.
4. Gone are the property values for people who have invested their life savings in their Lake Almanor homes.
5. Gone will be the devastated families who called this home and cannot make a living here anymore.

The DEIR states:

1. No impact on our economy?
2. No impact on our fish?
3. No impact on our tourism?
4. No impact on our businesses?

Where is the DEIR study on of the global warming? Where is the DEIR study on the dams that hold back the water that causes the river waters to become warm as they sit? Does the Water Board understand the DEIR and do they understand the consequences of the proposals?

Yet the DEIR recommends a thermal curtain that will destroy our beautiful, shallow Lake Almanor. For the same reasons the DEIR wants to put a thermal curtain in Butt Lake. It too will suffer from the same consequences. Installing two thermal curtains at a cost of \$104,000,000+ just to raise the river temperature 1 degree? With proposed changes installed there will be a lot less power produced. How do you justify the cost which PG&E rate payers will be paying along with the loss of generation power? How crazy is this? This affects all California citizens within the PG&E area. More cost less power? What guarantee do we have this will work since our lake is very shallow? Above all this study is outdated having been written in 2004!

Who is reaping the benefit from installing these bridges to nowhere? Not California citizens nor Plumas county residents. \$104M to be spent because someone made a comment years earlier that a curtain should be installed and that person later went to work for the people who had a stake in the construction of the thermal curtain? Hmm? Is this not conflict of interest?

Forget alternatives 1 and 2 and accept the 2004 settlement agreement. The other agencies at least have done their homework in real time.

Sincerely,

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