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1 MR. ANDY PEARSON: Thank you very  
2 much. My name is Andy Pearson. A-N-D-Y.  
3 P-E-A-R-S-O-N. And I'll make a few comments  
4 tonight.

5 First of all, let's just agree on the  
6 face of it that the Line 3 replacement project is  
7 absurd. Can we just agree on that; that this is  
8 completely nuts that we're even considering at this  
9 time, this time of climate chaos, right, just  
10 building in our world, right, we're considering  
11 building a pipeline -- a three-foot-wide pipeline to  
12 carry the dirtiest oil in the world when we don't  
13 even need that oil here anymore? Can we agree that  
14 that's absurd?

15 I'm asking for a few considerations.  
16 I'm asking that the Environmental Impact Statement,  
17 a document that's supposed to consider rules, both  
18 in statute and rules as a matter of policy, I am  
19 asking that it be updated to reflect the recent  
20 decision by Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton to commit  
21 Minnesota to following through on the Paris Climate  
22 Agreement, following the absolute lack of leadership  
23 displayed at the federal level in withdrawing us  
24 from that international agreement.

25 Now, let's be real here. This

1 project, as analyzed in the current draft  
2 Environmental Impact Statement, carries a social  
3 cost of carbon of \$287 billion. And that is billion  
4 with a B. That is a staggering amount. That's the  
5 number that includes the environmental cost of the  
6 oil that the pipe would transport, as well as the  
7 number, which I know was read earlier, 673 million.  
8 Just to be clear, that's only the impact of the  
9 infrastructure of the pipe itself. It doesn't even  
10 include the oil inside.

11 \$287 billion is the number in the DEIS  
12 that includes the oil, and that is not even a  
13 comprehensive number; that is only over a 30-year  
14 time span. And we know that there's pipe in the  
15 ground right now that's been pumping for over  
16 60 years. If we double that number, that would be a  
17 closer approximation. And let's know there are  
18 people here in the room today that are barely even  
19 going to be middle-aged 30 years from now. That  
20 number needs to be extended. We need to have  
21 calculations that go out to, at a minimum, 60 years  
22 social cost estimates.

23 And please revise the climate section,  
24 taking into account its compatibility with Governor  
25 Dayton's decision to stay with Paris. It is crystal

1 clear that the only viable option, if he is serious  
2 about sticking to the Paris agreement, is to not  
3 build this new pipeline at all, to be very clear  
4 about that.

5 Second thing I want to mention is the  
6 alternatives analysis. You know, one way to make a  
7 bad project look like the only way forward is to  
8 remove all the other alternatives one by one or make  
9 them look bad. And that is what was done in this  
10 document. It was done just in a way that surprised  
11 even me. And I didn't know what I'd find, but I am  
12 surprised.

13 We have a proposal from the Department  
14 of Commerce's document that Enbridge might actually  
15 choose to build a rail-loading terminal in Canada  
16 just on the other side of the U.S. border after, you  
17 know, a thousand miles of pipe; and then they would  
18 put the oil onto trains, ship it across Minnesota to  
19 another rail-loading terminal to go down the rest of  
20 the way to the Gulf where this oil is headed. I  
21 mean, is that done anywhere in the world? This is  
22 one of my questions: Is there a rail bridge between  
23 two pipeline terminals anywhere in the world? These  
24 alternatives are supposed to be reasonable and  
25 prudent. Right? There is -- there is no way that

1       that can possibly be met. That's why I have no idea  
2       why it's in the document.

3               There are viable potential rail  
4       alternatives which could at least be studied that  
5       would involve the rail being loaded up in Canada and  
6       shipped to refineries. That's the way Canadian oil  
7       moves by rail when it moves by rail, which is rare.  
8       This absolutely must be changed.

9               The same goes for the truck  
10      alternative. By the way, 4,000 truck trips per day  
11      in the DEIS, a pipeline on trucks? Again, this is  
12      not the case anywhere in the world. You are reading  
13      a work of fiction here. This isn't even based on  
14      remote fact, this alternatives analysis.

15              And then we have what Levy brought up,  
16      where two of the route alternatives goes through  
17      Leech Lake, when Leech Lake has made it absolutely  
18      clear that that is not a possibility. Again, that  
19      is not reasonable and prudent.

20              The alternatives section is a work of  
21      fiction, and it's got to be treated like that. And  
22      we can't make decisions based on a work of fiction.  
23      We need to make them based on a work of fact.

24              Last point. Where is the oil going,  
25      once it gets to Superior, Wisconsin? Now, Enbridge

1 has pipelines that cross down Wisconsin. It's my  
2 understanding that Enbridge plans to use those  
3 pipelines. It's also my understanding that the  
4 current flow rates on the pipelines going into  
5 Superior and out of Superior do not allow for the  
6 extra capacity which the Line 3 expansion would  
7 bring.

8 Now, in Wisconsin, Enbridge has gone  
9 back and forth about whether or not they plan to  
10 build a brand-new pipeline across that state to  
11 carry extra oil coming from Minnesota. That line  
12 has been at some points referred to as Line 66 or  
13 the Line 61 twin. That is not referenced in the  
14 draft Environmental Impact Statement, as far as I  
15 can see; and it must be, because if that line is  
16 part of what could potentially move this oil, if it  
17 is necessary to move the volume transported by the  
18 Line 3 project, then it is a connected project, and  
19 it must be included within the scope of this EIS for  
20 the study. The fact that that was not included and  
21 there's no discussion of it, that Enbridge's numbers  
22 on potential flow rates are omitted from the  
23 document, are censored from the document that we  
24 don't even know where this oil is going once it  
25 leaves the state, we cannot make a decision based on

1           that.

2                       So I don't think what I'm asking is  
3           too much here. I don't think it's crazy. I don't  
4           think it's totally unreasonable. I think what I'm  
5           asking for is basic facts. You know, we have some  
6           of those in the document already, and that's good,  
7           and I appreciate where the facts have been followed  
8           and where they've been drawn out; but there's a heck  
9           of a lot of places where they haven't been and they  
10          need to be.

11                      Thank you so much.

12                      FACILITATOR: So that is all the cards  
13           I have for comments. So I just want to see if  
14           there's anybody else that wants to make a comment.  
15           Just raise your hand or bring me a card. Either one  
16           is fine.

17                      So the gentleman right in the back.  
18           And anybody else? Gentleman right here in the hat.  
19           And then I think right here. Thank you very much.

20                      In fact, you know what, you came up,  
21           so we'll let you go first. And then we'll get to  
22           the gentleman in the hat and the gentleman in the  
23           back.

24                      If we could actually -- let's see, why  
25           don't you -- sir, why don't you go ahead. You have



1 the mic. Why don't you go first, state your name  
2 and spelling it.

3 MR. JOHN MUNTER: Thank you. My name  
4 is John Munter. J-O-H-N. M-U-N-T-E-R. I'm from  
5 Warba. As you see, we have tremendous holes in this  
6 DEIS, tremendous discrepancies and deceptions.

7 And one thing we found here -- I'm  
8 with the Minnesota for Pipeline Cleanup. And south  
9 of you here and throughout the DEIS, we find the  
10 phrase, the pipes are generally 10 or 15 feet apart,  
11 generally 10 or 15 feet apart here and there and  
12 everywhere. And that's really a huge deception  
13 here. We found a study that on the 14, 15 named,  
14 the roads between Rowena and Grand Rapids, the  
15 average distance between Line 1 and 3 is 18 feet;  
16 the average distance between 3 and 4 is 30.6 feet.  
17 And so this makes the point that for pipeline  
18 cleanup and pull up, we're making the argument that  
19 it should be land over choice and also tribal choice  
20 and city choice and county choice. Whoever owns the  
21 land, they should be involved. It's not one size  
22 fits all.

