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PLUMMER - JUNE 21, 2017 - 6:00 P.M.

(PRIVATE COMMENTS WITH COURT REPORTERS)

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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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In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Energy,
Limited Partnership for a Route Permit for the Line 3
Pipeline Replacement Project in Minnesota from the North
Dakota Border to the Wisconsin Border

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Plummer Senior Citizen Center
185 Minnesota Street
Plummer, Minnesota

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SPEAKER

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Donald Stenberg

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John Lerohl

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1 MR. DONALD STENBERG: My full name is
2 Donald Stenberg, S-T-E-N-B-E-R-G.

3 Well, I am all in favor of getting it
4 replaced because we have farmed over this line ever
5 since it went in. I haven't had any bad
6 experiences. But eventually everything wears out,
7 and if they can replace it with something bigger and
8 safer, that's exactly what I'm in favor of.

9 There's been some falls -- we do -- I
10 farm. We do run short on diesel fuel once in a
11 while and hopefully this might help correct that
12 too.

13 I feel that the people that are opposed
14 to this line shouldn't be using fossil fuels
15 themselves. They should ride their horse or a bicycle
16 or walk. If they really genuinely don't want fossil
17 fuel used, then they shouldn't use it. I feel very
18 strongly on that.

19 MR. JOHN LEROHL: John, J-O-H-N, Lerohl,
20 L-E-R-O-H-L. I'm a county commissioner for Red Lake
21 County. And Enbridge has my full support.

22 I think the company is a good company and
23 it does a good job and it worries about safety. It
24 worries more than any other individual that I know
25 of. And I think that this replacement is a

1 necessity. It should have been done a couple years
2 ago.

3 I see how the crews are out working, and
4 they're working, I think a lot of it is on that
5 pipeline. And they're out there constantly going
6 and it's costing a lot of money and it's not a good
7 deal.

8 Pipelines are without doubt the safest
9 way to ship oil. We've had a car right outside of
10 town here that got hit by a truck and it started on
11 fire. It didn't explode, but two cars down was
12 another big car that had some others on it and they
13 said that that would have wiped out Plummer if
14 they'd have hit that car, that Plummer would have
15 went and they would have felt it and heard it in
16 Bagley.

17 So I don't like to take a chance with
18 that, you know. These oil trains that have been
19 going through, sooner or later one is going to go
20 off in Fargo or Moorhead or some large city and it's
21 really going to hurt, you know.

22 So I'm really in favor of pipelines,
23 that's the best way to go.

24 (Comments concluded.)
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