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Dear Mr. Barnes, Re: FERC Project 2105

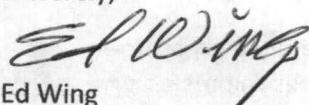
This letter is in response to the EIR regarding NFFR project and in particular cold water removal from Lake Almanor.

My wife Greta and I built our retirement home at Lake Almanor West in 1987 and have been full time residents since 1990. I was one of the original members of the Save Lake Almanor Committee and have attended countless meetings by PG&E, FERC and the SWRCB.

This "Thermal Curtain" idea has already been studied to death and all results have shown that it will be very detrimental to Lake Almanor and Butt Valley Reservoir with no benefit to the southern reaches of the Feather River.

1. There is no historical evidence that the NFFR was ever a cold water river before the dams were built over a hundred years ago. The Middle Fork of the Feather River is a "Wild and Scenic" sister to the North Fork and it has warm water in the late summer.
2. PG&E's studies show that in a dry year there is no cooling to the Rock Creek, Cresta reaches because Lake Almanor does not have enough cold water.
3. There have been no fish kills because of warmer July and August temperatures at Rock Creek and Cresta.
4. Last year Lake Almanor had record high temperatures and low water levels. This year doesn't look much better. Taking half of the remaining cold water pool will destroy Lake Almanor for no benefit downstream.
5. As all the standing room only meetings have shown during the last ten years, there is zero support for installing the thermal curtains.
6. This whole project is a classic example of government waste. Sixty million dollars to destroy the most beautiful large lake entirely in California.

Sincerely,



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