23 These pipelines go in and out and  
24 everywhere, and there's all kinds of crazy things  
25 going on with them. Some are maybe real close

1           together, fine. But it should be choice.

2                       Beyond that I wanted to talk about the  
3           criteria addressing the certificate of need.  
4           There's basically four sections that they talk about  
5           here. Number one talks about the future adequacy,  
6           reliability, efficiency of energy supply of the  
7           Applicant, da, da, da, and talks about that.

8                       B talks about more reasonable and  
9           prudent alternatives. The proposed facility has not  
10          been demonstrated by parties other than the  
11          Applicant. And so these have been discussed.

12                      But C and D have not really -- the  
13          first two that are proposed in them, there's a lot  
14          of economic data that's being withheld until later.  
15          There's no spill data that we're happy with at all.  
16          And in terms of alternatives, they are very poor.

17                      Number C, the consequences of society  
18          granting the certificate are more favorable than the  
19          consequences of denying the certificate. Well,  
20          that's not discussed at all on this whole document,  
21          that I can find anyway, and it should be addressed  
22          there.

23                      And, D, it has not been demonstrated  
24          that the design, construction, or operation of the  
25          proposed facility would fail to comply with relevant

1 policies, rules, or regulations of other federal,  
2 state, or local agencies. And this is the one I  
3 want to address that has not been addressed by  
4 anyone anywhere. So let's be first here in Cass  
5 Lake.

6 When we ask somebody for a job  
7 interview and the Applicant is there with the  
8 interviewer, the interviewer would ask about their  
9 past history, they would go online to see if they  
10 made any nasty comments about their past employer,  
11 they might look for any DWIs they might have, they  
12 look at a whole wide range of aspects. And  
13 Minnesota as the employer, so to speak, of Enbridge  
14 here, the response of Enbridge, should be doing a  
15 wide ranging search of issues with Enbridge.

16 This has relevance, because of our  
17 First Amendment rights. In the First Amendment  
18 there is the ability to petition for redress of  
19 grievances. And so we should be dealing with the  
20 past grievances, because this PUC process is really  
21 the only opportunity that we have to say, you know,  
22 you got to clean this up, Enbridge, before we're  
23 going to permit this pipeline. And this -- there's  
24 a range of different grievances that we can talk  
25 about here.

1                   Now, petition for redress of  
2                   grievances is not only a federal thing that you all  
3                   march in front of Washington, D.C. and ask them to  
4                   do something; it applies to state and regulatory  
5                   agencies of state governments. So we should be able  
6                   to come to the PUC and ask for a petition for  
7                   redress of past grievances as well.

8                   And on the local level, you have many  
9                   landowners, for example, who own land that's been  
10                  damaged by Enbridge over -- maybe disputes between,  
11                  you know, they lost trees or there's water flow  
12                  differences, and maybe weeds have been planted  
13                  instead of alfalfa planted, which hurt the cattle,  
14                  and different issues, disputes between, you know,  
15                  pro and con of these -- of these agencies. And so  
16                  this should be mediated somehow. There should be a  
17                  process in the EIS to -- DEIS to call for mediation  
18                  of these processes, before the PUC advocates or  
19                  approves a pipeline. And there should be mandatory  
20                  adjudication of this so that, you know, if the  
21                  approval goes through, then the landowner and  
22                  Enbridge are locked into a process where an  
23                  independent adjudicator can say, yes, you're right  
24                  or you're right or we'll go halfway in between or  
25                  something like that so there's some justice done for

1 all these various issues that come up with people  
2 and pipelines.

3 And then there's the larger issues.  
4 Like the Bad River Band of Wisconsin, for example,  
5 it has not had a permit since 2013. And, you know,  
6 what's the situation there? Is Enbridge going  
7 around Bad River or negotiating with them? And this  
8 is a legal situation where are they going to treat  
9 it just like Red Lake and negotiate for 65 years and  
10 maybe finally come up someday with a permit? I  
11 mean, that's just not acceptable, and there should  
12 be some answers here for some of these larger  
13 issues.

