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Re: Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Upper Feather River Project ~~Number 2105~~ Relating to the Prattville Intake (Lake Almanor) and Butt Valley Reservoir Plumas County California.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

The Greenville Rancheria of Maidu Indians has concerns regarding the FERC 2105 (Lake Almanor and Butt Valley Reservoir). During the first stages of consultation dated 23 July and 04 September 2002 letters were drafted and sent to different agencies. From that point, FERC did not any have further communications with the Greenville Rancheria. After the initial scoping process and consultations, issues brought to FERC's attention were not addressed. The Tribe's concerns are in two parts.

ITEM 1. The Environmental Impact on Lake Almanor and Butt Valley is a major concern. These two bodies of water are very important to the local environment. They have great numbers of fish, mammals, water fowl, invertebrates, birds of prey as well as Native American gathering sites. In FERC's draft EIS, they discuss the water temperature from Mountain Meadows Reservoir to Yellow Creek. Items that are not addressed are: The damage that will be done to gathering sites within the project boundaries, and the dropping of the water temperature and its effects to the Ecological system along the Feather River. If Thermal Curtains are emplaced within the boundaries of Lake Almanor, the cold water fishery will decrease and so will the other animals, birds and the entire ecological system. The Greenville Rancheria has concerns about the Thermal Curtains! The size of the Thermal Curtains, the aesthetics, and the lack of data that is present in the draft EIS. FERC speaks about the recreation agencies that were involved in the initial consultation meetings but not a follow-up phrase in the planning process for the Indian Tribes in respect to their Native Grounds.

ITEM 2. The Greenville Rancheria has concerns in reference to the Cultural aspects of the Lake Almanor Basin and Butt Valley Reservoir. The draft EIS reports numerous



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Cultural and Historical sites. The proposed Thermal Curtains would destroy Cultural sites within Lake Almanor and Butt Valley Reservoir. At the present time, Greenville Rancheria's members have shown concerns about cultural sites within the project boundaries. The Greenville Rancheria has contacted the Native American Heritage Commission and the United States Forest Service requesting additional data in reference to the FERC 2105 (Lake Almanor). The Greenville Rancheria should have been consulted during the entire project, not just the initial scoping.

The thought of dropping the water temperature along the Upper North Fork of the Feather River should have received deliberation during the construction of Oroville Dam by DWR and the State of California.

In conclusion the Greenville Rancheria is still very adamant ref: FERC 2105 draft EIS page 277 lines 32-40 Set aside lands for Cultural and Interpretive Center for the Maidu community. Mitigations for changing lake levels, wave action, and recreation usage. Page 278 lines 1-9. The Greenville Rancheria would like the APE extended to cover 2 miles outside the current FERC boundaries. In addition to these request, since FERC has not communicated properly with The Greenville Rancheria ref: FERC Final Rule dated July 23, 2003. The Tribe would like to be granted some portion of land on the shoreline of Lake Almanor and or Butt Valley Reservoir with full right-of-way access and land rights.

Land in respect is located in 28N07E portion of Sections 29, 30, and 32. Lake Almanor and Butt Valley Reservoir 26N07E portions of Section 11. The Greenville Rancheria would like to request more of a voice in the final judgment of the FERC 2105. For further information, Please contact Michael DeSpain 530-284-7990 or by e-mail at mdeSpain.epa@greenvillerrancheria.com.

Thank you,


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