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1 FACILITATOR: Good morning
2 everybody, and welcome. Thank you so much for
3 coming out this morning.

4 My name is Patrick Field, and I
5 will be the moderator for the public comment
6 session. I'm part of the consulting team which
7 is working on behalf of the State of Minnesota
8 in helping arrange these public meetings as we
9 go across the northern part of the state
10 regarding the pipeline.

11 So I want to turn this over to
12 Bill Grant, Deputy Commissioner of Energy,
13 Minnesota Department of Commerce, who's going
14 to welcome us and lay out the process that
15 we're engaged with.

16 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BILL GRANT:
17 Thanks, Pat, and welcome to Floodwood everyone.
18 Some of you have been with us at previous
19 public meetings that we've been having this
20 week, and that will be -- and that we will be
21 having over the next couple of weeks. So
22 welcome again if you're here for a second or
23 third time.

24 So I want to start just by laying
25 out for those of you who haven't been involved

1 yet what these meetings are about, why we are
2 holding them, and give you a little bit of an
3 orientation to what we're going to be doing the
4 rest of the morning.

5 So the reason for having these
6 meetings is the Department of Commerce has
7 drafted an Environmental Impact Statement for
8 the Line 3 project, and the purpose of the EIS
9 is really to inform decision makers. In this
10 case, the decision maker will be the Public
11 Utilities Commission.

12 There are going to be other
13 permits required of this project if the PUC
14 grants the approvals that it would make.

15 And then, of course, you as
16 members of the public, are also the audience
17 for the draft and final EIS.

18 The PUC, as I mentioned, will
19 make two decisions. One, whether to grant
20 what's called a Certificate of Need, and as the
21 name implies, it really is the determination of
22 whether the project is needed or not.

23 And secondly, whether, if the
24 Certificate of Need is granted, whether to
25 issue a route permit, and so several staff are

1 standing over there by the alternative board
2 there, and that describes the routes that are
3 under consideration during this process.

4 There will be numerous
5 opportunities for public comment starting with,
6 of course, being here today on the draft EIS.
7 Once the draft becomes final, there will be
8 another opportunity through a series of public
9 hearings that will be held in September and
10 October of this year; again, largely in the
11 project area.

12 So the PUC then would be expected
13 to make a decision on whether to grant the
14 Certificate of Need sometime in the spring of
15 2018. So just a little under a year from now.

16 So this is the State's meeting.
17 This is our opportunity to receive feedback
18 from all of you. This isn't the applicant's
19 meeting.

20 All comments that we get on the
21 draft EIS are going to be considered equally,
22 and it doesn't matter how you make those
23 comments, whether you offer them verbally here
24 today, in writing after the meeting, or there
25 is a comment box where you could submit them in

1 writing today.

2 All of the comments that we
3 receive will be compiled and shared with the
4 public, so you will know what all of your
5 fellow Minnesotans have said about the project.

6 And then we will compile those,
7 and where necessary, make changes to the draft
8 before it becomes final.

9 Some of the things that we're
10 really seeking from people here today and
11 throughout the next couple of weeks is, A,
12 whether there's information that's missing from
13 the document, whether it's unclear, whether
14 things need to be clarified, and just in
15 general, what could be improved about the
16 document overall.

17 So what would be most helpful to
18 us would be to receive comments like that
19 really directed at the document itself.

20 As I said, this will then inform
21 the movement from a draft EIS to a final EIS,
22 which will ultimately then inform the PUC's
23 decision about whether to grant the permit, and
24 if so, where to route the project.

25 So with that, I will turn it back

1 to Pat for some ground rules, and then we'll
2 get started with public comments. Thank you.

3 FACILITATOR: So let me just kind
4 of lay out how we're going to handle the public
5 comment period. As Bill said, whether your
6 comment is given verbally now, you give it to
7 the court reporter, you put it in writing, you
8 send it in by July 10, all those count the
9 same.

10 However your comment is great, and
11 will all be kind of taken into account and
12 treated the same in terms of the State's review
13 of them as the State prepares the final.

14 We have a pretty small crowd,
15 so -- if we have a larger crowd, we have to
16 kind of be more diligent about the timekeeping,
17 but we have a smaller crowd, so I think we can
18 be a little more loose. We'll throw up a
19 little timer here in a little bit so you can
20 see how long you've been speaking for.

21 And given our small crowd size,
22 generally kind of seven, eight minutes is
23 probably a good time. At that point I'll stand
24 up and suggest you want to finish up. You can
25 always come back if we have time, which we

1 probably will, if you feel like your statements
2 weren't finished.

3 The way we do it is, one, we want
4 to make sure the folks speaking are heard. So
5 we do ask if someone speaks, everyone listen,
6 because we want to give them a chance to voice
7 and express their viewpoints to be listened to.

8 We have a court reporter who's
9 taking every word down, and that will go into
10 the public record. Those reports, the
11 transcripts, along with the written comments
12 received, will actually be available as part of
13 the process after July 10, just to let you
14 know.

15 So one, please don't interrupt
16 the participants. And we ask the folks to
17 honor time limits. Again, we can do more with
18 a little smaller crowd today.

19 Really important; people may have
20 a range of views here about what should or
21 shouldn't happen or whether you like or don't
22 like parts of the Draft EIS. What we do ask is
23 on behalf of all, for you to be respectful of
24 each other. And the meetings have been really
25 terrific in that way, but it's very difficult

1 if you aren't respectful of each other's
2 comments.

3 So we ask you to do that, and
4 please do direct comments to the issues, the
5 project, organizations, but not the
6 individuals, because we want everyone to feel
7 comfortable in the room, if we can.

8 The State agency's role is really
9 to listen during this part of the comment
10 process. State agency folks, raise your hand
11 so people can see people who represents various
12 agencies of the State of Minnesota. So they're
13 going to be listening.

14 And again, the official part is
15 we're going to have a transcript of your
16 comments really word-for-word during this
17 period.

18 If you have cell phones, put them
19 on do not disturb or vibrate or whatever so we
20 don't break up people's comments.

21 We'll end on time, because we
22 have another meeting to get to tonight, but I
23 don't think that will be too much of a
24 challenge.

25 A few other things, if you want a

1 copy of the EIS, you do not have to carry a
2 large paperwork document of many volumes.
3 There's actually CDs and flash drives that you
4 can get from the folks at the registration desk
5 if you want to, and then make sure everybody
6 did register if they didn't.

7 What I did is we asked people to
8 put their names in the speaker comment box.
9 I've got six folks who signed up to talk.
10 We'll go to those folks first, and after we get
11 through those, if there are other people who
12 want to comment, I'll just look for a show of
13 hands, and then we'll kind of call on people
14 one-on-one.

15 Let's get started.

16 Allen Richardson, you're first
17 up. Also, just for the record, again, state
18 your name and spelling for the court reporter.

19 MR. ALLEN RICHARDSON: Good
20 morning. My name is Allen Richardson,
21 A-L-L-E-N, R-I-C-H-A-R-D-S-O-N. I'm with an
22 organization called Minnesotans for Pipeline
23 Cleanup.

24 Let's see, our primary focus is
25 the question of what will be the fate of the

1 old Line 3 if Enbridge basically gets the new
2 route, or let's proceed from the assumption
3 that whatever happens with the new Line 3, that
4 it is not going to be in its current location.

5 So the Draft Environmental Impact
6 Statement says generally that most of the
7 existing pipelines are 10 to 15 feet apart.
8 They're basically making the case that they --
9 they are not inclined to remove the old
10 abandoned pipeline.

11 Mr. John Munter of Warba took it
12 upon himself to actually measure the distances
13 in the area of Warba and around Grand Rapids
14 and found that there is, in fact, ample room,
15 particularly the space between Lines 3 and 4 is
16 well beyond 10 or 15 feet.

17 Let's assume that it's
18 technologically possible on a given piece of
19 land if the soil conditions are appropriate.
20 It's a straightforward question. I really want
21 to give it to the folks in the room as compared
22 to the State or the applicant.

