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Mr. Peter Barnes, Engineering Geologist

State Water Board Resource Control Board, Division of Water Rights

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RE Draft EIR, PG&E Certification INFER Project NO 2105

Dear Mr. Barnes,

I am writing to inform you that I am OPPOSED to Alternatives 1 & 2 as described in the Draft EIR. I believe that pursuing these Alternatives will have a devastating impact on Lake Almanor and will also negatively impact the surrounding communities and local economy.

My family has owned the lake front property at 940 Peninsula Drive for the past 50 years. We have loved the beauty and serenity of the lake, enjoyed countless hours of boating and swimming in its clear waters and caught many fish in the lake and surrounding streams. Extracting cold water from the lake will have the negative impact of raising the temperature of the lake. This in turn will alter the delicate balance of nature in the area. The warmer water will increase the algae in the water and will affect the desirability of the water sports in the lake. Warmer water will have the negative impact of reducing the cold water fisheries that have been a major attraction of the lake. Building a thermal curtain will mean that there will be an area of the lake that can no longer be used for recreational purposes, not to mention the disruption to the lake and surrounding areas during the installation of it.

All of these changes can negatively affect tourism to Lake Almanor. Local merchants who depend on tourists will suffer financially. This will be a tremendous loss to an economy which is already suffering. Less people interested in coming to the lake will have a negative impact on property values as well.

In conclusion, I believe that pursuing Alternatives 1 & 2 is detrimental to Lake Almanor and the surrounding communities. I 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.

Thank you for your time,

Janet S. Eberlein

Co-owner