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1 FACILITATOR: Welcome everybody.  
2 Thank you for coming out tonight. We're going  
3 to start with the public comment period in  
4 about two or three minutes, so if folks want to  
5 get settled, that would be great. We should  
6 have plenty of chairs for everybody, and we  
7 have extra.

8 We ask that people put their name  
9 on an index card if they want to make a verbal  
10 public comment, and we have 11 so far.

11 If you didn't put your name on an  
12 index card to make a verbal comment and want  
13 to, all you need to do is raise your hand,  
14 we'll bring you a card and make sure you're in  
15 the hopper to make a comment. And it also lets  
16 us know how many people want to comment so we  
17 can allocate the time accordingly.

18 We'd like to get started. So  
19 thank you all for coming tonight. My name is  
20 Patrick Field. I'm with the consulting team  
21 and just facilitating tonight's conversation.

22 I want to actually turn it over  
23 to Bill Grant, who's Deputy Commissioner for  
24 Energy for the Department of Commerce for the  
25 State of Minnesota, to welcome us and say a few

1 words as we get started.

2 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BILL GRANT:

3 Thanks, Pat, and thanks everyone for coming.

4 If those of you who are still milling about  
5 could take your seats or at least quiet down so  
6 everyone can hear, that would be great.

7 Thanks again for coming, and --  
8 so starting with what to expect at today's  
9 public meeting, you've been around to see the  
10 poster boards throughout the building, and all  
11 of these poster boards, of course, describe  
12 various aspects of the Draft Environmental  
13 Impact Statement.

14 So if you've had the chance to  
15 make that tour, even though you might not yet  
16 have had the chance to read the document, this  
17 will at least give you a broad overview of it.

18 The Environmental Impact  
19 Statement that we've drafted is really for  
20 informing decision makers who are going to need  
21 to make a decision about whether or not to  
22 grant permits for this project.

23 The Public Utilities Commission  
24 is the principal decision maker, although there  
25 are other permits that are going to be

1 required, if the PUC grants.

2 Two things, one, a Certificate of  
3 Need, and if they grant the Certificate of  
4 Need, then a route permit for the specific  
5 route that would be authorized.

6 There are going to be numerous  
7 opportunities throughout this process for  
8 people from the public to make comments,  
9 starting with this Draft EIS. Once we have a  
10 final EIS, there will be a second comment  
11 period, followed by public hearings this fall,  
12 once we move into the Certificate of Need phase  
13 of the case.

14 We expect the PUC to make a  
15 decision on this sometime in the spring of  
16 2018, so in just a little under a year from  
17 now.

18 So all of the comments that you  
19 make today, whether you do it verbally, in  
20 writing, whether you speak to one of the court  
21 reporters who are over here or speak in front  
22 of the full group, all of those comments will  
23 be considered equally.

24 All of those comments are going  
25 to be compiled and shared with the public once

1 the comment period is closed.

2 What we're really seeking  
3 tonight, what would be most helpful to us,  
4 would be substantive comments on the Draft EIS.

5 For example, is there information  
6 that's missing from this draft? Are there  
7 places where it's unclear at all? What could  
8 be improved about it? And so those comments  
9 will then inform in the development of the  
10 Final EIS, which we intend to finish by  
11 mid-August of this summer. So -- and as I said  
12 before, this is what will help inform the PUC's  
13 decision about whether to grant these permits.

14 So I'm going to turn it back over  
15 to Pat to go over some of the ground rules for  
16 the public comment phase.

17 Thanks very much for coming, and  
18 we look forward to all your comments.

19 FACILITATOR: Thanks, Bill. Just  
20 a little bit about the procedure for tonight,  
21 and we'll dive in.

22 So what we're going to do is  
23 we've got a number of folks who want to comment  
24 so we're going to allocate up to five minutes  
25 per commenter. You don't have to take that

1 long, but if you want to take that long, you  
2 can.

3 Andrew here is going to run a  
4 little timer on screen so you can see how  
5 you're doing, and when five minutes hit, we'd  
6 like you to finish. If you keep going, I'll  
7 gently help you finish so we give everyone a  
8 chance to speak who wants to.

9 A few rules of the road for  
10 tonight. Please allow others to speak, too, so  
11 when the commenter is speaking, if people would  
12 listen and hear them out about whatever their  
13 view might be of some of the issues about the  
14 Draft EIS, that would be most appreciated.

15 We'd ask the folks who are  
16 commenting to honor the time limit so that  
17 everyone has an opportunity to speak.

18 People may not agree in the room.  
19 I suspect they don't in some cases, but we ask  
20 you to be respectful of each other about a  
21 different range of opinions. So certainly, if  
22 you want to be affirmative for someone's  
23 comment, that's fine. We'd ask people not to  
24 be negative about other people's comments.

25 State agency's role -- and I want

1 the state agency folks who are here today from  
2 various agencies and departments to raise their  
3 hands so folks know in the room. There's a  
4 number of folks from Commerce, of course, the  
5 lead on the EIS, DNR and others. The Pollution  
6 Control Board actually helped, assisted in a  
7 number of ways.

8 All those folks are here to talk  
9 with you informally. They're here to listen  
10 tonight, so their role during the comment  
11 session is to listen. So they're going to be  
12 listening.

13 And most importantly, we've got a  
14 court stenographer who's going to be taking  
15 every word of the comments and recording them.  
16 So when you do come to comment -- and we'll  
17 show you different ways you can do that --  
18 actually, we just need you to state your name  
19 and spell it so we have the proper name and  
20 spelling of the person who's commenting, and  
21 then we'll start the timer for your five  
22 minutes after you do that.

23 We do need to end roughly on  
24 time, which is 9:00 o'clock, because of the  
25 facility and the like.



1                   Just a few things to note. As  
2                   you might know, as we came in, the State gave  
3                   you two things. If you do want to do a written  
4                   comment tonight, there's a longer form. You  
5                   can fill that out and there's boxes right over  
6                   here you can put it in by the end of the night,  
7                   and you can fill that in if you wish to.

8                   There's also kind of a guide, not  
9                   only to the meeting tonight but also the EIS,  
10                  which is this document here, which you're  
11                  welcome, of course, to take home as well. And  
12                  the Draft EIS is enormous. It's sitting over  
13                  there if you want to look at it. We ask you do  
14                  not take that home, and you probably don't want  
15                  to because it's so big. But this hopefully  
16                  will be a helpful guide to that piece tonight.

17                  So I think with that, Andrew, why  
18                  don't we pull up the clock. What I'm going to  
19                  do is just -- I've got these -- I just pulled  
20                  the cards out of the box. I've got the order.  
21                  And what we've got, folks, is -- what we'll do  
22                  with the mic is we can -- if you want to sit  
23                  where you are or stand where you are, we'll  
24                  bring you a mic. We've got wireless ones.

25                  If you prefer to come up to the

1 side of the room, that's fine. Don't stand too  
2 much in front of the speakers, because there  
3 will be feedback, so watch that.

4 Again, our first commenter  
5 tonight is Russell Hess.

6 Russell, just as a reminder, say  
7 your name and spell it.

8 MR. RUSSELL HESS: My name is  
9 Russell, R-U-S-S-E-L-L, Hess, H-E-S-S.

10 First, I want to emphasize how  
11 thorough and complete we feel the DEIS is. We  
12 also want to thank the Department of Commerce  
13 for keeping the process on schedule so far.

14 Second, we see in a few areas  
15 where the DEIS could be improved.

16 First, employment impacts based  
17 on an assumption that zero workers will be  
18 local is way off base. My union and others  
19 have agreements in place that will ensure local  
20 workers will be working on this project.

21 All along the route we have guys  
22 and gals from Minnesota that are working in  
23 other states now. They want to be in  
24 Minnesota, working on pipeline projects. This  
25 will help them come home and work close to

1           their families.