23 If a given property owner
24 wants -- a property owner who has graciously
25 hosted Enbridge's Line 3 on their property for

1 decades, if now in the face of decommissioning
2 and abandonment, if a specific property owner
3 wants that old pipeline removed from their
4 property, who is liable for it? Is it Enbridge
5 or is it the landowner?

6 So I would ask you to think about
7 that. You know, it's one or the other.

8 And beyond that, there's a lot of
9 talk about jobs across the board. Personally,
10 I've worked with labor unions in the past doing
11 political work, advocating for job creation,
12 and I do not enjoy being on the opposite side
13 of an industrial project against my labor
14 brothers and sisters.

15 But I wish you would take me at
16 face value when I say that myself and many
17 other people really would like qualified union
18 professionals to get that work.

19 We agree with you, you all are
20 the demographic that has the qualifications to
21 pull that abandoned pipeline out. What I'm
22 saying is that Enbridge has every intention of
23 leaving it there.

24 So the general public should
25 support landowners -- should support landowner

1 choice, and people who stand to benefit from
2 getting the jobs that would result from
3 removing abandoned pipeline, you're not going
4 to get those jobs unless you publicly align
5 yourself with landowners who want to get rid of
6 that old pipeline.

7 There's a whole bunch of jobs to
8 be had. Let's keep in mind we're establishing
9 a precedent here for pipeline abandonment. If
10 they get away with abandoning this one, they're
11 likely to go on to abandon the rest of them.

12 Well, if we establish a precedent
13 for creating jobs to remove abandoned pipeline
14 where the soil conditions are appropriate, we'd
15 also be establishing a precedent to do the same
16 with future pipelines.

17 So there's jobs to be had.
18 There's a mountain of jobs in that equation,
19 but people get surprisingly cagey when you
20 bring this up to them, even in the context like
21 this.

22 It's really pretty
23 straightforward. There's a lot of common
24 ground on this particular question that -- you
25 know, there's less common ground on some of

1 these other areas.

2 So with that in mind, I would
3 like to see the Final Environmental Impact
4 Statement have much more specific data about
5 the distance between these pipelines, about how
6 many jobs would potentially be created removing
7 abandoned pipeline, and that's it.

8 Thank you very much for your
9 time.

10 FACILITATOR: Next up we have
11 Sheila Lamb.

12 MS. SHEILA LAMB: Hello. Good
13 morning, everyone. My name is Sheila,
14 S-H-E-I-L-A, Lamb, L-A-M-B.

15 I come with a very unique
16 perspective, not just as a mother and
17 grandmother. My husband was a pipeliner. My
18 husband has serious health issues. My husband
19 is a union worker. He's at work right now, so
20 I'm speaking on behalf of both of us.

21 And what happens to these
22 pipeline workers is horrific. The health
23 impact on them, what happens to them from a;
24 psychological basis.

25 My husband left for two reasons.

1 After watching his third friend killed working
2 on a pipeline and picking his foot up in his
3 boots still, he carries those scars.

4 The answer to these pipeline
5 companies is we'll just go to a bar and get
6 another one. They don't care about us. They
7 care about their money. They want to sit and
8 do another pipeline when Minnesota ends up
9 utilizing less of this oil than any other state
10 or nation, but yet they want to contaminate our
11 area. Why?

12 Why are we going to hurt our
13 pristine lakes? We are sitting here with Lake
14 Superior, which is 10 percent of the fresh
15 surface water on the face of the earth, and
16 they want to abandon one and do another one.

17 What about our fishing, our wild
18 rice lakes? What about our maple trees? They
19 will be gone, because we are facing a crisis
20 with global warming. It's very real. We have
21 the scientific data. What we are as Minnesota
22 will be gone.

23 They tell us there's going to be
24 so many jobs. The lasting jobs are not going
25 to be there. These pipeliners come in and they

1 go back to Oklahoma and the rest of their
2 states with their money while we lose our
3 tourism, our farming, our wild rice, our maple
4 sugar, and everything else for somebody else to
5 line their pockets.

6 And as a homeowner and as a
7 taxpayer, I cannot afford, with minor children
8 still at home and two college tuitions to still
9 pay for, to have to be the one as a taxpayer
10 that is going to take care of the burden of
11 their cleanups.

12 Enbridge has spilled here in
13 Minnesota alone, if I can find my papers real
14 quick -- I guess they got moved -- I believe
15 it's 7 million gallons here in Minnesota.

16 You want to know another big slap
17 in the face? They're going into our elementary
18 schools, fifth graders were the latest ones,
19 telling them there's two to three pipeline
20 spills a year. They're giving color changing
21 cups. They're telling them how safe it is.

22 They're indoctrinating their
23 philosophies in something that should be taught
24 in our homes about our environments, because
25 Minnesota has so much to be proud of right

1 here.

2 We live in one of the absolute
3 most gorgeous states there is. Our waters -- I
4 love to do photography. I'm always taking
5 pictures of the water, the beauty it contains
6 alone. We are the ones that are going to
7 suffer.

8 Our union workers are going to
9 suffer. I agree with Mr. Richardson, let our
10 union workers get the money to pull it out,
11 clean it up.

12 If you insist on doing it, if you
13 will not hear our voices fully and stop this
14 pipeline, then make it get pulled up, make them
15 take up the old one and put it in the same
16 place. And too bad that there's a strong
17 economic impact for them, because our children
18 and our grandchildren and our health is more
19 important.

20 Our livelihoods, our homes, with
21 all the eminent domain and everything else,
22 should take a priority.

23 We are also in an area where we
24 deal with trafficking. It's horrible in
25 Duluth, where our children, ages 13 and up, our

1 daughters, our granddaughters are trafficked.
2 These man camps are very real. Like I said, my
3 husband worked pipelines.

4 What they dump -- do you want to
5 know what they do with their equipment? They
6 want to change their oil, it keeps running,
7 they let it run on the ground, they start
8 pouring it until it starts to run clean, and
9 they screw it back up.

10 They don't care about us at all.

11 They're already coming after
12 Minnesota for millions of dollars in back tax
13 money that they say they're owed. Guess whose
14 shoulders that falls on? Ours -- yours, mine.
15 What do we do with our homes? How many of our
16 homes are going to go into foreclosure because
17 we can't pay this?

18 How many times are we going to
19 have to look at our children with increased
20 cancer rates and so forth, especially among
21 natives? Are any of you willing to risk
22 that -- your son, your daughters, your
23 grandson, your granddaughter, your husband,
24 your wife? I'm not.

25 One in four children in the next

1 15 years are not going to have access to clean
2 water. Is it going to be our children, or are
3 we going to stand up and leave a legacy here in
4 Minnesota where we set the example and the
5 lead.

6 You want jobs. Give our union
7 workers top priority for training. Get them in
8 the fastest growing industry, the longest
9 lasting industry there is, in renewable energy.

10 One of the things in the Rice
11 Lake hearing that was thrown out, oh, if we
12 bring in hemp to stop all these plastics, the
13 farmers won't grow food. Give me a break. The
14 government pays them not to grow at times.

15 That opens up more jobs for
16 people that want to farm.

17 There's no drug involved in it.
18 It's safe. It's renewable. It's recyclable,
19 it's biodegradable. We have alternatives.

20 And if you look back to when the
21 pipeline started, Rockefeller, Edison and
22 Tesla. Look at your history. Rockefeller
23 invested in kerosene. He fought Tesla and
24 tried to destroy Tesla with electricity in
25 order to run his kerosene and his first

1 pipelines. It went to the money, to the
2 1 percent. Not to us.

3 And I'm normally a pretty
4 conservative person, but I don't waiver on this
5 on any level. I've seen too much. I've felt
6 too much, and I love my state and my people too
7 much not to speak out. And I ask that you do
8 the same, and you go home and you look at those
9 little ones in your family and ask yourself, is
10 it worth any risk to our children on any level?

11 Because we're all getting older.
12 What are we leaving for them? And who's going
13 to be next that loses their home?

14 Let's face it, the bonds that
15 they have for these pipeline spills -- and
16 Enbridge is way ahead of the national average
17 for these spills -- the bonds do not cover the
18 cost to clean up. It's going to come to us.
19 It's going to hurt us on every single level,
20 from tourism on. It's a domino effect.

21 I am definitely adamant that Line
22 3, over 900 anomalies that they know of, it
23 needs to be removed. There are contaminants.
24 We have seen increased carcinogens and
25 everything else. If they know there's 900,

1 what is it that we're not seeing?

2 Why do we want to leave in our
3 pristine land here to contaminate? Why would
4 we do that? There's no -- I can't even fathom
5 why someone would risk our waters here. The
6 crude oil in the pipelines, by the way,
7 45 percent is over 50 years old. Think about
8 that, too. Nothing man-made is made to last.
9 Everything man-made is going to fail.

10 They can tell us they're safe all
11 day long, but you tell me, if your car
12 continues to constantly run, your washing
13 machine, your dishwasher, your hot water
14 heater, they're going to fail.

15 Thank you.

16 FACILITATOR: David Barnett.
17 Name and spelling.

18 MR. DAVID BARNETT: Good morning.
19 My name is David Barnett, B-A-R-N-E-T-T. I'm
20 the national representative for the welders,
21 plumbers, and pipefitters and the helpers that
22 will be constructing this project, if it
23 receives the needed permits.

24 I'm here on behalf of our members
25 in Minnesota and throughout the United States

1 who work daily to bring energy to our nation,
2 something each and every one of us uses every
3 day.

4 I do disagree with the EIS
5 conclusion that the labor benefits would be
6 temporary or minor.

7 The jobs are neither negligible
8 nor minor and happen to be very important to
9 the union workers who will construct this
10 project.

11 I have -- I'm a 41-year member of
12 my union. I've built pipelines all my life.
13 Started in 1976, on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline.
14 Thirty years in the field. I guess I'm one of
15 the fortunate ones, because I'm still fairly
16 healthy. And to me, I've had 55 projects that
17 I've worked on in the field throughout my
18 career.

19 Now, every one of them may have
20 been looked at as temporary, but it made a
21 livelihood for me and my family over that
22 30-year period, and continues today.

23 I don't have as many jobs today,
24 because I represent, as I said, the workers.

25 Something else that bothers me is

1 these made-up and fictitious notions that
2 pipeline workers in these areas increase sex
3 trafficking and abuses, and that's ludicrous.
4 It's made up of issues that are absolutely
5 false.

6 When the 2009 Keystone project
7 spread work in Norfolk, Nebraska, the town gave
8 them a city-wide appreciation event for what
9 they brought to that community, and I can show
10 you more towns just like them. I think that
11 speaks volumes to what our members do when they
12 construct the pipelines.

13 Our workers are drug-tested,
14 subject to alcohol testing, must be on their
15 jobs every day, six to seven days per week, 10
16 to 12 hours each day. They are craftsmen and
17 women who take their jobs seriously.

18 Also, the EIS should acknowledge
19 the environmental benefits of replacing aging
20 infrastructure with new pipelines built using
21 modern materials, designs in construction
22 techniques. I believe replacing aging
23 infrastructure like pipelines is imperative to
24 protecting the environment.

25 This is a thorough and

1 well-prepared EIS concerning the environmental
2 impacts, and acts in keeping with the EIS
3 timeline and on schedule.

4 SA-04 is not a reasonable
5 alternative and would increase costs,
6 construction impacts, GHG emissions, and does
7 not meet the needs of customers or refineries.

8 Pipelines are the safest way to
9 move crude oil and other liquids according to
10 PHMSA. We hold that record, and it's improving
11 every day with more new pipelines that we are
12 installing and removing the other ones.

13 Just like the vehicles we drive,
14 if you stepped out of your newer vehicle today
15 and got into a 1960s vehicle, you'd have a
16 noticeable difference. A lot of changes have
17 been made. It's the same with pipelines.

18 The original Line 3 was built in
19 the '60s. Technology just wasn't there. We
20 have different welding technologies today,
21 different hardnesses of steel, better coatings
22 and better processes.

23 Continuing to operate existing
24 Line 3 with all of the integrity issues that it
25 has is not the best decision.

1 The intelligent decision is to
2 move ahead with the approval of a Line 3
3 replacement.

4 As we all leave here today and we
5 get in our vehicles to travel to our next
6 destination, we may or may not have to stop at
7 the gas pump and fuel our vehicles. But
8 eventually, most of us will. And remember,
9 when you do that, because no one ever stops to
10 think that is made possible by pipelines
11 throughout the United States.

12 And I thank you for your time.
13 That's all I have.

14 FACILITATOR: Thank you, David.

15 John Munter is next. And also,
16 I'll get to these cards and other folks who
17 want to speak.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I was just
19 wondering if I could ask the gentleman a
20 question.

21 FACILITATOR: Generally, we'll
22 have each person comment, and then if you want
23 to comment, you can raise additional questions
24 as you like. We try to let them make their
25 comment and not --

1 John, over to you.

2 MR. JOHN MUNTER: I'm John Munter
3 from Warba, a retired guy, and I'm working with
4 Allen here on the pipeline cleanup. We've been
5 really concerned about the abandonment issue as
6 one huge major issue for us in the Line 3
7 corridor.

8 And we did some data here,
9 throughout -- the DEIS is plastered -- the
10 pipes are generally 10, 15 feet apart, you
11 know.

12 So we did some data here and
13 found that from Wawina to Grand Rapids we had
14 pipelines. On the average, on the average one
15 in three are about 18 feet apart, and on the
16 average, three in four are about 30.6 feet
17 apart.

18 So it makes the point that the
19 pipeline should be able to be pulled up by
20 Enbridge and we're advocating one size does not
21 fit all. There should be more choices here.

22 There may be some people with
23 pipelines that want to leave them there, that
24 they may be seven feet apart, and they're
25 worried about damaging the next pipe over if

1 they replace it or take it out. But we think
2 that it's ample opportunity for a lot of these
3 pipelines to be pulled out, and it should be
4 the opportunity for the tribe to make their own
5 choice or the city or the state or the county
6 or a landowner to make their own choice about
7 whether they want the pipeline out or not based
8 on maybe the best scientific data from the PCA
9 and DNR and whoever they want to consult with
10 that.

11 So this is one example of really
12 the huge holes in the DEIS that we found.
13 There's no spill data probably ever we're going
14 to get, because everybody thinks it's private
15 information; which will hurt our risk
16 assessments or damages.

17 There's the economic data. A
18 huge amount of it won't come until after the
19 public hearings, and so it will be difficult to
20 make our arguments that way.

21 But just looking at some of the
22 basic facts in there like this one -- and then
23 I found on this one -- typical right of way
24 configuration of Enbridge main line system, and
25 they have Line 13 next to Line 3. On the other

1 side is Line 4.

2 Well, Line 3 and 4 are together
3 here between Wawina and Grand Rapids, but 13 is
4 not. It's in the same corridor, but it's
5 actually Line 4.

6 So there's lots of these things
7 that need to be fixed, and Department of
8 Commerce has come up to me personally and said
9 they're really interested in working on some of
10 these issues and verifying my data that we
11 collected here. I really appreciate that, and
12 kudos to them to be proactive about looking
13 into some of the things that we found.

14 And I have a lot of things to
15 say, but I'm going to focus today really on the
16 issue of exposed pipe.

17 There's no discussion of how fast
18 an exposed piped will degrade in the DEIS.

19 Enbridge only has the worst
20 case -- now, in terms of finding this
21 information, the official DEIS chapter on
22 abandonment is Chapter 8. It's only about 13
23 pages or so.

24 If you want to read a lot more of
25 it, go to appendix B, that's like 86 pages, on

1 abandonment, so I congratulate Enbridge
2 actually for at least putting the pages
3 together for the abandonment issue, even though
4 I disagree with them on things.

