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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 MR. WILLIS ANDY JOHNSON: Willis Andy
2 Johnson. W-I-L-L-I-S, A-N-D-Y, Johnson.

3 Well, I've got along good with the
4 Lakehead for, I don't know, it's 30 years, I
5 suppose. And I know they were real helpful to me
6 one time. I got stuck out in there and the crew
7 came by and unhooked the big machine and helped me
8 get out of the mud hole. And they said no charge.
9 And I offered to pay them, but they said no way.
10 They just done it. And I've never had no trouble
11 with them. Never.

12 That's about it.

13 MR. JOHN SENS: My name is John Sens, S
14 as in Sam, E-N-S. I live at 101 East 6th Street in
15 Newfolden, Minnesota 56738.

16 I am completely in favor of the pipeline
17 going through because, in my opinion, all forms of
18 transportation of goods or people involves some
19 degree of risk. I walked down here today, I guess I
20 took a risk crossing the highway.

21 My experience before I retired, I was a
22 lawyer handling the defense of civil cases. They
23 involved airplanes, motor vehicles, cars, trucks, in
24 one case a river boat. But I've never seen much
25 having to do with pipelines.

1 And I've been experienced with pipeline
2 people since about 1946 when I was in school as a
3 first or second grader in a little town in northeast
4 Missouri. To me, the most important consideration
5 for this pipeline is public safety. And based on my
6 experience and based on what I'm reading, I feel
7 that transportation of oil or whatever this pipeline
8 is going to carry is much safer than any other form
9 of transportation that might be used, such as
10 railroads, which have derailments all the time,
11 tanker trucks, which have accidents all the time, or
12 any other forms that might come up. So for those
13 reasons, for safety, for public safety, that is the
14 reason I totally support this pipeline effort.

15 Thank you.

16 MR. JAMIE KYLE NELSON: Jamie Kyle
17 Nelson. J-A-M-I-E, K-Y-L-E, N-E-L-S-O-N.

18 Since 1999 I've lived right across the
19 road from the Viking pipeline station. And the
20 pipeline has always been courteous. The workers
21 have been great to me, they have been good
22 neighbors.

23 I support the new pipeline, proposed
24 pipeline. I think they're great for the community
25 of Viking, they've donated vehicles and money. They

1 paid a huge amount of taxes and I think it would be
2 a shame for the state to deny the pipeline to go
3 through.

4 I would like to see on that chart that
5 shows the accidental crude oil releases, I would
6 like to see a chart that showed the amount of
7 gallons released for, you know, like per million
8 barrels pumped, so that I could compare the amount
9 of gallons that actually leaked between the rail,
10 the pipeline, and trucks based on how much oil is
11 actually transferred so you can see the amount
12 released per million barrels, or however they wanted
13 to do it. I think that would be helpful, to see the
14 comparison between rail, pipeline, and trucks.

15 So, and that's all on the comments, I
16 guess.

17 Thank you.

18 MS. JILL HALL: I'm Jill Hall. I grew
19 up, Lakehead Pipeline went right through my dad's
20 farm. And we've never had a problem with it. And I
21 live by a highway and a railroad track that has an
22 awful lot of tanker trains going by and my opinion
23 is that you can't replace the pipeline with trucks
24 and railroads because it's not possible. There
25 would be too many trucks on the road and it would

1 ruin the roads and kill people, accidents.

2 So anyway, I'm in support of it. Because
3 as long as people want to use oil it's going to get
4 from one place to another and I think the safest
5 combination can figure out it's the best deal. And
6 so I guess that kind of sums it up.

7 And it's already there. We're not going
8 to take it out. I mean, somebody's idealist
9 thinking, we don't need to transport oil or use oil
10 anywhere, but they're using it themselves. So,
11 anyway, I guess that pretty much sums my opinion on
12 it.

13 And I've been to a lot of pipeline safety
14 meetings where they explain how they keep tabs on
15 and check their lines and it's very interesting.
16 And they ask for people to report if they do see
17 anything unusual or, you know, in their
18 right-of-ways and stuff. So as far as I can
19 remember, what few accidents I remember were usually
20 man, caused by man that dug a little too deep or
21 something. Yeah.

22 So I guess that pretty much sums up my
23 opinion.

24 (Comments concluded.)

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