2                       We also feel that the DEIS should  
3           take into account other benefits of high  
4           quality union jobs and career pathways other  
5           than just working on the pipeline directly, and  
6           we believe that the lack of discussion of the  
7           risks of moving crude oil on rails, including  
8           the very present accident risks, should also be  
9           more fully addressed in the DEIS.

10                      Finally, we would like to note  
11           that proposed Line 3 replacement reduces  
12           estimated spill risks by 40 percent, and that  
13           the proposed route exposes fewer high  
14           consequence areas to spill risk than any of the  
15           alternatives.  Thanks.

16                      FACILITATOR:  Thank you, Russell.  
17           All right.  Next, I've got, and if I  
18           mispronounce your name, please forgive me ahead  
19           of time.  I'm sure I'm going to do that.  I've  
20           got Todd Rothe.

21                      MR. TODD ROTHE:  Okay.  It's Todd  
22           Rothe, T-O-D-D, R-O-T-H-E.  I live in Duluth  
23           near Hermantown.  I own a construction company  
24           in Superior.  We've been doing work on Enbridge  
25           projects for 20 years, at least in my career.

1                   And I just think there's many  
2                   things to say about the project -- a lot of  
3                   people will say about the economic benefits for  
4                   the state and for the people that live here and  
5                   work here and need these kind of high quality,  
6                   high paying jobs.

7                   But I also want to touch on the  
8                   fact that Enbridge has always and continues to  
9                   train every person that works on their project  
10                  about the importance of safety, not only toward  
11                  their people but our people, our company, they  
12                  care about.

13                  And they also care greatly about  
14                  protecting and doing their projects with the  
15                  least impact to the environment as possible.

16                  So that is drilled down on every  
17                  project, large and small. I worked on many  
18                  very small projects. I've been involved with  
19                  some very big projects, but it's all the same.  
20                  They intend to do things the right way, and  
21                  I've seen it and witnessed it firsthand for,  
22                  again, 20-plus years.

23                  So with all of the other points  
24                  being made about -- you know, the benefits,  
25                  I -- you know, stopping a pipeline like this

1 does nothing, because Canada is going to  
2 produce it, and they're going to sell it to  
3 some other country if we don't take it.

4 If Minnesota doesn't want this  
5 route or doesn't want this pipeline in their  
6 state, well, perhaps North Dakota and South  
7 Dakota and Iowa and Illinois and Indiana, or  
8 whoever, they will all receive the tax benefits  
9 to the counties. And I know there's some  
10 counties in Minnesota that are in desperate  
11 need of the tax revenue after this pipeline is  
12 built once it's shipping materials.

13 Anyway, I'd just like to conclude  
14 by saying I do know firsthand that the project  
15 will be done safely and in the most  
16 environmentally friendly way possible.

17 Thank you.

18 FACILITATOR: Thank you. We'll  
19 keep track of that mic. Winona LaDuke is next.  
20 Bring her the mic.

21 Name and spelling for the court  
22 reporter.

23 MS. WINONA LADUKE:

24 (Indiscernible). My name is Winona LaDuke, and  
25 I'm from the White Earth Reservation, and I'm a

1 traditional harvester, and I'm also the  
2 executive director of a national organization  
3 called Honor the Earth, and I'm an economist by  
4 training.

5 I was asked to kind of give that  
6 description a little bit more clearly. And I'm  
7 with everybody here. This is our territory,  
8 and I'd like to make sure that the -- I can  
9 still have good water here a long time from  
10 now.

11 So what I wanted to say is a  
12 couple of things.

13 First, I have to ask the  
14 Department of Commerce why we don't matter.  
15 That's what I have to ask. I have to ask that,  
16 although all of the study and all of the  
17 discussion and all the testimony and all the  
18 crying we presented about the duress in our  
19 communities, you acknowledged it, and you said,  
20 "We understand that you guys are in really  
21 rough shape. We understand that your people  
22 are dying at really 44 years of age. We  
23 understand you all have diabetes. We  
24 understand that you can't get out on your land.  
25 We understand that you have health stressors,

1 and we understand that this project is going to  
2 stress out the people of White Earth."

3 It's going to add more stress to  
4 all of our communities, Leech Lake, Fond Du Lac  
5 and Mille Lacs, East Lake.

6 "But we don't think that that is  
7 enough of a reason to stop the project."

8 So I want to ask the State of  
9 Minnesota why we don't matter. That's what I  
10 want to say, is, why don't we matter, because  
11 this is the only land we have. And it is  
12 really -- you know, it's disheartening to see  
13 that you would not just say, "This is too  
14 tough."

15 This is the part that hits the  
16 most wild rice lakes. It will take our most  
17 precious territory.

18 So that's the first thing I have  
19 as a comment on the DEIS.

20 The second thing is, what about  
21 abandonment?

22 You know, we all know that Line 3  
23 is in a weeping state. We all know that.  
24 Enbridge says that it's in a state of  
25 deterioration. I know that that's because it's

1 a really old pipe, and I know there's a bunch  
2 of other really old pipes there.

3 What I'm trying to understand is  
4 why we don't have a full EIS on abandonment.

5 What I want to know is why  
6 there's only 14 pages on abandonment. And I  
7 want to know how we're going to deal with this  
8 problem, because this is not just a Minnesota  
9 problem, it's a national problem.

10 And what I know is that cleaning  
11 up the mess of hydrocarbons weeping for 50  
12 years into our ecosystem is a big mess.

13 I know there are leaks all along  
14 this line. Ten thousand anomalies is what they  
15 are talking about, and I drive over here and  
16 there's like burping substations and all kinds  
17 of stuff.

18 So what we're saying is we'd like  
19 a cleanup.

20 If you got an underground tank in  
21 the state of Minnesota, you gotta clean it up.  
22 How come you don't gotta clean up your  
23 pipeline? How come the liability is left for  
24 all of us?

25 And then what's the plan for the



1       other four lines, or five lines, and what's the  
2       plan for the next corridor?

3                       We need some pipeline abandonment  
4       regulations. We need to be sure that things  
5       are cleaned up. And there are five times as  
6       many jobs in that than in just throwing down  
7       new pipe.

8                       That's what we should be talking  
9       about, is infrastructure that's going to  
10      protect our water and protect our people.

11                      The third thing I want to talk  
12      about is the cumulative impact assessment. Our  
13      staff and I reviewed a lot of this.

14                      It's a very long report, you  
15      know, and I know people worked really hard on  
16      this report. There is no question.

17                      We have a lot of comments on  
18      things that were a little short in it, but I  
19      really feel like -- you know, I'm looking at  
20      this and this is an eagle feather, and this  
21      eagle feather is from Lake Athabasca, which is  
22      in the middle of the tar sands.

23                      What I know is the people up in  
24      that territory are dying from the tar sands.  
25      Their water is contaminated. Their food

1 systems are contaminated. Their animals are  
2 dying, and they have bile duct cancer. These  
3 people are dying at a very fast rate.

4 And I know that corporations are  
5 not investing in more and more tar sands  
6 production for a lot of reasons.

7 But what I want to know is what's  
8 fair about tar sands? What's fair about the  
9 dirtiest oil in the world coming our way?  
10 What's fair about all the health effects on  
11 poor communities upstream, and what's fair  
12 about the people that live, whether they're in  
13 Detroit or whether they living down there in  
14 New Orleans, around that area, next to  
15 refineries that are dirty?

16 Don't tell me it's because we  
17 need the oil, because we all drive around. I  
18 got that. I've lived in the fossil fuel era my  
19 whole life, but what I want is a graceful  
20 transition out of it. I don't want to choke on  
21 it. I don't want everything contaminated.  
22 This is our chance. This is our chance to  
23 change that.

24 I want a full assessment of the  
25 cumulative impact. We did a little bit of math

1 on the carbon. You know, how are you going to  
2 pay for \$262 billion, you know? How you going  
3 to do that, Enbridge? Who's going to pay for  
4 the carbon impact of all this on our  
5 environment? So I want a full assessment.

