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Dear Secretary Bose

I am writing to register concern and provide input regarding FERC's deliberations on license renewal for FERC Project 2105, a hydro-electric project located in in Plumas County, California, owned and operated by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). As you may be aware, PG&E's license to operate this project expired in 2004, and PG&E has been attempting to renew the license since that time.

A significant component of Project 2105 is Lake Almanor, a large reservoir that provides water storage for the hydro project and important recreation benefits for residents and visitors. Over the years, a \$50 million annual recreation economy has built up around the lake, including the town of Chester, California. Threats to the health of the lake are threats to the local economy and the residents.

In 2004, a diverse group of stakeholders reached consensus on provisions for the new FERC Project 2105 license that recognize the importance of maintaining Lake Almanor's health. These provisions include criteria set forth in the Project 2105 Settlement Agreement, that specify lake levels, stream flows, and water quality monitoring, among other requirements. A summary of this agreement can be found here: (http://www.project2105.org/final_agreement_sumry.php). This agreement continues to represent the consensus view of Lake Almanor stakeholders and its provisions should be included in the new FERC Project 2105 license.

Notable dissent on the agreement includes downstream recreational interests and the California State Water Resources Control Board, which have advocated for increased cold water flow out of Lake Almanor and the installation of expensive modifications such as a thermal curtain. A recent push by these stakeholders demands large 250 cfs supplemental cold water releases during the summer season, an action that acutely threatens the lake, already under stress from diminishing snowpack runoff in the northern Sierras. I ask that FERC NOT include these additional requirements in the Project 2105 license renewal.

Thank you for considering the people of Lake Almanor and the livelihood of our community by supporting the provisions of the collaborative settlement agreement for the Project 2105 license.

Sincerely,

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