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The Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Re: Objection to Failure to Consider Wildlife Impacts in License Surrender Application

Dear Ms. Bose:

Members of the Whitmore Community are important stakeholders in the disposition of the Kilarc facilities upon PG&E's license surrender. Our input has repeatedly been ignored by PG&E when assessing the environmental impact of their proposed License Surrender Plan.

The Steelhead salmon are very important and their spawning grounds should be saved and developed to give them the best possible chance for survival. However, restoring our river systems is not the end of our responsibility. It is said over and over that we must act locally and think globally. The river systems are not the only issue, we have global warming of our oceans, pollution and human impact of all these water ways and the ocean that was not there 100 years ago. Trying to return our environment in a small isolated location to its original condition that it was over 100 years ago, would be absolutely impossible, unless you can also return the oceans and the human impact between the top of the mountain to the bottom of the ocean and eliminate about half the population of the world, or more.

One hundred years ago human encroachment was not what it is today and this must be considered. We are losing species at an incredible rate. Mass extinctions have happened through earth's history. We are watching it play out before our eyes, whether we want to admit it or not. In the news the honey bee is starting to disappear, and this is a real concern for humans' continued survival. I bring this up because I would like to bring to

your attention just one small impact that has not been studied and PG&E does not plan on studying. First some background; in Arizona the Saguaro cactus is fertilized by the fruit bats of Mexico. These bats live in caves just across the borders of the United States. Their caves are being destroyed by humans in Mexico for different reasons and their numbers are of concern. Should these bats die out, that will be the end of the state flower and symbol of Arizona. Yes, these cacti do live for hundreds of years and in our life time we will continue to see them.

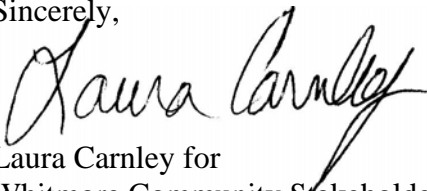
Why do I tell you this? PG&E's plans for the tunnels is to block one end and wait until night when everything flies out and seal off the other, so when the bats or other animals that have been living there cannot return in the morning. This is not an environmental plan, this is an environmental catastrophe.

Are there only bats in these tunnels? What about humming birds? As the honey bees disappear will we need to look at alternatives for pollination; bats or humming birds? Salamanders and skinks and other water loving creates that may be living there, until we study this we have no idea who's home will be destroyed; endangered or not?

Again returning the river system back to its original state can only be done if PG&E is going to purchase all the land and homes within a 50 mile radius or more of the river system all the way to the ocean. Maybe and only maybe could we have what we had 100 years ago. We need to do more for the salmon and animals to help support them and to assist their survival. We need to look at how to increase their numbers and their spawning grounds and make them *better* than what they were 100 years ago; because the ocean they are entering is not the ocean they entered 100 years ago either.

A win-win solution can be achieved if PG&E will leave Kilarc facilities in place and collaborate with the community even slightly to understand the local environment and what needs to be protected.

Sincerely,



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