6 And the last thing is, really,  
7 this no-build option. I think you are very  
8 weak on the no-build option. You act as if it  
9 was like, well, it's just going to like fall  
10 apart. I'm like, Enbridge got a brand new line  
11 in a few years ago. You guys worked really  
12 hard to build that line, and that line is  
13 probably pretty tight and pretty good, as  
14 pipelines go.

15 I know people worked really hard.  
16 I get that Line 3 is not the same thing as the  
17 clipper, but all I want to say is, look, they  
18 twisted the regulatory process to get in that  
19 line. You got in a brand new line.

20 I'm saying the no-build option is  
21 close down the leaking line. Close down the  
22 leaking line. No new corridor. Just close  
23 down the line, because the fact is is that  
24 between Canada and the United States, Trump and  
25 Trudeau, they have approved 2.4 million barrels

1 a day, more pipeline capacity than there are  
2 pipelines.

3 That's between TransCanada, the  
4 Keystone Excel, Energy East, and Line 3. Globe  
5 and Mail, Toronto Globe and Mail says pipeline  
6 capacity approved is 2.4 million barrels a day  
7 more than they're ever going to get. That oil  
8 is not going to come out of the tar sands, and  
9 there is no reason to put us all in jeopardy  
10 for that. That's it.

11 Thank you. Miigwech.

12 FACILITATOR: Next we have Laura  
13 Turman. Laura, raise your hand.

14 LAURA TURMAN: Laura Turman,  
15 L-A-U-R-A, Turman, T-U-R-M-A-N.

16 I work as a millwright out of  
17 Union 1176. I earn my money from welding on  
18 pipe to actually mostly working in the pumping  
19 stations at Fern Lake maintenance and  
20 mechanical repair.

21 However, we need to look beyond  
22 that, the bigger picture. My salary is nothing  
23 compared to water and lakes and the environment  
24 and the climate change. I think that's way  
25 more important than my job, even.

1                   The jobs in Minnesota tourism  
2                   that stand -- that are at risk also. I guess,  
3                   that's just -- with that, thank you.

4                   FACILITATOR: And next we have  
5                   Vern Simula.

6                   MR. VERN SIMULA: My name is  
7                   Vern, V-E-R-N, Simula, S-I-M-U-L-A.

8                   I have two concerns. One deals  
9                   with the Certificate of Need, and the other  
10                  concern is one that has already been expressed,  
11                  the issue of abandonment of existing Pipeline  
12                  3.

13                  Regarding Certificate of Need, my  
14                  first comment is -- it's kind of an editorial  
15                  one, kind of tweaking. I find that there is  
16                  much more discussion of Certificate of Need in  
17                  the executive assembly than there is in Chapter  
18                  5. I think much of the charts and everything  
19                  else in the executive summary should be put in  
20                  where it really belongs where people can really  
21                  see the relationships between the various  
22                  options that the PUC has to offer.

23                  My big concern is on the  
24                  criteria, which are expressed in part 2168, and  
25                  that is that -- which reads something to the

1 effect that would the denial, would the denial  
2 of the Certificate of Need adversely affect the  
3 future adequacy reliability and efficiency of  
4 energy supply to the applicant, to the  
5 applicant's customers, but mainly to the people  
6 of Minnesota.

7 And I am guessing that this  
8 criteria, criterion, was established or thought  
9 of in the days before our huge concern about  
10 what fossil fuels are doing to our climate.

11 And I think -- I urge that the  
12 MPUC really revisit their assumptions about  
13 what this will in effect do for the state of  
14 Minnesota, for the people of Minnesota, in  
15 terms of continued carbon impact, fossil fuel  
16 use, on our climate.

17 But not just on our climate,  
18 because as our climate changes, I think the  
19 first thing it's going to affect is our food  
20 security, our food supply. I kid you not, I  
21 think it's going to dramatically impact  
22 corporate farming, and for that matter, family  
23 farming.

24 So that's an issue.

25 There are a number of ways in

1       which the continued use of fossil fuels and the  
2       transport of fossil fuels is going to affect us  
3       in terms of our quality -- not just our quality  
4       of life, but just even our -- as Winona  
5       mentioned, our health as well as our  
6       well-being.

7                   And the other quick comment about  
8       abandonment is that, to put it simply, there  
9       are no laws. There is no administrative rules  
10      and no mechanisms for enforcement for dealing  
11      with abandonment, and so I think this is a huge  
12      issue that needs to be an integral part of the  
13      EIS. Thank you.

14                   FACILITATOR: Next is John  
15      Munter.

16                   MR. JOHN MUNTER: I'm John Munter  
17      from Warba; J-O-H-N, M-U-N-T-E-R. W-A-R-B-A,  
18      by the way.

19                   And I'm -- several of us  
20      developed a group here called Minnesotans for  
21      Pipeline Cleanup, because we're really  
22      concerned about the abandonment issue.  
23      Personally, I don't think Enbridge wants to  
24      have a redo of Line 3 down the old tracks,  
25      because of the possible legacy contamination

1 under it and various other reasons, and the  
2 tribes don't want to either.

3 So I think abandonment is really  
4 a big issue for this area. And I found a lot  
5 of discrepancies in DEIS that tells me that the  
6 PCA and the DNR and the DOC and -- never really  
7 came up here and looked at the pipes that  
8 they're talking about. They have no idea.

9 I found this one -- one diagram,  
10 this is in Chapter 4. It's called, "Typical  
11 Right of Way Configuration of Enbridge Main  
12 Line System." It's got Line 2, and then Line  
13 13, and then Line 3, and then Line 4.

14 So Line 3 and Line 4 up here are  
15 next to each other, if you examine your pipes,  
16 but Line 13 is not next to Line 3. It's Line  
17 1.

18 And we did a study on this,  
19 Wawina up to Grand Rapids, 14, 15 named roads  
20 that we checked the pipelines on, so there is  
21 obvious errors like this.

22 And plastered throughout the DEIS  
23 is the assertion that, oh, they're only 10, 15  
24 feet apart. Well, if you check your pipes in  
25 this area, they're way more than that, way



1 more.

2 In fact, our study here says  
3 between Lines 1 and 3, the average is 18 feet  
4 apart. And the average between, distance  
5 between Pipes 3 and 4 is actually 30.6 feet  
6 apart.

7 If you just check your pipelines  
8 in your area and maybe come to the next  
9 hearings in Cass Lake or Floodwood and support  
10 me on this, we'd appreciate that.

11 But, you know, I mean the DEIS  
12 didn't even get right the information from  
13 Enbridge, actually.

14 They only cover about 13 pages in  
15 Chapter 8, which is kind of a bastardization of  
16 Enbridge's material, which is 86 pages in  
17 appendix B.

18 If you look there, they say that  
19 the pipes are actually -- a majority are  
20 between 7 and 18 feet, okay.

21 And so how do you collapse the  
22 discrepancy between those numbers?

23 Well, chances are you'll find a  
24 lot of close numbers, close distances between  
25 Lines 1 and 3, and that's where you get the

1       51 percent plus some close distances on Lines 3  
2       and 4.

3               And so there should be plenty of  
4       opportunity for Enbridge equipment to go down  
5       in between the Lines 3 and 4 and remove pipe.

6               And so that's what we're asking  
7       for is landowner choice on this.

8               There is a false choice between,  
9       oh, it's all this or all that. It's all take  
10      it out or leave it in.

11              No, there's landowner's choice.  
12      There are some landowners who may want to leave  
13      it there, because the pipes are close together  
14      and they're scared about what might happen,  
15      whatever, so fine.

16              But in the majority of cases  
17      where there's plenty of space, then the pipes  
18      should be removed, because we're looking  
19      towards the future. Once you don't have that  
20      heavy oil there, you've got the pipes rising in  
21      the field like a rock in a field there, and how  
22      much more exposed pipe we're having.

23              They also don't even talk about  
24      exposed pipe much.

25              They quote their study from eight

1 years, nine years ago, I think it was, which is  
2 like one-fifth the timeline of Line 3. And  
3 what they should do is look at Google maps.  
4 You'll find a lot more exposed pipe there.

5 With all of that heavy oil there,  
6 though, of course it's going to rise in the  
7 future, and there's no study of how much is it  
8 going to rise year-by-year. We have no idea  
9 what the impacts of not having that oil in  
10 there is.

11 And so pipeline -- oil pipeline  
12 owners, I mean, have -- I'd like to know what  
13 the property value discrepancy is between  
14 having a rusty oil pipeline that's rising in  
15 your field, it's not being used, compared to  
16 not having it there.

17 I mean, let's calculate that for  
18 the landowners, the landowner value.

19 So that's all I have to say at  
20 the moment.

21 FACILITATOR: Vicki Andrews, do  
22 you want to raise your hand. Vicki is right  
23 here.

24 MS. VICKI ANDREWS: My name is  
25 Vicki Andrews, and I'm from -- V-I-C-K-I,

1       A-N-D-R-E-W-S, and I'm from Grand Rapids,  
2       Minnesota.

3                 First of all, I'd like to speak a  
4       bit about the pipeline abandonment issue,  
5       because that's a big issue here in Grand  
6       Rapids. Enbridge would like to abandon  
7       Pipeline 3 and leave it in the ground. It is  
8       old and has had many structural anomalies, as  
9       we've been hearing. There has likely been oil  
10      leaked into the area that we're not even aware  
11      of.

12                There also can be problems from  
13      the proposed treatment chemicals in the  
14      pipeline coating and their degradation, and  
15      possible PCB contaminations from lubricants.

16                Over time there can be shifting  
17      of the abandoned pipeline into unplanned water  
18      conduits, which can cause a natural drainage of  
19      water deep underground.

20                The abandoned pipeline can also  
21      begin to rise toward the surface at watercourse  
22      crossings in wetlands and in locations where  
23      soil density is high. What do we do with them,  
24      then, as they're lying on the ground  
25      deteriorating and rusting in place?

1                   How will these abandoned  
2 pipelines, whether line exposed or still  
3 buried, affect current and future landowners?

4                   If Enbridge is not required to  
5 remove the pipeline and restore the damage to  
6 ecosystems, there may never be a full  
7 accounting of the ongoing and future  
8 contamination surrounding the area. And we  
9 have no idea of future problems that may occur.

10                  It's my understanding that this  
11 will set a precedent for leaving -- for  
12 abandoning a pipeline and leaving it in place  
13 in the whole United States. And I don't want  
14 Minnesota to be the one setting this precedent  
15 that could lead to all kinds of damage and  
16 destruction.

17                  Regarding the proposed route for  
18 the new Line 3, I believe that the pipeline you  
19 are considering adding to northern Minnesota  
20 will do nothing to improve life for Minnesota  
21 residents. It will put billions and billions  
22 of dollars into the hands of the wealthy  
23 owners, stockholders, and CEOs of Enbridge and  
24 their partners who make their fortunes from  
25 fossil fuels.

1 Chapter 5 of the document states  
2 that, "Line 3 will create zero permanent jobs,"  
3 and that, "Existing operation staff would be  
4 able to operate the pipeline," and that, "Few  
5 additional employees would be hired to assist  
6 the staff."

7 It also states that, "All workers  
8 would relocate to the area and zero  
9 construction jobs will go to Minnesotans. The  
10 pipeline would have no measurable impact on  
11 household income or unemployment," it goes on  
12 to say. "On the other hand, we need to realize  
13 the enormous number of jobs that can be made  
14 available in the green energy sector in the  
15 coming years.

16 "In fact, if we were to truly  
17 make a commitment to changing from a fossil  
18 fuel economy to an economy fueled by solar wind  
19 and hydro, we could provide many good paying  
20 jobs now and into the future.

21 "It's obvious that building new  
22 routes through Minnesota is only going to  
23 destroy more forests and endanger more  
24 wetlands, rivers, and lakes."

25 Regarding the proposed route for

1 Line 3, the DEIS concludes that,  
2 "Disproportionate and adverse impacts would  
3 occur to American Indian populations in the  
4 vicinity of the proposed project."

5 It also states that, "Enbridge's  
6 preferred route would impact more wild rice  
7 lakes and areas rich in biodiversity. It also  
8 runs very close to the headwaters of the  
9 Mississippi River." Think of the disaster if a  
10 leak were to occur there.

11 It's my understanding that the  
12 proposed pipeline will carry approximately  
13 twice the capacity of the pipeline it is  
14 replacing, and it will be carrying tar sand  
15 oil, which is the most damaging and destructive  
16 oil in so many ways.

17 I hope that everyone here has  
18 given some thought to the future we are handing  
19 down to our children and grandchildren. If we  
20 continue on our present path, in the very near  
21 future, whether it will be 20 years in the  
22 future, 25 or 30, our children and  
23 grandchildren are going to be suffering  
24 tremendously from the havoc of climate change,  
25 and they will know that we, at this time in

1 history, could have done something to turn  
2 things around, and we, for whatever reasons,  
3 chose not to.

4 We are a very intelligent and  
5 creative people, and we are capable of turning  
6 this entire situation around if we put the  
7 money, the jobs, and the technology into  
8 turning from a country dependent on oil, gas,  
9 and coal to a country run on renewable energy.  
10 Our children can inherit a world that they will  
11 survive and thrive in, and they will know that  
12 we did choose to do something to secure their  
13 future.

14 Thank you.

15 FACILITATOR: Thank you, Vicki.

16 Brian Hanson, Brian, right there.

17 MR. BRIAN HANSON: Good evening,  
18 my name is Brian Hanson, B-R-I-A-N,  
19 H-A-N-S-O-N.

20 Tonight I want to speak to the  
21 Draft EIS, and in my opinion it supports Line 3  
22 replacement Certificate of Need and also the  
23 applicant's preferred route.

24 I'm going to speak from two  
25 different points of view here. One of myself,



1 a person who grew up here in Grand Rapids,  
2 lives in Duluth, avid sportsman. I spend a lot  
3 of time in the outdoors.

4 I'm also going to speak from my  
5 more professional point of view, which is as an  
6 economic developer and the impact of this  
7 project on our region.

8 So let's start with the  
9 outdoorsman side of me. I support the  
10 protection of resources. I'm a person who's  
11 involved in recycling. I ride my bike when I  
12 can. I do what's right for this environment,  
13 and I also rely on petroleum products every  
14 single day. I relied on them to get here today  
15 for this event. Like most of us, as was  
16 pointed out earlier, we all do.

17 I also rely on it just for this  
18 bottle right here, for my soda, or your water,  
19 as most of us are relying on it today.

20 We need the oil. We need it  
21 right now. We can work our way out of this,  
22 sure. But it's going to take time.

23 So based on -- then we look at  
24 what's the exposure to our community of oil  
25 moving through it in different ways, and I

1 think that the table -- most of us picked up a  
2 booklet when you walked in. If you look at  
3 page 17 and table ES 2, the least exposure of  
4 any of the alternatives comes from the  
5 applicant's preferred route.

6 That's with all these different  
7 impacts taken into account. The least exposure  
8 is the preferred route selected by the  
9 applicant. We need this stronger  
10 infrastructure to defend our environment. The  
11 new replacement for Line 3 will do that, and we  
12 should follow the safest route, which has been  
13 outlined.

14 Next, I want to just speak to the  
15 economics of this, and I appreciate the impact  
16 that this project will in fact have on our  
17 region.

18 \$7.5 billion invested, first of  
19 all, to protect the environment and to move  
20 this needed commodity. \$1.5 billion of that  
21 spending happening right here in the state of  
22 Minnesota.

23 8,600 jobs. As Russell pointed  
24 out, we believe that the vast majority of those  
25 jobs will be from people in this state.

1                   The good news is even for the  
2                   jobs that are coming from people from outside  
3                   of the region, they're going to come here.  
4                   They're going to live here. They're going to  
5                   spend to the tune of \$160 million in  
6                   hospitality and lodging, which supports another  
7                   2,800 jobs here in this region, which is  
8                   included in the 8,600 that I mentioned earlier.

9                   A side note on these construction  
10                  jobs, because I really get tired of people  
11                  saying, "Oh, they're just temporary  
12                  construction jobs."

13                 Every project for a construction  
14                 person is a temporary job. They do the project  
15                 and they move on to the next one. For the  
16                 people who live in this region and work on  
17                 pipelines, this is a luxury. They're going to  
18                 be able to stay in the state of Minnesota.

19                 They're not going to be chasing  
20                 off to places like Ohio and leaving their  
21                 families for a two-year period. They're going  
22                 to be able to be here, and that alone is a very  
23                 positive impact for our region.

24                 So I just want to conclude by  
25                 saying I do applaud the questions that are

1       being asked tonight. I think they're good  
2       questions. I think this is a good process, and  
3       I applaud the thorough review that the folks  
4       from the State have done to this point.

5               But I think that that review  
6       points out that this project is safe, the safe  
7       way to move energy in our state, that the time  
8       is right to do this project, and that we should  
9       move forward.

10              Thank you.

11              FACILITATOR: Next we have Bud  
12       Stone.

13              MR. BUD STONE: Hello, my name is  
14       Bud Stone, and I am the president of the Grand  
15       Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce. Our offices  
16       are located at One and NW 3rd Street in Grand  
17       Rapids, Minnesota. The spelling of my name is  
18       B-U-D, S-T-O-N-E.

19              The Grand Rapids Area Chamber of  
20       Commerce would like to go on record as a  
21       supporter of Enbridge's Line 3 Replacement  
22       Project. Enbridge has been a great asset to  
23       the economy of Minnesota, and especially in the  
24       Grand Rapids area during the recent recession.

25              It was our fortune that during

1       that turndown in the economy, that Enbridge was  
2       in the process of doing a major maintenance  
3       project in our area. And the economic impact  
4       of that project had direct results on our  
5       ability to deflect the negative impacts of that  
6       recession.

7                   Line 3 is greatly needed to  
8       transfer crude oil from the oil fields to the  
9       refineries.

10                  Today, many of our businesses and  
11       communities are suffering the negative effects  
12       of oil being transported by rail, and that  
13       trend will not get any better until adequate  
14       supplies of crude can be moved by pipeline  
15       rather than strangling our commodity exchanges  
16       by using the rail.

17                  Green, coal, raw unfinished  
18       products from our businesses can't use a  
19       pipeline. They need the rail. Some people  
20       will actually state that Line 3 will do nothing  
21       to create jobs or have positive economic  
22       impacts in the State of Minnesota, and nothing  
23       could be further from the truth.

24                  If you don't believe me, just ask  
25       the people who work for Enbridge, a lot of them

1 in this room today, or the people who collect  
2 the taxes that Enbridge pays.

3 The Line 3 project is also about  
4 national energy security.

5 Minnesota needs to step up to the  
6 plate and do what we can to ensure that we have  
7 adequate energy resources for the future  
8 available.

9 Remember, your military runs on  
10 oil. We also need to do our part to make sure  
11 that we have adequate transportation  
12 infrastructures in place to move raw materials  
13 to the places they need to be, and that  
14 includes pipelines.

15 Lastly, if you've done your  
16 homework, you know that recently the U.S.  
17 Justice Department announced a consent decree  
18 with Enbridge that specifically states that  
19 Enbridge shall replace Line 3. And I think  
20 that action addresses the Certificate of Need  
21 issue.

22 I want to thank you for the  
23 opportunity to comment on this important  
24 project. Thank you.

25 FACILITATOR: Bill Hamm is next.

1 Bill, do you want to raise your hand.

2 MR. BILL HAMM: Bill Hamm,  
3 B-I-L-L, H-A-M-M. I'm the loudest spokesman  
4 for OUFDA; old, ugly, fat but determined  
5 activists.

6 I have several concerns about  
7 this project. Number one is why would you so  
8 deeply disturb the soil in a brand new area  
9 when you can dig up the original pipeline and  
10 put the new one in that place? That's the only  
11 thing that makes sense here, if you do put the  
12 pipeline in.

13 At the same time, then, you can  
14 address some of these other risk issues like  
15 cleaning up the mess that's there underneath  
16 that pipeline instead of issue number 2, leave  
17 it for all the local communities who own  
18 property or who are parts of -- or have parts  
19 of that pipeline in 'em.

20 You're leaving a disastrous  
21 liability to every individual township, county,  
22 in this -- that's involved with this pipeline.  
23 This liability is not being addressed, and the  
24 hillier the country, the worse this liability  
25 becomes.

1                   And lastly, putting this pipeline  
2                   in a new place opens up the possibilities for a  
3                   new anomaly for the pipeline to run into.

4                   My grandmother's house, my  
5                   grandparents' house was built on a quicksand  
6                   pit. That quicksand pit extended for at least  
7                   a quarter of a mile. The house finally had to  
8                   be destroyed because it kept tipping into it,  
9                   the more water we pumped out from under it.

10                  These anomalies exist out there.  
11                  We've seen them. We can look at one between  
12                  here, right at the Itasca county, Aitkin County  
13                  line going toward Duluth, on the south side of  
14                  the highway, a whole swamp cut in half by such  
15                  an operation, six to nine foot deep within the  
16                  soil.

17                  This is the kind of thing that we  
18                  can produce by taking this new route. We've  
19                  already done it along the existing route.  
20                  There's absolutely no sense whatsoever in  
21                  exposing a new route to these dangers.

22                  Thank you.

23                  FACILITATOR: Rod Struble. Name  
24                  and spelling for the record.

25                  MR. ROD STRUBLE: Hello. My name



1 is Rod Struble, R-O-D, S-T-R-U-B-L-E. I live  
2 in Warroad.

3 I'm not an environmentalist or an  
4 activist. I'm a landowner with an Enbridge  
5 pipeline easement right through my property.  
6 I'm here to state for the record that I'm  
7 adamantly opposed to the deactivation  
8 abandonment of Line 3 in place.

9 I will be adversely affected,  
10 both financially and physically, by the  
11 abandonment of Line 3. It will financially  
12 affect the value of my property resalability,  
13 and when it's closed, a potential fire; that my  
14 property contains a rusting hulk of  
15 environmental hazard lies just below the  
16 surface, exposed to which I nor anyone else  
17 would be able to counsel a prospective buyer  
18 about.

19 It will become a physical hazard  
20 after the first winter, because once they  
21 deactivate and it stops producing heat, the  
22 frost will push it to the surface.

23 The easement that is -- that they  
24 are using now was granted in 1949. Easements  
25 of this type were granted for the betterment of

1       our communities and our country, not through  
2       the pipeline company to make money.

3               My easement specifically states,  
4       "Grants right of way of easement for the  
5       purpose of lane maintaining, operating,  
6       patrolling, altering, repairing, renewing, and  
7       removing, in whole or in part, a pipeline for  
8       the transportation of crude petroleum, its  
9       products and derivatives."

10              Nowhere is it stated or implied  
11       that once a pipe is deemed unsafe or  
12       financially undesirable, that they could shut  
13       it down and leave the rusting hulk of  
14       industrial waste on our lands.

15              This will only benefit Enbridge,  
16       not our community or our country. To even  
17       consider allowing them to leave this rusty  
18       environmental hazard in the ground is just  
19       wrong, not to mention the fact you don't have  
20       the right to circumvent an easement that has  
21       been in effect for 68 years.

22              If Enbridge is not going to use  
23       the area of easement, of which Number 3 lies,  
24       the pipe should be removed, the land released  
25       back to the landowners. If it needs to be

1 replaced, it should be replaced utilizing the  
2 same trench. They have the means, just not the  
3 incentive. It all boils down to the money and  
4 their greed to keep it.

