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In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Energy, 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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I N D E X

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1   MR. RAMIRO HERRERA: My name is Ramiro,

2   R-A-M-I-R-O, last name Herrera, H-E-R-R-E-R-A.

3   Yes. I'm opposed to the pipeline for a

4   few reasons. Main, they cannot guarantee they

5   wouldn't spill. And when they spill, to clean the

6   area, which I found out they just cover over the oil

7   so our land is being polluted anyway.

8   And for jobs, I was a construction worker

9   so I can understand work. But can a company like

10 ENRON guarantee the people that work in there a

11 lifetime job? It's only temporary jobs so you lose

12 out on that.

13   And what was the other thing? Where is

14 the paper I wrote it down about this?

15   Oh. They said -- one of them, they paid

16 $30 million a year for taxes. But one oil spill

17 will cause 10 times that amount. An oil spill will.

18 So the 30 million they pay in taxes doesn't do

19 nothing.

20   If a pipeline like come as they say, if a

21 oil spill happens and goes into the waters, it don't

22 stay there. Especially in the rivers here in

23 Minnesota, it goes down the whole state. One oil

24 spill can cause a big problem. And Enbridge is not

25 going to be liable or take responsibility if it

1   happens 'cause they're a Canadian company.

2   And to build it, which I oppose, they

3   should go through Canada. Why bring it through the

4   great state of Minnesota? We have a lot of lakes, a

5   lot of water, a lot of farmland that will be ruined

6   by that.

7   So I oppose it. And I served in the

8   military, protect our country. It means protecting

9   our state, our U.S.A. Meaning, when the oil spill

10   happens, they're killing people. So that's like I

11   will protect my state as a ex-military member

12   because they are committing murder. If the oil

13   spills happen, it's going to kill people. So they

14   commit murder. Just because they have all the

15   money, it doesn't mean they can kill innocent kids,

16   because they eat and drink the water. That's wrong.

17   Very wrong.

18   So I hope the State of Minnesota says no

19   to it and close the other pipeline. I didn't know

20   it was since in the '60s, I didn't know we had a

21   pipeline through here. I came to the U.S. in '66 so

22   that was built before I came.

23   And, like I say, I'm opposed to the

24   pipeline and hope Minnesota knows it is wrong for

25   our state and for the people in the state of

1   Minnesota.

2   Thank you.

3   MR. RICK CANNATA: My name is Rick

4   Cannata. R-I-C-K. C-A-N-N-A-T-A. I represent the

5   Laborers Union, plus I'm the mayor of Hibbing,

6   Minnesota.

7   One thing in the study that isn't

8   accurate is it says no one in the area will have the

9   jobs, working. It puts a lot of our members to work

10   that live in the areas of the pipeline.

11   So that's one thing that needs to be

12   changed in the draft EIS, is that the jobs will go

13   to local people out in the union halls. Plus, it

14   puts people to work in the restaurants and the hotel

15   business too. And that's one of the comments that I

16   wanted to put down.

17   And, otherwise, our workers, we need the

18   pipeline and oil because we travel long distances to

19   the jobs. So the only way we get there is by

20   vehicle and truck.

21   So that's all I needed to say.

22   (End of private comments.)

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