5 So in terms of the exposed pipe,
6 the worst-case scenario of degraded
7 polyethylene tape and no cathodic protection on
8 presumably buried pipe where penetration of the
9 pipe may happen in 25, 50 years. That's kind
10 of the worst case, in 25 to 50 years, you'll
11 get a break through there.

12 This is a study from 2011. So
13 therefore, in 19 years from now, then, the
14 worst-case scenario is you could get exposure.

15 Enbridge, in appendix B, ignores
16 the question of exposure, citing a 2008 study
17 showing less than 1 percent of the pipe was
18 exposed in 2008.

19 That was like nine years ago, and
20 that's like one-fifth of the age of the entire
21 pipeline. And so we know that there's a lot
22 of -- go on Google Earth, they could do it or
23 we could do it, shows many exposed area of
24 pipes in Fond du Lac, or go to Grand Rapids,
25 Cass Lake, and further north.

1 So what's the up-to-date thing,
2 percentage now of exposed pipe, is really a
3 question we have.

4 In addition, while it's
5 acknowledged that pipes will rise in the ground
6 without the heavy oil in them, there is no
7 effort made to graft per year or estimate what
8 percentage of the pipes will become exposed.

9 Will they experience an initial
10 bump up in the soil when the pipe leaves and
11 then gradually continue rising forever? Is
12 there an expected date when most of the pipe
13 will be exposed that isn't under, say, a
14 depressed road or railway or with aggregate or
15 something on it? So that could be studied.

16 As the pipe becomes gradually
17 exposed and the polyethylene tape degrades,
18 wrinkles can form in allowing water seepage,
19 which tends to disbond the tape. This then can
20 render to no effect the electric current
21 cathodic protection that helps preserve the
22 pipe.

23 In 1996, Enbridge found 15
24 disbonded coatings of polyethylene tape on
25 pipe, though, that was presumably buried in

1 this period or before Enbridge experienced a
2 handful of leaks. Two of these were from
3 external wear from "external, general, and
4 pitting corrosion," and also, "narrow axial
5 external corrosion."

6 However, these were explained
7 away with the excuse that there were pipe
8 defects involved.

9 The level of pipe defects
10 possibly present to aggravate external
11 corrosion was never explained. Actually, Line
12 3, when it came from the factory, it had
13 defects, you know, and so that's why they
14 reduced the pressure from 760,000 barrels a day
15 to 390,000 barrels a day, fearing a giant break
16 in the pipe at some point.

17 So we know there are defects in
18 this, and it could well be asked, what's the
19 worst case expected penetration of a pipe or
20 exposure for exposed pipe versus half exposed
21 pipe versus the 25, 50-year possibility for a
22 buried pipe?

23 And these are very real issues to
24 landowners here, I think.

25 The issue of exposed pipe is a

1 big one since it not only affects degradation
2 rates. So the pipe -- the landowner issues.
3 Exposed pipe can hinder water flow like a
4 beaver dam, which might kill trees.

5 It could be a constant source of
6 maintenance if Enbridge has to keep arriving on
7 landowner's property to replace polyethylene
8 tape, which would also maintain cathodic
9 protection even -- if they cared to, and we'll
10 have to see about that. It may be an eyesore.
11 It may hinder property resale. An exposed pipe
12 will hinder lake traffic across it.

13 I can quit there for now.

14 Thanks.

15 FACILITATOR: Thank you, very
16 much. Thank you, John.

17 Next we have Beth Bartlett.

18 MS. BETH BARTLETT: Beth
19 Bartlett, B-E-T-H, B-A-R-T-L-E-T-T.

20 I'm going to go from written
21 remarks just from my own sense of covering what
22 I wanted to.

23 So good morning. My name is Beth
24 Bartlett, and I come from a land of polluted
25 waters in Ohio, but I've been in Minnesota most

1 of my life, so I know what polluted waters do
2 when my nearby river caught on fire.

3 I'm a recently retired professor
4 of political theory and ethics and public law
5 at UMD, so I wanted to focus my remarks on the
6 legal and ethical issues raised in Chapters 9
7 and 11 of the EIS about environmental justice
8 and tribal resources.

9 As noted, the proposed Line 3
10 pipeline would cause receded territory where
11 the Anishinaabe retained rights in hunting,
12 fishing, and gathering sensitive wild rice
13 lakes. And many other bodies of water would be
14 crossed, putting at risk the traditional
15 cultural property of the Anishinaabe, as well
16 as one of the main sources of food and income.

17 As noted, among other things,
18 just the construction of the pipeline could
19 introduce invasive species, increase turbidity
20 and sedimentation that would forever change the
21 ecology of the lakes. Not to mention the
22 devastation caused by a potential leak.

23 As Enbridge themselves admit, the
24 current Line 3 has over 900 structural
25 anomalies caused by such natural occurrences as

1 frost heave.

2 I've been to many of these
3 meetings over the past few years. I am a union
4 member, have been for nearly 40 years, and I
5 have great sympathy for the pipeline workers
6 who see this pipeline as providing needed jobs.
7 But the creation of these temporary jobs would
8 also permanently endanger the economic
9 livelihood of those who live on this land.

10 It seems to me that we can do
11 better. We don't have to pit worker versus
12 worker, economy versus economy, environment
13 versus the environment.

14 There are plenty of pipeline jobs
15 that can be had by the safe removal of Line 3
16 for needed water, sewer, infrastructure, and
17 has recently been done by forward thinking
18 corporations around the world. The corporation
19 could retool and retrain its workers for jobs
20 in renewable energy.

21 The EIS notes several economic
22 detrimental impacts to the Anishinaabe living
23 on the pipeline route, but I also want to
24 stress the very serious issue and very well
25 documented issue of the increase in sexual

1 assault and sex trafficking that has routinely
2 occurred with the influx of temporary cash-rich
3 workers.

4 Anishinaabe women and girls
5 already suffer the highest rates of sexual
6 assault and sex trafficking of any group in the
7 United States, and this would increase that
8 potential for harm, which is life long, and is
9 passed on to subsequent generations.

10 Imagine your own daughters being
11 sexually assaulted, being trafficked.

12 Finally, while the EIS claims its
13 effects would be on the lakes and the land
14 would be minor and temporary, it also goes on,
15 and I quote, "Water bodies at risk from the
16 proposed pipeline include any water directly
17 downstream from a pipeline crossing.

18 "Pollution of these waters from a
19 petroleum spill would create a significant
20 hardship to traditional lifeways and spiritual
21 needs of the people. The risk of harm to the
22 people who depend on these waters for
23 sustenance of physical and spiritual needs is
24 greatly magnified by the presence of
25 traditional food sources such as wild rice and

1 walleye pike. American Indian communities and
2 individuals have unique health issues
3 associated with historical trauma and
4 structural racism."

5 I appreciate that these issues
6 are raised by the EIS, and we must give these
7 issues their due attention and respect.

8 Certainly, the proposed pipeline
9 violates ceded territory rights outlined in the
10 treaty of 1854, and as citizens of Minnesota,
11 it is all of our duties to ensure that those
12 treaty rights are upheld.

13 I firmly believe that those of us
14 who are settlers, such as myself, living here
15 by the generosity and goodwill of the
16 Anishinaabe through that same treaty, also have
17 an ethical responsibility to do everything in
18 our power to do no further harm to Anishinaabe
19 land, people, and religious and spiritual
20 practices.

21 And whenever possible, to do what
22 we can to support the restoration of these,
23 which compels the rejection of the construction
24 being proposed, Line 3 pipeline. Thank you.

25 FACILITATOR: Thank you, Beth.

1 Jeanne Fahlstrom is next.

2 Name and spelling for the record.

3 MS. JEANNE FAHLSTROM: Hi. It's
4 Jeanne, J-E-A-N-N-E, F-A-H-L-S-T-R-O-M,
5 F-A-H-L-S-T-R-O-M.

6 I have a cabin along the northern
7 alternative route of the pipeline, and it has
8 been causing me a lot of stress, and I would
9 just like to say that I think of my parents who
10 have passed, and they bought the land, they
11 built the cabin for their children and
12 grandchildren.

13 And now I'm a grandmother, and
14 I'd like it to be -- to have the water and the
15 forest clean. And hopefully, they will be able
16 to have grandchildren some day and come there.

17 I think a lot of people in
18 Minnesota can understand keeping the water
19 clean, and keeping our forests and the animals,
20 the people safe.

21 I think of Enbridge company as a
22 guest here in Minnesota. We invite them. We
23 keep inviting them back. This time, they want
24 to cut down, as far as I can tell from the
25 EIS -- it's a little unclear -- 750 feet swath

1 all along the pipeline corridor.

2 The part that's unclear, it's in
3 Chapter 2, page 1, the difference between the
4 construction right of way, the construction
5 work space, additional temporary work space,
6 and construction work area.

7 It's real unclear which is which,
8 and are they going to just cut down and
9 deforest or come across everyone's land for the
10 whole 750 feet? And I think it would be great
11 if that were clarified and specified in the
12 EIS.

13 Also, we invite them -- they have
14 their pipeline coming through Line 3, and in
15 Chapter 2.2, Enbridge says that there's a high
16 amount of corrosion and long seam cracking.
17 This is the same thing that caused the spill in
18 Kalamazoo.

19 And so we are allowing our guest
20 to run this pipeline, and they're running
21 dirty -- well, right now it's not, but they're
22 running the tar sands pipeline through. Their
23 new pipeline wants to be dirty tar sands that
24 can't be cleaned up like in Kalamazoo.

25 I think that as guests they

1 should shut down Line 3 and fix it so that we
2 don't have a huge spill here.

3 Let's see, also as guests, they
4 should clean up their mess. The Line 3, as
5 they say, is corroded and cracking and has over
6 900 anomalies, so it is likely leaking, yes,
7 and Enbridge says in the Draft EIS that they
8 have tested a 12-foot section in Canada.

9 I believe that it would be
10 appropriate to have a test -- any company knows
11 this -- where the pipeline is, where they plan
12 on cleaning it and abandoning it here in
13 Minnesota, preferably larger than a 12-foot
14 section, preferably a section that has the
15 cracks and corrosion so we can see if their
16 cleaning process leaks into the soil, and they
17 can test that.

18 It's also a bit unclear, the
19 cathodic protection. They say there's going to
20 be a lining. I'm not sure if they're adding a
21 lining, which sometimes happens, and what that
22 lining will be, or if they're counting on the
23 old lining that's already on the pipeline that
24 is cracked already.

25 So if -- it would be good for

1 that to be specified so we know if that would
2 even work and have it tested here in Minnesota.

3 So the other things, they've
4 already talked about buoyancy control. The
5 thing I worry about is there's so many areas
6 already. There's no specification of when they
7 will clean up or take out the mitigation for
8 the buoyancy when the pipeline rises. There
9 already is buoyancy here in Minnesota, and
10 Enbridge knows that and they have not fixed
11 that.

12 So there needs to be a time limit
13 set. Maybe they can tell us how soon they will
14 clean up and take out those sections or fix
15 them.

16 Otherwise, the EIS, what I've
17 noticed, there's a total lacking -- of course I
18 couldn't read it all because it's really long,
19 but of the mention of the positive impact of
20 removing Line 3 instead of abandoning it. I
21 would like to see in it the amount of jobs and
22 money it will generate and have that evaluated.

23 And other than that, I would like
24 to just say that for the public utility
25 commissioners and the people working on this,

1 Department of Commerce, you have this job to
2 regulate things, and it's a short time that you
3 are hired to do these things.

4 When people, including our
5 legislators, are trying to take away your
6 power -- you have the power to regulate. You
7 need to step up and regulate. We need to step
8 up and stand up, listen to the indigenous
9 people, and for once, do what they say. Honor
10 them.

11 Could -- including these people
12 who will regulate in the pipe workers, who I
13 totally understand, you want jobs. This
14 pipeline is not a for-sure thing. If Enbridge
15 is telling you it is and you're going to get
16 jobs, it's not a for-sure thing. Keep that in
17 your mind.

18 One thing that would be for sure
19 is to take out the old pipeline and insist that
20 you get the jobs.

21 Could any of you live with it if
22 the source of the Mississippi River gets
23 polluted? This is dirty tar sands oil that
24 can't be cleaned. It would catastrophic to
25 Minnesota.

1 That's all. Thank you.

2 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

3 Laura, you're up next. We'll
4 bring you the mic, and state your name and
5 spelling.

6 Generally, also, if we have
7 comments that go to institutions, agencies,
8 issues, certainly raise questions as well as
9 comments, but other folks may choose not to
10 respond.

11 MS. LAURA EUSTICE: Thank you.
12 Good morning, everyone. My name is Laura,
13 L-A-U-R-A, E-U-S-T-I-C-E. I grew up in
14 Hibbing. Currently, right now, I'm looking at
15 different properties around the area to start a
16 farm business. Some friends of mine and I are
17 starting a business in the Cromwell area that
18 will also rely on local farm suppliers, and we
19 are all very, very worried about what this will
20 do to our lands and waters.

21 It could stop us from doing
22 business. It could stop our partners from
23 doing business, making a living, sending their
24 kids to school, so besides the labor issue
25 here, which I completely agree with

1 Mr. Richardson and the Minnesotans for Pipeline
2 Cleanup, there's a huge impact on our local
3 economy and not a good one, as far as our
4 woods, our waters, our tourism, our farms,
5 despite the fact that seasonal jobs put a huge
6 strain on our economy.

7 There is also the issue of
8 trafficking, which the gentleman representing
9 the welders told you does not happen, but it
10 does. I'm a masters level social worker. I've
11 seen this with my own eyes. Not only here in
12 Minnesota, but I have colleagues in North
13 Dakota that have well documented this.

14 It's a huge issue in our
15 profession, and so if it didn't exist, I don't
16 know why we would talk about it all the time as
17 social workers.

18 The only other thing I wanted to
19 say is that I also have experience in
20 archaeology. I worked with the Duluth
21 Archaeology Center and the Superior National
22 Forest for quite a while, and the cultural
23 resource management impact statements in this
24 EIS are laughable.

25 If I had done that as a student,

1 I would have gotten an "F" on that report.

2 So it's just -- to me, with my
3 own personal knowledge, with my knowledge of
4 the area, with the personal impacts this will
5 have on me, or all of us really in the area,
6 this is really just a corporation coming in
7 with a bad deal, thinking that we are too
8 ignorant to recognize that, and thinking we are
9 too poor to do something about it. And that is
10 all.

11 FACILITATOR: That's all the
12 cards I have, so are there other -- other
13 individuals who want to make a comment, raise
14 your hand so I know, and we'll --

15 MS. HOLONA ROMERO: My name is
16 Holona, it's H-O-L-O-N-A, Romero, R-O-M-E-R-O.

17 I didn't come here to say
18 anything. I pretty much just drove 12 hours to
19 come and sit with you guys. Me and my children
20 are not from this area. We have never been to
21 Minnesota, let alone this far up.

22 So thank you guys for the ones
23 that did invite us here.

24 I have never seen any of you
25 guys's lakes, and we are getting an opportunity

1 to see them, and it's a shame to see that
2 they're going to be laced with oil.

3 Have any of you guys seen oil on
4 top of water? Have any of you guys been part
5 of the cleanup crew to clean it back?

6 I am not that old, but I've
7 actually literally had to get in hands deep and
8 help the wildlife. You know, it's ugly. I
9 mean, I literally went through a test with this
10 scientist friend ours from NASA. He came into
11 a thing for my boys at school, and he tried to
12 get us to breathe through an oil mask, and we
13 couldn't do it.

14 So can you imagine the fish that
15 you guys all rely on, apparently, from what I'm
16 hearing from everybody, the fish, the rice, all
17 this and that. But the living creatures, how
18 can you breathe through that? You suffocate.
19 It's like they put a bag on our face, and I
20 couldn't breathe through it. It was ugly.

21 I also wanted to ask you, what
22 was your name again -- David? I don't know
23 this woman. I don't know any of these people,
24 but I do know firsthand about man camps. I
25 literally had to go get someone in North

1 Dakota.

2 We have a decorated police
3 officer from my reservation that went and was
4 working at the one in North Dakota. She's a
5 well-decorated officer, and she came back and
6 she told our people, because then there's a
7 pipeline that's trying to come through our
8 land.

9 And my biggest thing, too, is why
10 are all the pipelines like these ones coming
11 through the reservations, you know, or even on
12 the lining of it?

13 I'm not trying to be
14 disrespectful to anybody here that's for it,
15 but let that stuff come through your yard. Let
16 that come through your backyard. I want to see
17 how you feel. This really bites.

18 You know, we're trying to protect
19 the land for everybody, protect the water for
20 everybody, not just for native children, not
21 just for animals and everything, for everybody.

22 I have all different races of
23 family members that we adopted into our family
24 or have been married into, and it's a shame
25 that people want to break it right away. Well,

1 it's just natives that are having this issue.

2 It isn't. It's an issue for everybody.

3 I myself am trying to protect all
4 the unborn. Everybody here in this building
5 right now is responsible for what is happening
6 to (indiscernible), Mother Earth, we are all
7 responsible. We did this to her. I am no
8 exception.

9 I take responsibility for my
10 vehicle and the pollution that I do and
11 everything, but we need to say, "Enough." When
12 is it time to say enough?

13 It's going in our backyard. I'm
14 not Ojibwe or anything, but it's going through
15 our backyard.

16 The governor, everybody, they
17 want this pipeline, then have it go through
18 their damn backyard. Have it in their swimming
19 pool.

20 I'm very, very thankful to drink
21 water from my tap. I worry about my
22 grandchildren and so forth, that they're going
23 to see -- I went to Flint, Michigan, and I got
24 to sit with people, and I turned on their
25 sinks, and I was like, "Do you have to let it

1 run for a while?" And they said, "No, that's
2 every day," you know, and it's sad that we
3 ourselves are destroying it.

4 I feel bad for the farmers here.
5 You know, you guys, that's your life. You
6 know, whoever the farmers are, you know, that's
7 your guys's life. And I'm thankful for food.
8 I like food, you know, and stuff, but I feel
9 bad.

10 And then I'm sorry, sir, I don't
11 know your position. You're probably like one
12 of the boss guys that run the crews and
13 everything. My brother, one of my brothers is
14 a pipelayer, so we have conflict. And he tells
15 me stuff.

16 He says -- I don't get in the
17 middle of that -- yes, they do do drug tests, I
18 do know that, but they're random drug tests,
19 and the majority of time they are notified that
20 they're going to have a test.

21 A lot of the times they do get
22 the drugs, it's not for their ingestion, it's
23 for their person that they bring and everything
24 like that. I'm not trying to say nothing
25 against you or be disrespectful to you or

1 anything, but that does happen.

2 I want to say thank you for the
3 guys that did invite us to Minnesota, thank
4 you, and I hope I can come back again and enjoy
5 you guys's beautiful land up here. It's really
6 beautiful. Thank you.

7 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

8 So anybody else who hasn't spoken
9 who wants to make a comment, and then I'll go
10 back around to the folks who may want to make a
11 second comment.

12 Name and spelling for the record.

13 NICOLETTE SLAGLE: Hi. Nicolette
14 Slagle, N-I-C-O-L-E-T-T-E, S-L-A-G-L-E. I'm
15 with Honor the Earth, I'm their research
16 director.

17 And, David, right? I'm sorry,
18 I'm terrible with names.

19 FACILITATOR:: Make remarks on
20 the projects, but to single out individuals
21 makes them uncomfortable. I want to make sure
22 everyone's comfortable.

23 NICOLETTE SLAGLE: I don't want
24 to come at anybody or anything like that. I
25 just do want to say these issues that we bring

1 up, we have plenty of research and
2 documentation of the numbers for them.

3 I have a list here of, let's see,
4 2014, the ILO, which is the International Labor
5 Organization, did a study that showed that
6 trafficking is exponentially higher near points
7 of extraction and worker camps.

8 From the Dickinson paper,
9 assaults in Dickinson were up 300 percent, and
10 in North Dakota alone, 17 percent from 2011 to
11 2012.

12 Between March and May of 2014, 11
13 men were charged with offering up children for
14 sex. Two were prosecuted for prostituting
15 immigrants in Minot, and two others were
16 attempted sex trafficking in Dickinson.

17 In August 2014, the Department of
18 Justice Office of Violence Against Women funded
19 \$3 million in grants to address the issues in
20 the Bakken area.

21 The 2009 report by the Minnesota
22 Indian Women's Resource Center showed that the
23 Twin Ports have been part of a trafficking ring
24 from Thunder Bay to the Bakkens.

25 Most of these numbers

1 disproportionately are native women, which may
2 be why it's not reported so much.

3 Now, aside from that -- and
4 again, like I said, I don't mean to come at
5 anybody, but you know, anything that we say
6 here, we have documentation and we have backup
7 for. I'm not pulling numbers out of nowhere.
8 I have reasons for why I choose all of these
9 numbers for coming up with trying to understand
10 the full environmental cost of the oil
11 industry.

12 And I know that we've said --
13 you've said time and time again that this isn't
14 the time to ask questions of the DOC, of the
15 DNR, of the MPCA. And before, when we were
16 doing those meetings, before or after the
17 application and Enbridge was there, and you
18 know, we were having a little bit of conflict
19 with them, and again, like that was not the
20 time to ask those questions of them.

21 Time and time again it's not the
22 time to ask these questions. It's not the time
23 to have a dialogue. We have to learn how to
24 talk together to people with each other without
25 like feeling like it's combative and we're

1 coming at each other, because we're not.

2 When is that time that we can all
3 get together and talk about these issues?

4 That's all. Thanks.

5 FACILITATOR: Anybody else who
6 hasn't made a comment? I think there are two
7 folks who haven't spoken. If you want to state
8 your name and then also a spelling.

9 MR. JIM WOHRLE: My name is Jim
10 Woehrle, W-O-E-H-R-L-E.

11 I live in Wawina, about -- just
12 down the line from Floodwood, lived there with
13 our family for about 40 years.

14 And the pipeline has been part of
15 our community. It goes through the entire
16 length of -- the width of Wawina.

17 And one of the things, this
18 spring is about as wet as you've ever seen in
19 Wawina. High water, high groundwater, and I've
20 often wondered what would ever happen if there
21 was a leak in the swamps of Wawina. How would
22 you ever, right now, get in there and stop it?
23 It would be a total mess. I can't imagine what
24 that would look like.

25 Now, the removal part, to abandon

1 that pipeline in the swamps in our community,
2 what would be the end result of that?

3 If there was ever a break in that
4 pipe, if it rusted through, it would be
5 monitored forever. I mean, all of these
6 things.

7 What happens -- what happens when
8 that pipe turns into a culvert, and how fast --
9 how much water could you move in one hour? How
10 much water could move in 24 hours? It would be
11 absolutely stunning to see what could happen,
12 what could drain, what could move, and where
13 would it move to?

14 And what would be in that water,
15 would it empty?

16 The idea of the MPCA monitoring
17 and keeping track of abandoned pipelines
18 forever is beyond the imagination. It's not
19 going to happen.

20 Anything could be mitigated on
21 paper, anything. They can get through,
22 "Environmental review. Will be monitored
23 forever. Don't worry, we're on top of it."
24 Once it's built, who's going to watch it until
25 something bad happens?

1 I've seen it time and time again.
2 This is a paper process that doesn't have a lot
3 of reality built into it after the fact.
4 That's the problem.

5 Who's going to regulate this down
6 the road? You know, 50 years is a long time.
7 What's it going to look like? And the idea of,
8 in our community, putting a new pipeline in
9 along the old, along Highway 2, the old route;
10 well, you know, it's been there forever, and a
11 new one could be there forever, too.

12 I mean, another 50 years, not
13 forever, but the idea of putting in a tar sands
14 pipeline through the same area in our
15 community -- I'll mention our community, but
16 this is not unlike any other community down the
17 line or up the line; the headwaters in the
18 Mississippi Anishinaabe lands that -- in the
19 ceded territory.

20 I mean, its impacts with tar
21 sands oil, that has been said before, is very,
22 very difficult to clean up, if it can be.

23 So I guess my final thought would
24 be just realize that this is a paper
25 mitigation. It's, a lot of times, to get

1 through the political process right now what's
2 in front of you, and after the fact is what
3 we'll all have to deal with. Thank you.

4 FACILITATOR: And the gentleman
5 here in the blue shirt is next. Name and
6 spelling for the record.

7 MR. DAVID ZARICH: Hi, my name is
8 David Zarich, Z-A-R-I-C-H, and I live ten miles
9 east of Hibbing in Cherry Township. And I've
10 never heard so many complaints about a
11 pipeline. I think about the safety and how
12 many trucks that are hauling on the highway and
13 tipping over and dumping their load of oil or
14 gas or whatever it may be.

15 And how about your rail cars that
16 are derailing and tripping and spilling their
17 oil all over the ground? We don't think of
18 things like that.

19 Then we talk about hazards. Work
20 in the mining companies like I did for 35
21 years. You got asbestos. I was just lucky
22 that I never had a problem with it. And the
23 same thing with your hearing. If you don't
24 wear ear plugs, you're going to lose your
25 hearing sooner or later.

1 So this is what I looked at when
2 I came here, and I'm looking at the safety of
3 it. And you have to look at all the complaints
4 and all the things that happen and compare them
5 to other transportation.

6 So that's what I have to say
7 about it. And we have to take a gamble in life
8 no matter what we do. I took a gamble working
9 in the mines. Your husband took a gamble
10 working on the pipelines. Probably he got --
11 probably he's maybe one out of so many that got
12 sick. This is chances that we take.

13 That's all I got to say.

14 FACILITATOR: Thank you, sir.
15 Anybody else who hasn't spoken yet who wants to
16 make a comment before I go back to two folks
17 who want to add to their comments. I think you
18 were up next. Name and spelling.

19 MS. SHEILA LAMB: It won't be
20 eight minutes this time. I do have somebody
21 looking up real quick.

22 Actually, rail is safer, and
23 there are the facts and, you know, the numbers
24 are out there showing there's a reduction in
25 what oil goes into the environment by rail

1 versus the pipelines, and hopefully, he'll have
2 that up in a minute.

3 I have to look in the eyes of
4 children 13 to 18 years old every week that are
5 trafficked youth. I have personal friends that
6 have suffered at the hands of these men.

7 I extend an offer to anyone. I'm
8 sure this young lady that's a social worker and
9 Honor the Earth will do the same. If you want
10 to know, the police records, the statistics,
11 the research, the numbers, this is real. And
12 with 13 and 14-year-old daughters at home
13 you're doggone right I'm going to worry,
14 especially when I have to look at these
15 children every single week that have suffered
16 because of this.

17 It's not rhetoric, it's life, and
18 we don't want to think out of our boxes because
19 it's very painful and it's very frightening.

20 We can be the generation that
21 moves towards positive change. We can preserve
22 not only our environment but the future for our
23 children, grandchildren, and generation after
24 generation.

25 Please do your research, and just

1 don't buy the rhetoric that's also being handed
2 to our fifth graders in our elementary schools.
3 The information and facts are there. They're
4 indisputable, the police records, the science,
5 the statistics. It's all there.

6 Like the gentleman that spoke a
7 few minutes ago in his area, and he worries
8 about what's going to happen and how much water
9 will flow.

10 The fact that those pipelines,
11 when they leak, can travel a mile in either
12 direction before they see the leak. It's a
13 fact.

14 Pipeline spills are inevitable.
15 Pipeline spills release much larger amounts of
16 oil than spills from any other mode of
17 transportation. From 2004 to 2012, pipelines
18 spilled three times the oil that trains did
19 over the same period of time.

20 The ten-year average, 2004 to
21 2013, is 631 pipeline incidents per year with
22 97,263 barrels; over four million gallons per
23 year spilled resulting in four million, nine
24 hundred -- I'm sorry, \$494 million per year in
25 property damages alone.

1 Those are the facts. Those are
2 the numbers. That's the proof. It's the
3 statistics. And that was done by Friends of
4 the Headwaters. They were the ones that found
5 that information. Thank you.

6 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

7 MR. DAVID BARNETT: My name is
8 David, I think as everyone already knows. I'm
9 glad to know there's another David in the
10 room -- B-A-R-N-E-T-T, Barnett.

11 Firstly, I want folks to know,
12 there's no way -- I don't condone or agree with
13 the abuse of women or trafficking, okay. I
14 raised three daughters. I have four
15 granddaughters. I'm as concerned as anyone. I
16 want to change that myself.

17 Now, I want to go to the facts
18 about camps, construction workers, and what
19 you -- or was acknowledged in the room in North
20 Dakota.

21 Less than 5 percent of the work,
22 oil-related, in North Dakota was done with
23 union members. It was vastly done with open
24 shop nonunion workers from all over the United
25 States. Where they got 'em, I don't know. And

1 I cannot speak for those folks.

2 But I can stand right here before
3 you today and speak for my members, and we do
4 not condone that. We do not agree with that.
5 We have a code of ethics. And anyone --
6 anytime someone finds that one of our members
7 is involved in anything, I want to know about
8 it, because I represent them from coast to
9 coast.

10 And I just want to go on record
11 and say that, because it's a very real issue.
12 I'll do everything I can do to help with that
13 issue, but it's not my members doing it, okay.
14 That's why I can stand here and say it's not
15 going to happen.

16 Enbridge is committed to building
17 this pipeline with our members, okay. I know
18 our members. I am a member. I've been out
19 there with our members all my life, and, you
20 know, if you got something different to bring
21 to me individually, I'll be glad to hear it.

22 Next, the facts that were just
23 read off concerning pipelines spill more oil
24 than rail. Now that's a broad statement, and
25 if you just listen to that statement, yeah, you

1 might come out of here thinking pipelines are
2 less safe. But if you look at the amount of
3 oil that's transported through pipelines versus
4 rail, there's a thousand times more oil each
5 year transported through pipelines than by
6 rail.

7 So when you take that into
8 context, that's why pipelines come out as the
9 winner of the cheap -- of the chief
10 transportation mode and the safest for us and
11 our environment, bar none.

12 Thank you.

13 FACILITATOR: Thank you, sir.

14 We appreciate people's efforts to
15 make good rationale here, arguments, and being
16 respectful in doing so. I appreciate that.

17 Anybody else who wanted to make a
18 comment? Name and spelling for the record.
19 We'll bring you the mic.

20 MR. JOHN MUNTER: My name is John
21 Munter from Warba again. I'm retired.

22 And perhaps the talk of property
23 values would be in order here as well.

24 Appreciate some of the comments that were made
25 regarding pipes and swamps.

1 Yeah, there will be more buoyancy
2 there and more danger for exposed pipes and the
3 heavy oil on them. And offering as a water
4 conduit from here to there, we're real
5 concerned about that.

6 And also the toxicity of the
7 coatings on these pipes. That's got to be a
8 question for Department of Commerce, maybe ask
9 Enbridge, is, before 1980, how much of the
10 pipes were coated with asbestos, for example,
11 and maybe something else, PCBs or whatever.

12 In terms of the property values,
13 in Chapter 8, we have a quote, "In the near
14 term, impacts on socioeconomics are anticipated
15 to be minimal."

16 Well, what about the landowner,
17 though? There's no talk of landowner property
18 values. Why would anybody in their right mind
19 want to buy a piece of property, all things
20 being equal, with a rusting oil pipeline going
21 through it?

22 Even if it's buried, you know,
23 and if you have to honestly admit that you have
24 a buried pipe that's down there and it's not
25 being used and it's going to be rusting out and

1 there could be legacy contamination under it
2 when the oil goes through it, potentially
3 dangerous to children, and fire equipment if
4 it's above ground, can serve as a water
5 conduit, as we said, rusts out, brings water
6 from pond to pond.

7 Already there are many, many
8 areas of exposed pipe from Fond Du Lac to Warba
9 to Grand Rapids to Cass Lake and beyond, that
10 can be easily seen from Google Earth. How much
11 more exposure will there be without the heavy
12 tar sands keeping it down and no company to
13 rebury the pipe?

14 Reburying pipe for Enbridge is a
15 risk assessment. It's not a given deal or
16 anything. It's easy to find plenty of excuses
17 about disrupting the ecology to avoid reburying
18 pipes.

19 Now, Enbridge quotes in appendix
20 B, "The Canadian Energy Pipeline Association,
21 CEPA, Pipeline Abandonment Matrix," which it
22 takes as the standard for industry practice of
23 abandonment. "The CEPA land use guidelines
24 recommend abandonment in all cases except if
25 agriculture can be disrupted or if a future

1 development is projected."

2 Enbridge argues that since Line 3
3 is in the middle of a suite of other pipelines,
4 that developments in agriculture won't be
5 issues. So therefore, abandonment is the
6 logical option. Enbridge ignores a number of
7 key points, however.

8 Number one would be that the
9 other pipelines, 1, 2, and 4, most closely
10 aligned with Line 3, would be mostly probably
11 be deactivated in the next few years and moved
12 to maybe the lake country preferred corridor,
13 if that's what's chosen by the PUC, if the
14 company gets its way, since they were built in
15 the '50s and '60s as well.

16 A study should be done regarding
17 the proximity of Line 3 to Line 67, that was
18 just activated in 2010. There could be
19 considerable distance between them at some
20 points and a waste of land between them.

21 Once again, one size does not fit
22 all situations.

23 Line 67 could even be deactivated
24 in decades to come as the world demand for oil
25 falls and as the tar sands production becomes

1 uneconomic.

2 So we're seeing in the 2020s, a
3 lot of very important commentators are thinking
4 that the world oil demand is going to start
5 declining, and so at that point, the Saudi oil
6 will be all that will be needed to suffice for
7 the world supply of oil. It won't be the
8 21 percent dirtier oil from Canada at that
9 point, either, so we won't be seeing a lot of
10 new projects going into Alberta.

11 Right now all of the major oil
12 companies are getting out of Alberta and
13 they're selling off to local Canadian
14 companies.

15 Number two, the allowance for
16 agriculture and industry as mitigating factors
17 for removing pipelines opens the door to other
18 important considerations. The wide open spaces
19 of Canada are another one size does not fit all
20 situation, since Line 3 in the U.S. often
21 passes near residences of small farmers and
22 landowners who are denied use of their property
23 by prohibitions of crossing pipes with heavy
24 machinery.

25 They also have the worry of pipes

1 rising above grade without the oil in them to
2 divert water flow and impede light travel and
3 depress property values as well, if you have it
4 in your front or backyard.

5 Thirdly, legacy oil contamination
6 will not be found if the pipe is not dug up.
7 That may potentially slowly seep into the
8 groundwater or a nearby well. If you try to
9 sell your property, it's like, "Well, there
10 might be legacy contamination in there, but we
11 don't know, because," you know, so --

12 And then fourth, well, the
13 overall structural integrity of the pipe may
14 last for quite a long time. Spot corrosion
15 could wear through it here and there making it
16 a conduit for water flow and diversion anyway,
17 especially with the rising of the pipe in the
18 soil.

19 So I could quit there for now.

20 Thanks.

21 FACILITATOR: Anyone else want to
22 make a comment as we begin to close this
23 section? Again, there's written comments
24 possible, comments submitted online or in mail
25 by July 10 as well.

1 MS. KYLIE LEMLEY: Hello my name
2 is Kylie Lemley, that's K-Y-L-I-E, L-E-M-L-E-Y.
3 Thank you for allowing me to speak to you guys
4 today. I appreciate you taking the time to
5 listen. I'll try to be brief.

6 Mainly what I wanted to come here
7 to say is I wanted to talk about chances, like
8 this gentleman over here. We definitely do
9 have to take chances, obviously. But what I
10 often find, in especially hearings like this,
11 is that we don't talk about the chance of
12 moving toward renewable energy, aside from just
13 a hypothetical question.

14 We act like the technology for it
15 doesn't exist yet. It's not a feasible option
16 for us to move toward it. And that's simply
17 untrue. All of the technology is there.

18 The job market alone speaks
19 toward it. We have twice as many jobs right
20 now in renewal energy than we do in the natural
21 gas and oil industries and stuff like that.

22 So if we want to talk about
23 taking chances, why can't we talk about the
24 chance of not putting in a new pipeline, just
25 using the pipelines that we have.

1 Since we all drove here, we all
2 use gas. And just trying to make our
3 sustainable options more viable for long-term
4 use, and let's get rid of all of this natural
5 gas and oil because we don't need it anymore.
6 We don't need it.

7 I'm from an area where it's very
8 economically depressed. It wasn't always this
9 way. We have lots of beautiful rivers. I'm
10 just south of Pittsburgh. We were known for
11 our rivers, and we made the decision to use
12 coal as our main form of industry, as our
13 livelihood.

14 So the coal industry died around
15 the 1980s, which is when we started going
16 broke, and we had kind of two options. We had
17 to take out loans in order to continue on and
18 not just all give up entirely.

19 We could move towards sustainable
20 energy, which was very, very young in the
21 1980s, certainly.

22 Or we could move forward in the
23 next -- the best option, I guess, which was
24 fracking in the oil industry.

25 So now the Pittsburgh area, and

1 Pennsylvania in general, is one of the highest
2 sources of fracking in the country.

3 And our parents kind of made that
4 decision, thinking it would be best for us.
5 They wanted to send us to college. They wanted
6 to be able to have homes to raise us in and
7 food to feed us. It seemed like the best
8 option because it gave them jobs.

9 We all need to have a job,
10 absolutely. But it didn't work. I myself
11 couldn't finish college. I couldn't afford to.
12 My grandfather was an oil worker, and there was
13 nothing he could do.

14 So this is the same story for a
15 lot of people my age from my area. Pretty much
16 nobody from my high school got to get complete
17 college. I see lots of peers from other areas
18 who did, so I'm happy for them, but it's
19 frustrating for me personally, because we made
20 a choice and we made the wrong one.

21 We need to move towards something
22 sustainable, not just for my children so my
23 children can go to college, but also for all
24 future generations.

25 I know, we're sick of hearing

1 this, but please, consider that in 30 years,
2 for example, we're kind of at a time -- global
3 warming is happening. We're going to be
4 reaching climate tipping points in which the
5 coldest year for certain cities in the U.S.
6 will be hotter than all of the hottest years
7 combined over the last 150 years or so.

8 That's a big deal. We have been
9 talking about this for 50 years now and we are
10 out of time.

11 So if we want to talk about
12 taking chances, if we want to talk about jobs,
13 if we want to talk about moving forward, let's
14 talk about the chance of moving forward with
15 something that's actually going to be
16 sustainable for longer than 15, 20 years at a
17 time. Let's talk about moving forward so we
18 can send our kids to school.

19 That's all I wanted to say.
20 Thanks for listening, guys.

21 FACILITATOR: As we begin to
22 close, any final folks who haven't commented?

23 Again, if you want to stick
24 around, you're welcome to do that. Write
25 comments, put them in a box. If you want a

1 copy of the DEIS, we have flash drives and CDs
2 over there. July 10 is the final date for
3 submitting written comments in email or
4 writing, and on your packet there's a good
5 place to do that in there.

6 Thank you very much for your
7 comments and conversation and safe travels.

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