5 It is your job, the Public  
6 Utilities Commission, to protect our land and  
7 our environment. Do it.

8 Thank you.

9 FACILITATOR: Bill Whiteside.

10 MR. BILL WHITESIDE: Bill  
11 Whiteside, B-I-L-L, W-H-I-T-E-S-I-D-E, in  
12 Hibbing, Minnesota.

13 I support the new route for the  
14 proposed pipeline. I'd also like to address a  
15 little bit about carbon demonization.

16 Some of this oil that might be  
17 going through this pipe comes from Canada. And  
18 Canada is one of the largest natural oil spills  
19 in the world.

20 It's a huge oil spill that's  
21 being cleaned up by men and women and being  
22 shipped out. Of course, there are hazards  
23 involved in everything. But you know this  
24 is -- it's really something, if you look at it  
25 that way.

1                   Another thing is carbon dioxide,  
2           carbon fuels, it's got a dirty name. But  
3           carbon fuels have provided us with a luxury  
4           that we have of living a long life in a  
5           wonderful environment, that allows us to eat  
6           well, and have a wonderful education for our  
7           children, live in a peaceful society where we  
8           feel at ease amongst each other. We aren't  
9           scrambling for resources.

10                   This has been a benefit of carbon  
11           fuels.

12                   Some of the things, also, that  
13           carbon fuels have brought us, as opposed to the  
14           common perception, is cleaner water.

15                   According to the World  
16           Development Bank indicators, we have -- we've  
17           seen more fossil fuel usage. We've also seen  
18           an increase in clean water.

19                   Energy allows us to have cleaner  
20           water. This is a huge deal. And not just in  
21           the developed world, but in remote places in  
22           the world where people are suffering every day,  
23           where they're struggling to live, where they're  
24           struggling to find clean water. Fossil fuels,  
25           coal, oil, these are the lifelines for these

1 people for their future.

2 So that's a little bit about  
3 that. And we are looking, you know, for  
4 alternatives; wonderful. Let's look for  
5 alternatives that can be comparable to the  
6 great benefits that carbon has produced for us.

7 We like the idea of being able to  
8 use the sun. That's terrific. You know, wind,  
9 sun, it would be wonderful, the more we can  
10 utilize our resources, the better.

11 However, what we're ignoring, to  
12 our detriment, is the huge devastating costs  
13 that are being left on the lands of China to  
14 mine the rare earths for the neodymium and  
15 other rare earth metals that are necessary for  
16 our windmills and such; huge, wastelands that  
17 we're leaving there, and we're responsible for  
18 that.

19 And yet we're calling this clean  
20 energy. Carbon is a clean energy. It's  
21 extremely clean, and we need it very seriously.

22 I think we have, you know, the  
23 opportunity here to replace an aging  
24 infrastructure that's shown its weakness.

25 And we need to move forward with

1 replacing that in a timely manner so that we  
2 don't suffer the foreseen costs of ignoring the  
3 intelligent management of our infrastructure.

4 And so that being the case, we  
5 need to replace that infrastructure, whether we  
6 clean that pipe and leave it in the ground, the  
7 owners have the responsibility of making sure  
8 that the landowners are whole in the end and  
9 that our waters are preserved and protected.

10 And so basically, that's pretty  
11 much what I have to say about that.

12 So thank you very much.

13 FACILITATOR: Thank you, Bill.

14 I've got James Hietala.

15 MR. JAMES HIETALA: Thank you for  
16 the opportunity to address this. My name is  
17 James Hietala, H-I-E-T-A-L-A.

18 I look at this Environmental  
19 Impact Statement, and one thing concerns me  
20 right off the beginning, and it's already been  
21 mentioned, and that's the option of not  
22 building or replacing the line. How can we  
23 have an environmental impact statement that  
24 doesn't address the most beneficial option for  
25 our environment?

1                   The president, I congratulate  
2                   him, he said our emissions were going to cause  
3                   problems for future generations, and he said we  
4                   needed to take action now. I really appreciate  
5                   what President Lyndon Johnson said in 1965.  
6                   We've had -- that's over 50 years, start  
7                   changing our economy. And we haven't done it.  
8                   Enbridge is an energy expert. They have the  
9                   option to pursue more environmentally  
10                  conscience options.

11                  They haven't. They're looking at  
12                  tar sands oil. You look at pictures of tar  
13                  sand oil extraction. It's devastating. It's  
14                  horrible. I want Minnesota to have nothing to  
15                  do with that.

16                  The existing Pipeline 3, actually  
17                  a number of Enbridge lines cross my property in  
18                  Warba. I want nothing to do with more  
19                  greenhouse gas emissions. We owe it to our  
20                  children and grandchildren to have more respect  
21                  for them and their future. We can do better.  
22                  We've had plenty of time to do better. We've  
23                  got to act now, and the EIS needs to look at  
24                  the option of no tar sands oil.

25                  That would also help to be the

1 best option for no leaks; no oil, no leaks.

2 When we look at the existing  
3 line, as I said, their line crosses my  
4 property.

5 When they get the Certificate of  
6 Need, they get the right for eminent domain.  
7 As a small landowner, I know first hand, you're  
8 pretty much powerless. They're going to get  
9 what they want.

10 Now they're abandoning that line.  
11 They've operated, they've maintained, they have  
12 the rights. Now that they're abandoning it,  
13 let's respect the landowner for the first time  
14 in the history of that pipeline and let them  
15 decide what gets done.

16 Those are my comments, thank you.

17 FACILITATOR: Thank you, James.

18 I have Leroy Watson.

19 MR. LEROY WATSON: Leroy Watson,  
20 L-E-R-O-Y, W-A-T-S-O-N.

21 I pulled up here tonight, I  
22 didn't see too many people walking, didn't see  
23 very many people riding a bike, but I did see a  
24 lot of cars. And you look out on the highway  
25 on Friday night and things are plugging along



1       pretty good in this town, it'll look like  
2       you're in downtown New York.

3                       So I know that we need the  
4       petroleum, and there are people in this  
5       community that whine when the price of  
6       petroleum gets a little too high. Ten cents  
7       difference between here and Hibbing starts  
8       firing their buttons. So we know that they  
9       need the oil.

10                     And a lot of people in town here  
11       have their houses hitched to natural gas, so we  
12       know they're working off of petroleum.

13                     When you look at their houses,  
14       when you look at the paint and the plastic  
15       boxes and all that other stuff they have, most  
16       of it's made out of plastic, and that's all  
17       petroleum.

18                     Even the clothes on your back, it  
19       says, "Polyester, nylon, rayon, acetate,"  
20       that's petroleum. That pretty much sounds like  
21       I'm for this pipeline, and in a sense I am, but  
22       I also want them to do it right. And I'm not  
23       sure that they're fully prepared to do that.

24                     They say Line 3 is bad, so when  
25       they get through with the new line they should

1 be digging it up. And better yet, why not put  
2 the new line right alongside the old one. Then  
3 there won't be any law issues, no surprises.

4 Thank you very much.

5 FACILITATOR: Jason George,  
6 Jason's right here.

7 And again, if anybody else wants  
8 to comment, just make sure you give Stacy your  
9 card. She'll write your name on it.

10 MR. JASON GEORGE: Jason George,  
11 J-A-S-O-N, G-E-O-R-G-E.

12 I work for the International  
13 Union of Operating Engineers, Local 49. Just a  
14 couple of comments. One in particular, it's  
15 been said, but I think it's worth reiterating.  
16 The jobs estimates that are in the EIS are just  
17 woefully wrong. To say that there's going to  
18 be zero jobs created locally in the building of  
19 this pipeline is just, quite frankly, a joke.

20 There's -- I know personally  
21 hundreds of 49ers that built the Clipper.  
22 Personally, I know them. These are the same  
23 people that are going to build Line 3 when it  
24 gets permitted. They live around here. So to  
25 say that there's no impact is just not at all

1 accurate. There's people in the room that  
2 built the Alberta Clipper here tonight.

3 Just wanted to put that on the  
4 record, make sure you get that right. That  
5 needs to be changed immediately.

6 The second point is more of a  
7 process point. There is a statutory process  
8 timeline. I'm not talking about whether you're  
9 for the pipeline, against the pipeline. I'm  
10 just talking about the process. There are laws  
11 on the books that outline how long this is  
12 supposed to take. They were not followed for  
13 the Sandpiper project. I would strongly  
14 encourage the Department of Commerce, the PUC,  
15 to stick to the law. Follow the science.  
16 Whether or not you're going to determine this  
17 project is good or bad, at least the people in  
18 this room and all around the state deserve a  
19 timely answer.

20 So I really would encourage folks  
21 to -- the department, PUC, to follow the law,  
22 the statutory timeline, stick to the process.

23 When -- I believe the company  
24 will show that this project meets the  
25 requirements, and when it does, the Department

1 of Commerce should recommend a permit, and the  
2 people in this room should get to work.

3 Thank you very much.

4 FACILITATOR: Shirley Loegering.

5 MS. SHIRLEY LOEGERING: Shirley  
6 Loegering, S-H-I-R-L-E-Y, L-O-E-G-E-R-I-N-G,  
7 and thank you for this opportunity. I live in  
8 Grand Rapids.

9 I think we can all agree that we  
10 all use fossil fuel and we want to keep getting  
11 around the way we do, but we are lucky enough  
12 to live in a time when we do have choices about  
13 where we get that fuel, and if we don't start  
14 making the choice to go to a more sustainable  
15 route, I guess I'm concerned.

16 But my one comment is I'm  
17 concerned about the abandonment of the line,  
18 and if there are any regulations or rules about  
19 disclosure of chemicals that will be used when  
20 they abandon the line, and when they clean it,  
21 and what about the life expectancy of the other  
22 line, and what the plans are for those.

23 Thank you.

24 FACILITATOR: Thank you, Shirley.

25 Dave Rowe.

1 MR. DAVE ROWE: My name is Dave  
2 Rowe, D-A-V-E, R-O-W-E.

3 I'm here tonight as a landowner.  
4 I have the unique position of having Enbridge  
5 pipeline and TransCanada on my property, and I  
6 want you guys to know how it affects me. It  
7 causes me no stress at all. Water was tested  
8 when I bought the place. They are very  
9 responsive to issues I have, whether it be  
10 settling of the property or use of my driveway.  
11 Any time I contact them, they're out there  
12 immediately.

13 I think that if we're going to  
14 use oil, and we all, like we agreed, drove  
15 here, we have to look at how we're going to get  
16 it, and the pipeline is the cheapest, safest  
17 way of transporting this.

18 We can ship it by rail if we want  
19 it, but those of you that are in support of  
20 that, go out and look at a railroad locomotive  
21 in the winter. It runs all winter. They never  
22 shut it off, whether it's moving or not.  
23 There's no antifreeze in it. It stays on.

24 Train cars derail, it spills,  
25 it's inefficient. You're moving a little bit

1       at a time. You guys don't water your gardens a  
2       bucket at a time. You put it in a hose and  
3       pump it out there. It's the way to move a  
4       liquid.

5                   If we look at shipping it by  
6       road, we have to be cognizant of the fact that  
7       it's more wear and tear on the roads. It's  
8       more traffic, more accidents, more chance of  
9       spills over a distant area.

10                  Road maintenance isn't shared  
11       equally by all. There's people that pay less  
12       tax based on where they live than others in the  
13       state.

14                  And I think we have to be aware  
15       of the fact that change takes time.

16                  For now, the pipeline is the way  
17       to do it. We can conserve. We can try and say  
18       that there's no other way to do it, but you  
19       know, I think the pipeline is the way to go.  
20       We have to be aware of how it affects other  
21       things in our community.

22                  If you're shipping oil by  
23       railroad car, then you're not shipping coal,  
24       you're not shipping taconite pellets. We've  
25       come to this problem. It also affects my job

1 here. When the oil is moved by the rails, coal  
2 cost more. It's hard to get through. It's  
3 hard to negotiate a contract with the  
4 railroads.

5 I understand Warren Buffet wants  
6 to go all by rail. That's because he makes  
7 money on it, not because it's good for you.

8 So I guess, for now, I support  
9 the pipeline.

10 FACILITATOR: Thank you, Dave.  
11 Annette Humphrey, and spelling  
12 for the record.

13 MS. ANNETTE HUMPHREY: Thank you.  
14 Annette Humphrey, A-N-N-E-T-T-E,  
15 H-U-M-P-H-R-E-Y.

16 Thank you for allowing us to  
17 speak tonight.

18 (Indiscernible)

19 I'm from Leech Lake, born and  
20 raised there, and when I talk to groups like  
21 this, I feel like I have to give my résumé kind  
22 of like Winona did. I have a college degree.  
23 I served four years in the Marine Corps. I  
24 graduated Police Academy in Southern  
25 California, I have three kids and I'm a

1 grandmother, so I don't know, I like saying  
2 that when I talk to groups like this.

3 I agree with Vicki Andrews, thank  
4 you for your words.

5 I also agree with the gentleman  
6 over there, so we got to get out, and it's not  
7 going to happen tomorrow or next year, but we  
8 have to make that change.

9 And I think a lot of us are in  
10 agreement, whether you want the pipeline or  
11 not. That's something we are agreed upon.

12 So I'm a landowner, and I live in  
13 Deer River, and the pipelines run less than a  
14 mile from my house. And I know that they all  
15 don't -- don't all run south. The one that  
16 runs north, I'm concerned about, too, because  
17 that's carrying a lot of harmful chemicals that  
18 are needed to thin the tar sands to get through  
19 a pipeline.

20 Now, I don't know what that  
21 pipeline is, but I'd really hate for water to  
22 start causing cancer if that particular line  
23 did break.

24 So I'm encouraged, I'm encouraged  
25 that a lot of people are saying we need to get



1 out. I'm encouraged by people who say, "For  
2 now, I support the pipeline." That just means  
3 we have open minds.

4 And my son, he worked for  
5 Enbridge and he felt bad, but I said, "Don't  
6 worry, son, you gotta make a living, as do we  
7 all." And I agree with James, you know, tar  
8 sands, I agree that should be considered as  
9 part of this Environmental Impact Statement.

10 I also -- I'm listening, and I'm  
11 encouraged by the thoughts that we have in  
12 common and the worries we have.

13 And Winona also said we don't  
14 seem to matter, and it feels like that an awful  
15 lot.

16 But we can keep putting oil  
17 pipelines in the ground and just keep it  
18 growing, get the industry growing, keep it  
19 growing, you know, let it grow bigger and  
20 bigger like Lorax, bigger and bigger, and some  
21 day we'll all just cry together, right.

22 So let's just keep a heart for  
23 one another, whatever your stand is. I think  
24 we all should stand for the earth and for our  
25 grandchildren and the generations that are

1 coming. We can't just look at that, you know,  
2 these short-sighted goals, you know.

3 I use oil. I drove here in a  
4 car. No one's arguing that. That's never the  
5 argument, but we can do better. Enbridge can  
6 do better. They have a lot of money, and they  
7 know all about solar and water power, so I  
8 think we can do better and get out of this  
9 fossil fuel area.

10 Thank you.

11 FACILITATOR: Thank you, Annette.

12 Thane Maxwell next.

13 MR. THANE MAXWELL: Hi, I'm Thane  
14 Maxwell, T-H-A-N-E, M-A-X-W-E-L-L. Thank you  
15 for the opportunity to speak.

16 I live in Minneapolis, and I work  
17 with Honor the Earth. I have basically given  
18 my life to stopping these projects, not because  
19 I don't want any of you to have a job, but  
20 because we don't need them and because they  
21 hurt people.

22 I've been reading through the EIS  
23 for the last few weeks. 5,000 pages is a lot  
24 to get through in three weeks, but we did our  
25 best. We do have some highlights over here, if

1       anybody wants to come check them out, you can  
2       see what we're interpreting in the data.

3               I wanted to point out a few  
4       questions that we're going to comment on -- or  
5       that I'm going to comment on in my written  
6       comments, but I wish there were a forum here to  
7       ask questions and get answers to these.

8               You know, I realize people worked  
9       really hard on this document, spent a lot of  
10      time on it, and there's a lot of improvement to  
11      the past few years of the process, I really  
12      appreciate that, but there's, you know, of  
13      course, in 5,000 pages you're going to have  
14      holes.

15              So, for example -- I'll just  
16      throw out a few examples.

17              In all of the impact  
18      calculations, the assumption for the life span  
19      of the pipeline is 30 years. And that's really  
20      confusing to me because Enbridge has a number  
21      of pipelines running right through this town  
22      that have been here for 50 or 60 years,  
23      sometimes 65 years, so I'm wondering where that  
24      calculation comes from.

25              Another question I had is why is

1       there no spill analysis at all for the  
2       St. Louis or Nemadji rivers, which dump right  
3       into Lake Superior as the pipeline reaches the  
4       Twin Ports there.

5                       Why is there no discussion of  
6       what the impact would be on Lake Superior? The  
7       Great Lakes hold 20 percent of the world's  
8       fresh water, and we're not even looking at  
9       that. We're not even looking at the impact on  
10      the harbor in the Twin Ports and what the  
11      impact would be, what it would really look like  
12      to clean up a tar sands spill in that harbor.

13                      It's confusing there's no meeting  
14      in Duluth for folks in that community to talk  
15      about that.

16                      Another question I had is in the  
17      spill section, this one over here, "Accidental  
18      Releases." Some of the numbers are confusing  
19      to me. It says -- it gives annual  
20      probabilities of spills in Minnesota, so it  
21      calculates what the chances are each year of a  
22      spill, and it breaks them down by size.

23                      And it says, "The chance of a  
24      small spill is 107 percent in one year." So  
25      basically, we can expect more than one small

1 spill or about one small spill a year.

2 It then gives a separate number  
3 for just the overall chance of any kind of  
4 spill, any size, and it says, "25 percent a  
5 year." So we can expect one every four years.

6 I don't understand how that makes  
7 sense. How could the chance of a small spill  
8 be 107 percent and the chance of a spill of any  
9 size be 25 percent?

10 So I think there's some math  
11 wrong there that we need to look at.

12 The other thing that I find very  
13 confusing or problematic in the EIS is the  
14 alternatives that are considered.

15 For example, the rail alternative  
16 that is considered involves building a rail  
17 terminal at the border of Canada and the United  
18 States and bringing the oil from the partial  
19 pipeline that Enbridge would build by rail to  
20 Superior.

21 Now we all know that Enbridge  
22 would never do that, so I don't think that's a  
23 reasonable alternative to consider.

24 Similarly, the truck option looks  
25 at trucking the oil from the border from a new

1 truck terminal to Superior, and we know  
2 Enbridge would never do that.

3 So we need to have realistic  
4 alternatives if we're genuinely considering  
5 alternatives.

6 Another alternative that someone  
7 has mentioned before me is the no build  
8 alternative. The no build alternative is  
9 defined in the EIS as, "Continued use of Line  
10 3."

11 But that -- that's a distorted  
12 way of framing the question, because there are  
13 other ways of not building it, right, and the  
14 question really is about need, and there is no  
15 discussion of need.

16 I find this sign over here, the  
17 Certificate of Need Alternatives very  
18 problematic because it outlines the  
19 considerations that the PUC will go through to  
20 determine whether to grant the Certificate of  
21 Need or not. It list two out of three. There  
22 are actually three.

23 The two that are listed over  
24 there, it says they will consider the economic  
25 need, which by the way, there's no analysis of

1 in the EIS.

2 And two, they will consider  
3 alternatives. The one that's missing is the  
4 most important. The one that's missing is that  
5 the PUC also must consider, by Minnesota  
6 statute, also must consider whether the  
7 pipeline is in the best interests of society.  
8 So I think you should add that to that sign.

9 Similarly, on the impacts boards  
10 over here, you have two different impact  
11 boards; one for the Certificate of Need and one  
12 for the routes. And both of them have a  
13 socioeconomic section, but neither of them  
14 mention that there will be zero permanent jobs  
15 created by the project.

16 That's a big question that you  
17 see in the media a lot and the decision makers  
18 really want to know. I think that should be  
19 included there.

20 The other thing not included  
21 there is there's no discussion of the property  
22 tax that counties would lose when the existing  
23 Line 3 is abandoned. It states that counties  
24 that have the new line put in would receive  
25 property tax benefits, but it doesn't discuss

1 the loss.

2 My last point is also about  
3 abandonment. There's a lot of people in this  
4 community really concerned about abandonment,  
5 and I agree, it is a really huge deal.

6 A couple things that I just  
7 wanted to pick up on that other people were  
8 saying and just clarify a little bit, in case  
9 you didn't get it.

10 The DEIS says that when you stop  
11 flowing oil through a pipe, you don't have that  
12 weight in it anymore, it starts to rot. Okay.  
13 So, what, 300 miles of pipe around here is  
14 going to start to lift itself out of the  
15 ground. A lot of it is already exposed, as  
16 people are saying. I've seen it. I've walked  
17 on it.

18 There should be more than 14  
19 pages on abandonment. There should be an  
20 analysis of how fast that's going to happen,  
21 where is that going to happen, what is it going  
22 to cost.

23 Similarly, there should be a  
24 discussion of the effect on people's property  
25 values, and there should be a discussion of the



1 liability. What happens if some of the  
2 risks --

3 FACILITATOR: Can you wrap up  
4 soon? It's been about six minutes, so if you  
5 could wrap up soon.

6 MR. THANE MAXWELL: I'm almost  
7 done. Thank you.

8 What happens when one of the  
9 things that's listed as a possibility over  
10 here, like contamination or the flooding of a  
11 farm field, when that pipe breaks down and  
12 serves as a conduit and drains a lake? Who  
13 pays for that? What protection is there for  
14 landowners? The PUC has the power to do  
15 something about that and ensure that.

16 The other thing I really think  
17 needs to be included in the abandonment section  
18 is an economic analysis. What kind of jobs  
19 could we create? Maybe we could partner on  
20 that with some of the unions here.

21 Maybe we could look at the  
22 numbers here and see what kind of jobs we would  
23 create if we clean up the old mess before we  
24 make a new one.

25 FACILITATOR: Thank you, Thane.

1                   Next, Abbie, do you want to raise  
2                   your hand. Name and spelling for the record.

3                   MS. ABBIE PLOUFF: Hello, my name  
4                   is Abbie Plouff. That's spelled A-B-B-I-E,  
5                   P-L-O-U-F-F, and I am here to just talk about  
6                   some research that we've done.

7                   The Minnesota Environmental  
8                   Partnership -- I'm with the Minnesota  
9                   Environmental Partnership, and we put out a  
10                  poll fairly regularly on a wide variety of  
11                  environmental issues across the state, and this  
12                  year we asked a question about tar sands.

13                  And our question was: "Would you  
14                  favor or oppose increasing the flow of tar  
15                  sands oil through Minnesota?" So we asked this  
16                  of people across the state. We did an extra  
17                  sampling in rural and greater Minnesota, and  
18                  our results show that 61 percent of people that  
19                  responded to the question opposed increasing  
20                  the flow of tar sands oil for Minnesota.  
21                  61 percent, and that is specific to tar sands  
22                  oil, which Line 3 would be running through.

23                  So I just wanted to bring that  
24                  information to the room. Thank you all very  
25                  much.

FACILITATOR: Thank you, Abbie.

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