14 Then there's the issue of damaging  
15 pipes as well -- or defective pipes. There were a  
16 lot of defective pipes that were imported by  
17 Enbridge about a decade ago, according to the  
18 Canadians, and they want to know where the sales  
19 receipts are and where those pipes go. And as far  
20 as I know, they have not found out where those pipes  
21 went. So this is another issue where Enbridge  
22 should come up and make clean with what's going on  
23 with those defective pipes.

24 And then as actually -- many people  
25 are starting to complain now about the damage it's

1       having to the First Nation's north of the tar sands.  
2       Winona a couple of times the last couple of days and  
3       other people here. So the tribe -- the First  
4       Nations north of tar sands can't hunt, fish, or  
5       gather anymore safely. And it's a really genocidal  
6       situation. And we're all basically complicit in  
7       that situation by importing oil.

8               And this really goes back to the  
9       Nuremberg trials, where they even put industrialists  
10      on trial, for example, a couple dozen of them even,  
11      for making the gas that went into the gas chamber  
12      and that type of thing, you know. And half of them  
13      were acquitted; half of them spent some time in  
14      jail. But this is a society problem, complicity  
15      with this genocidal situation.

16             And even though it's up in Canada,  
17      it's not in Minnesota, I don't think that will pass  
18      muster. I mean, there's a lot of excuses that a lot  
19      of people made in Germany after World War II, ex  
20      post facto law that was made after we committed  
21      crimes. No, sorry, that doesn't work. Or we're  
22      just following orders, you know, that type of thing.  
23      So this should be addressed by the DEIS.

24             And that's all I really have to say at  
25      the moment. Thank you.

1 FACILITATOR: And I will not pronounce  
2 your Ojibwe name well. So I will turn it to you to  
3 spell it and say it. Eric will bring you the mic.

4 Thank you so much.

5 MS. DAWN GOODWIN: (Speaking Ojibwe.)  
6 My name is Dawn Goodwin, my English name. I come  
7 from White Earth. Yes, I come from that way. It  
8 doesn't mean that this isn't my home also. This is  
9 the 1855 Treaty area. My family lives here. My  
10 sister lives a mile away from the pipeline. My  
11 mother lives a mile away from the pipeline in  
12 Bagley.

13 So one concern that came to me that I  
14 did not address yesterday at our Rice Lake meeting  
15 was, if there was a spill, what about the exposure?  
16 What would my loved ones and my community people be  
17 exposed to that's lacking in this? It looks great,  
18 looks really thorough, whatnot; but it's a bunch of  
19 fluff.

20 And like Irene said, the chapter on  
21 tribal resources really -- it went in length about  
22 our history and treaties and whatnot, but -- and  
23 then it just got really loose at the end and thrown  
24 together and, oh, well, yeah, yeah, whatever. But  
25 from what I got out of that, at the end it says --

1 just kind of thrown together there that, oh, yeah,  
2 the natives think this way and they all think that  
3 way, and they don't really have much to say about  
4 this or that or whatnot, don't want to address,  
5 they're outside of the scope, blah, blah, blah.

6 And what I come from out of that is,  
7 yes, us native people, we're standing together. We  
8 have one voice, as we know we want to protect our  
9 environment and our people and our water, the  
10 animals, the air. We want to protect that. That's  
11 one voice, and we want you to hear that here.

12 Sure, you might not see a lot of our  
13 tribal members here. There wasn't a lot of tribal  
14 members at ours. And it makes me wonder, makes me  
15 worry. But whoever's supposed to be here tonight is  
16 here. And I want to explain a little bit maybe why  
17 they aren't here.

18 And there's a section there in the  
19 DEIS talking about the historical trauma. And I met  
20 this gentleman when we challenged the state on our  
21 ricing rights, which we did win. And he was talking  
22 about -- to a reporter about historical trauma. And  
23 he said what, historical trauma; that don't exist.  
24 And I looked at him, and I'm like what? He's like,  
25 no, it's not historical; we're still living it. So



1 now I'm calling that contemporary trauma.

