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Honorable Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

RE: Potter Valley Project, P-77-332 - Imploring Your Commission to Robustly Consider Alternatives to Pacific Gas & Electric Company's (PG&E's) Application

Dear Honorable Secretary Bose and Commissioners,

As your Commission is aware, the Lake County Board of Supervisors has been outspoken in our opposition to PG&E's proposed Surrender and Decommissioning. Absent robust review and remediation of environmental consequences, the project represents a significant threat to regional water supply security and wildfire suppression; we have repeatedly asked that your Commission hold PG&E accountable to avert economic and environmental disaster.

Lake Pillsbury is a community of residents both permanent and seasonal, bringing economic benefits to a county that has scant resources available. On top of this, the entirety of the Potter Valley Project has major impacts down river, whether northbound into Humboldt County or through the diversions affecting communities deep in Marin, Sonoma, and Mendocino Counties. As previously alluded, the entire Potter Valley Project is a water reliability and fire mitigation resource that cannot simply be torn down without devastating adverse impacts to many communities.

The Lake County Board of Supervisors has consistently explored and advocated for alternative actions to the PG&E Surrender and Decommissioning plan. In recent months, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District has shown interest in acquiring and operating the project facilities, and other groups have begun to also take interest, as well. However, no plan has been shared or crafted, due to PG&E's refusal to make information accessible to interested parties who may have alternative options to Decommissioning of the Potter Valley Project.

It is in Lake County's, your Commission's, and the broader public interest that PG&E be open and transparent with all information regarding the Potter Valley Project, so alternative plans can be effectively crafted and shared with the public. The County of Lake and other interested parties should have the chance to vet such alternatives. A free flow of information regarding a century-old project that has been built and maintained utilizing public funding (whether through state and federal funds or through rate payer revenues) should be expected, so that the public and all agencies can meaningfully inform the future of the Potter Valley Project, and what the Upper Eel region will look like for the next century.

The County of Lake does not take lightly the catastrophic changes that can occur in the Lake Pillsbury area if no alternatives are offered. We fully support any and all agencies interested in obtaining information from PG&E, California Water Boards, and others in order to craft quality alternative plans for the Potter Valley Project.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Adam B. Schiff", written over a horizontal line.

Chair
Lake County Board of Supervisors
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Cc: Honorable Congressman Mike Thompson; Honorable Senator Alex Padilla; Honorable Senator Adam B. Schiff; Honorable Brooke L. Rollins, Secretary of Agriculture; Honorable Doug Burgum, Secretary of the Interior; Honorable Congressman James Gallagher; Honorable State Senator Mike McGuire; Honorable Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry