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Limited Partnership for a Certificate of Need for the
Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Project in Minnesota from the
North Dakota Border to the Wisconsin Border.

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1 (BRAINERD.)

2 MR. EDWARD DALLAS: My name is Edward
3 Dallas, E-D-W-A-R-D, D-A-L-L-A-S.

4 I can just talk. I'm just concerned here
5 about something that's not being expressed here is
6 the tar sands themselves. How much environment has
7 to be destroyed in Canada to get to the tar sands
8 and then to make them liquid enough, the oil in
9 there, to move through this pipeline. And I just
10 think that that's a wrong thing to do. Because I
11 know how much they have to rip off the surface of
12 the ground, the forest and everything else, to get,
13 literally get to the tar sands. And then to take
14 them out, heat them up enough to make it liquid
15 enough to, quote, move through a pipeline. And
16 that's something that I don't see discussed here in
17 Minnesota, is the degradation of the environment in
18 Canada to get this oil just to come through
19 Minnesota to Superior, Wisconsin. And, thank you.

20 (End of comment.)

21 MR. ED DOUCETTE: Okay. First name is
22 Ed, E-D, last name is D-O-U-C-E-T-T-E.

23 I would rather see oil transported via
24 pipeline than rail or truck. Because it is safer
25 environmentally speaking.

1 What else could I add?

2 And as far as the route alternatives are
3 concerned, I am in favor of abandoning and replacing
4 the existing Line 3.

5 That's about it.

6 MS. LISA LAASCH: Lisa, L-I-S-A, Laasch,
7 L-A-A-S-C-H.

8 One of my chief concerns with this
9 pipeline route is that we are living in the
10 Mississippi watershed area that affects roughly a
11 third of the United States as water going southward
12 from here. Contamination on this level, if there
13 were any kind of leakage, would affect a huge
14 percentage of the United States' population, let
15 alone our own lake here where we're enjoying our
16 clean water for drinking and bathing and swimming.
17 I don't feel like this is safe for our families.
18 And I don't feel like it's safe for our country.
19 And I don't feel like it's -- what would be a good
20 word -- kind to the Native Americans who would be
21 impacted severely by the route as well.

22 Thanks.

23 (End of comments in Brainerd.)

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