2 We talked about this a little bit  
3 yesterday, that this is traumatizing to us. A lot  
4 of the people that I know that I want to come and be  
5 heard can't come here. It's too much. It's too  
6 emotional. So much anger. And to me this is  
7 traumatizing.

8 I vow to learn my language. I wanted  
9 to just put everything into learning my language.  
10 And then I started learning about tar sands and  
11 trade secrets and loopholes and whatnot. So I just  
12 had to combat that with doing my homework here about  
13 Line 3 and tar sands and combining that with my  
14 Anishinabe. That's the only way I could cope.

15 So, yeah, I'm being traumatized. I've  
16 been traumatized for many years now, just completely  
17 out of my mind. I have important work to do with my  
18 community. We have people dying from heroin  
19 overdoses, suicides. We just had a young girl two  
20 nights ago commit suicide. I can't be worried and  
21 so entrenched in trying to figure out how we're  
22 going to beat Enbridge and Line 3 when I have so  
23 much more important work to do. And it's really sad  
24 that my love and care for my people is being taken  
25 away because I have to concentrate on this.

1                   So I say I'm speaking for many people.  
2           I'm part of a group called Anishinabe Nago. It's  
3           the gatherers, the berry pickers. We're gathering  
4           to save what we have left. So I represent them. I  
5           represent the gatherers, the harvesters. We're  
6           trying to continue our way of life, but this is  
7           impeding on it. And we don't want to stand for it  
8           anymore. We're not going to stand for it anymore.  
9           And I take solace in knowing that there are many  
10          people out there that have our backs. They know  
11          what's important in life.

12                   I'll talk a little bit more about some  
13          of the DEIS. Yeah, there -- it was lacking in  
14          information about tar sands and what kind of fumes  
15          and whatnot are coming from that. So I worry about  
16          my family members that live close by. But one thing  
17          I do notice, all the way from Clearbrook to Bagley  
18          to Bemidji, Cass Lake, BugONayGeShig School -- and I  
19          don't know if the schools further on -- they're all  
20          in the path of the pipeline. They're all next to  
21          it. Our children, if there's any spills, are going  
22          to be exposed to that.

23                   And I felt also it was lacking the  
24          scientific knowledge of what bitumen is, what dilbit  
25          is, what's in it. And as I looked up some -- you

1       can't really find too much information as you're  
2       just generally going on the Internet about what is  
3       in tar sands because of trade secrets. But what I  
4       did find, it was like emulsifiers and -- which are  
5       probably chemicals, I imagine. And then they put  
6       water in there. Then it's an electric charge just  
7       to get the tar sands to flow through the line. So  
8       it's lacking some of that very important  
9       information.

10               Also, Enbridge, I believe that the  
11       certificate of need should not be granted. It  
12       should be denied because Enbridge cannot 100 percent  
13       guarantee that a major or minor dilbit spill will  
14       not happen. Now, I read that awhile back, when I  
15       was reading some criteria for certificates of need,  
16       and I couldn't find that. But I did notice at one  
17       time. And then when I went back to look for it, I  
18       couldn't find that. But, yeah, you can't  
19       100 percent guarantee that there's not going to be a  
20       spill. So I believe that the certificate of need  
21       should be denied upon that.

22               And along with that, the failure of  
23       technology and human error has caused spills, and  
24       those are on fairly new pipelines. So I do not  
25       trust the technology.

1                   Another thing I would like to mention  
2                   is the Clearbrook hub. Not a very good idea, I  
3                   don't think. And I hope a lot of other people agree  
4                   with me.

5                   I want to create an animal for you.  
6                   Especially the Anishinaabemowin people, you'll get a  
7                   vision in your head. This animal I created, it  
8                   starts in Clearbrook. It's the Ezigaaginebigowi.  
9                   That's a wood tick snake. Scary sounding, a wood  
10                  tick snake.

11                  So with all that being said, a lot of  
12                  people covered very many different facets here. We  
13                  know that it's very poisonous. We know that it's  
14                  going to harm the people in this region; not just  
15                  the native people, but the people that live here.  
16                  Here, you don't want to leave it in the ground.

17                  We're asking for a full environmental  
18                  impact study and removal of the old Line 3 in the  
19                  1855 area. We'd like an impact study done to the  
20                  earth below that line. We want to know what's been  
21                  going on there.

22                  We also want a complete environmental  
23                  impact study of the -- I'm not going to say  
24                  replacement; I would say that would be a -- I lose  
25                  my words sometimes -- a relocation of Line 3. It's

1 not a replacement. It's a relocation and a rebound.

2 FACILITATOR: Just a quick time check.  
3 It's been about 11 minutes.

4 MS. DAWN GOODWIN: All right. Just  
5 like yesterday, I like to talk. Surprisingly, I  
6 don't -- I'm not a talker. I don't like to be up  
7 here, but I need to be.

8 So directly or indirectly you'll be  
9 committing genocide, and it's negligent.

10 And for one last comment here, I want  
11 to talk about the Minnesota Pollution Control  
12 Agency. There's a mission here: Protect and  
13 improve the environment and enhance human health.

14 This is MPCA's mission statement, so  
15 you might want to listen. Their vision: Clean  
16 water, air, and land, support healthy communities  
17 and Eco systems and a strong economy in Minnesota.

18 Core values: Number one, people. We  
19 value and support a motivated, talented, and diverse  
20 workforce. Hashtag, PCA people.

21 Leadership: We set a vision of  
22 environmental and human health protection in an  
23 open, ethical, and accountable manner. Hashtag, PCA  
24 leads.

25 And then the next one is

1 collaboration -- I'm not going to go through -- and  
2 then outcomes: We measure our success by our  
3 environment and public health outcomes achieved.  
4 Hashtag PCA outcomes.

5 Then there's -- they're data driven  
6 and a learning organization.

7 DNR, their mission is to work with  
8 citizens to conserve and manage the state's natural  
9 resources in a way that creates a substantial  
10 quality of life. Same goes to Army Corps of  
11 Engineers.

12 If you support this DEIS, you're going  
13 against your mission and your vision and your core  
14 values.

15 So with that being said, I want you to  
16 think about water and how you've used it and even  
17 the role water plays. And I want you to look, when  
18 you're watching an important meeting somewhere,  
19 what's the star of the evening? Water out on the  
20 tables.

21 So I want you to think about what's in  
22 your body. What percentage of water are you?  
23 66 percent of your cells are water.

24 So with that being said, (speaking  
25 Ojibwe).

1 FACILITATOR: Thank you. I believe we  
2 have one more commenter, that gentleman in the hat.  
3 So we'll bring him the mic.

4 And just state your full name and  
5 spelling for the court reporter. And our court  
6 reporter is over here now. She's very carefully  
7 catching all the comments.

8 MR. ALEX KMETT: All right. My name  
9 is Alex Kmett. That's Alex, as you would expect it  
10 to be spelled. K-M, as in Mary, E-T-T.

11 (Speaking Ojibwe.)

12 My name is Alex Kmett. I'm from --  
13 I'm living in Cloquet at the moment on Fond Du Lac  
14 Reservation. My family is here in Cass Lake,  
15 related to probably half the town or so.

16 I should not have to bring attention  
17 to the 1855 Treaty between the United States  
18 Government and the Ojibwe Nation, which reserves  
19 refractory rights to hunt, fish, and gather in ceded  
20 territories all across that treaty land right there.

21 I should not have to bring up my  
22 opposition to this pipeline for the -- for the sake  
23 of the tour season, the wildlife, the trout, which  
24 is all laid out on this draft EIS impact/certificate  
25 of need poster.

1 I should not have to mention that I  
2 also oppose this pipeline not just for all those  
3 reasons, but everything else that we hunt, fish, and  
4 gather within these ceded territories and all the  
5 other treaty territories that we occupy.

6 In addition to this, where the tar  
7 sands are being extracted up in Canada in Alberta,  
8 those are our relatives up there too, the Cree  
9 people that are suffering.

10 I shouldn't have to mention, you know,  
11 spiritual, political, environmental, and economic  
12 opposition to all this.

13 I also want to bring up the Enbridge  
14 Cass Lake leak that happened in 2001. If you look  
15 up the website that they have, Google  
16 enbridgecasslake.com, something like that, they have  
17 a timetable spread out on there. About ten years  
18 after it leaked, it still says that they're -- what  
19 does it say here -- free product renewal continues  
20 over a ten-year period, you know. Groundwater  
21 monitoring happening ever since. You know, 2015 or  
22 so is the last update on here. It's two years  
23 later. We haven't heard anything more. You know,  
24 what's up with all that? What's going on?

25 Let's see. Also the economic benefits



1 of Line 3 removal, I just wanted to restate that, as  
2 the gentleman stated earlier, as well as should this  
3 pipeline leak anywhere around Leech Lake, any of  
4 these northern lakes up here, what kind of economic  
5 impact is that going to have on the tourism  
6 industry, which pretty much supports the economy, it  
7 supports the casino.

8 I know you guys want to hear all about  
9 the economic impact, so here we go. (Speaking  
10 Ojibwe.)

11 That's all I want to say for right  
12 now. Angry. I got the shakes. I gotta pee, so  
13 I'll catch ya later.

14 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

15 So we're about to bring this evening  
16 to a close. But I want to see if there's anyone  
17 else who wants to make a final comment.

18 There's a gentleman right there.  
19 We'll bring you the mic. And just name and spelling  
20 for the record if you could. Thank you.

21 MR. MIKE SCHMID: It's hard to find a  
22 place to stand where you don't have your back to  
23 somebody. (Speaking Ojibwe.)

24 My name is Mike Schmid. M-I-K-E.  
25 S-C-H-M-I-D. There's no T. I apologize if I say

1 things that have already been said tonight. We got  
2 here late.

3 I've lived amongst the Anishinabe here  
4 for 45 years, and I've learned a little bit about  
5 Leech Lake history. And I just want to give you my  
6 view of what I see that is happening.

7 The first pipelines went through here,  
8 I'm assuming in the '60s and '70s. During those  
9 times tribal governments were just beginning to have  
10 some power. They were still politically weak. They  
11 had virtually no choice but to accept whatever the  
12 pipeline companies said to them.

13 Now we fast forward to now. The  
14 balance of power has changed, and reservations are  
15 saying no, we don't want those here anymore; we want  
16 you to take them out. That's really hard for oil  
17 companies to understand. It's been a long time  
18 coming.

19 I think what a lot of outsiders don't  
20 understand is that from where I -- from where I come  
21 from, from what I can see, the Anishinabe do not  
22 just care about what happens on their reservation,  
23 protecting their land on the reservation, they don't  
24 just care about the Treaty area -- a lot of talk  
25 about the '55 Treaty area. That's very important.

1 But they care about the earth. And it doesn't  
2 matter what boundaries you put on it, they don't  
3 want the pipelines.

4 And I agree. (Speaking Ojibwe.)

5 FACILITATOR: So for folks in the  
6 room, the formal public comment period ends on  
7 July 10th. So if you didn't make a comment today or  
8 you didn't enter your comment in the box or didn't  
9 make a comment to one of the court reporters, you  
10 can certainly send your comment in by mail or email.  
11 Just make sure it's in by July 10th, which is the  
12 final date of the public comment period.

13 And after that, again, the State will  
14 take all those comments, they will actually work on  
15 them to effect the final EIS. And the comments will  
16 be posted online after July 10th so the public can  
17 see all the public comments that were made.

18 So thank you all for the comments and  
19 the thought and the heart tonight. And we  
20 appreciate all that. Safe travels home and good  
21 night.

22 (Meeting concluded.)  
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