

April 24, 2015

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Mr. Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

***Re: In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership for a Certificate of Need for the Line 3 Replacement Project in Minnesota from the North Dakota Border to the Wisconsin Border
MPUC Docket No. PL-9/CN-14-916***

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Enclosed please find Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership's ("Enbridge") Application for a Certificate of Need ("Application") for the Line 3 Replacement in Minnesota from the North Dakota Border to the Wisconsin Border Project ("Project"), which has been e-filed today on behalf of Enbridge through www.edockets.state.mn.us. A check for the application fee in the amount of \$50,000 has been delivered to the office of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission").

The Project is an integrity and maintenance-driven project that involves the replacement of approximately 282 miles of the existing 34-inch diameter Line 3 crude oil pipeline with approximately 337 miles of 36-inch diameter pipeline and associated facilities between the North Dakota/Minnesota border and the Minnesota/Wisconsin border. In Minnesota, the Project will cross Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Clearwater, Hubbard, Wadena, Cass, Crow Wing, Aitkin, and Carlton counties.

With respect to its Application, Enbridge respectfully requests the following:

- Pursuant to Minn. R. 7829.2500, subp. 9, Enbridge requests that the Application be considered under the Commission's informal proceedings. As discussed further in the Application, the Project is needed because of the integrity risks identified on the existing Line 3. Until the Project is in service, a significant number of integrity digs will be required to maintain the existing Line 3, which will result in year-after-year impacts to

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landowners and the environment. To minimize these impacts, it is important that the Project move through the process on an expedited basis.

- Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.243, subds. 4 and 5, Enbridge requests that the Application be considered within 12 months and concurrently with its Application for a Pipeline Routing Permit for the Project, which has also been e-filed today.
- Pursuant to Minn. R. 7853.0240, Enbridge requests that it be allowed to file a need summary in excess of fifteen pages in order to provide a comprehensive and detailed discussion of the need for the Project.

In accordance with Minnesota Rules, part 7829.0500, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, and the Protective Order for Nonpublic Highly Sensitive Trade Secret Data entered by the Commission on April 13, 2015, Enbridge has designated Appendix G as **HIGHLY SENSITIVE TRADE SECRET** and will be filing it in Docket No. PL-9/CN/15-340. Appendix G contains certain commercially sensitive information (i.e., information regarding Enbridge's shippers and volumes), which, if released, would have a detrimental effect on Enbridge and shippers by providing potential competitors and others with valuable information not otherwise readily ascertainable and from which such persons would obtain economic value. Enbridge undertakes substantial efforts to protect and maintain the confidentiality of this information and is required by federal law to do so. Enbridge is filing the highly sensitive trade secret information in accordance with, and under the protection and control of, the Protective Order for Nonpublic Highly Sensitive Trade Secret Data in Docket No. PL-9/CN-14-916 in that there will be no future disclosure of this information to non-governmental entities. Public redacted versions of Appendix G will be filed publicly in Docket No. PL-9/CN-14-916.

In addition, in accordance with Minnesota Rules, part 7829.0500, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, and the Protective Order entered by the Commission on April 13, 2015, Enbridge has designated Appendices F and I as **TRADE SECRET** because together they contain commercially sensitive information (i.e., volumes of crude oil deliveries in Minnesota) which, if made public, would have a detrimental effect on Enbridge and shippers by providing information from which potential competitors and other could obtain economic value. Redacted versions of Appendices F and I will be filed publicly.

A copy of this filing is also being served upon the persons on the Official Service List of record, and an affidavit of service is provided herewith. At the direction of Commission staff, Enbridge is also providing the Commission with three hard copies of the Application.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this filing.

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