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Mr. Peter Barnes, Engineering Geologist
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RE: Draft EIR, PG&E Certification UNFFR Project NO 2105

Dear Mr. Barnes,

I thank you for providing us the opportunity to provide feedback on the above- mentioned project. Our concern is that Alternatives 1 and 2 will have a devastating negative impact on our community, the surrounding communities, the local economy and the environment.

Our main issue with the Draft EIR is that we find very little in the report regarding the impacts this project, and the proposed Alternatives, will have on the quality of our lives. We strongly disagree with statement that increasing the water temperatures of Lake Almanor will not have a "substantial impact". We live here and our personal experience has been contrary to you findings. With several years of drought, we have seen firsthand the negative effects that an increase in water temperature has on the lake. We are experiencing more algae than in the past, which in turn reduces the clarity of the lake. We fear that any activity that further reduces cold water in the lake will greatly reduce the cold water fisheries that have made Lake Almanor one of the best fishing destinations in the State of California. Our observations are supported by data in the final draft of the Lake Almanor Water Quality Report, 2015.

Increased water temperatures, increased algae, and reduced fisheries will have a devastating negative impact on the local economy, which is dependent upon tourism and already suffering. When we consider all the negative impacts this project will have on the local economy and environment, we wonder what the impact will be on our quality of life and property value. Will more local business close? Will we lose needed services, such as our hospital, as a result of a worsening economy? Will we lose the one thing that has brought us all here – the enjoyment of Lake Almanor?

In conclusion 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 the additional release of cold water from Lake Almanor.

Sincerely,


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