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1 FACILITATOR: Hello, everybody.
2 We would like to actually turn it over to the
3 tribe to welcome us with an opening prayer and
4 a few songs. You may stay where you are. You
5 may sit, if you would like, and I'm going to
6 turn it over to our host to welcome us.

7 MR. MERLIN DEEGAN: Good
8 morning, everybody. My name is Merlin Deegan,
9 and I work for the tribe, culture coordinator.
10 So every time we come together on
11 (indiscernible), we always try to start out
12 with opening with our pipe and our
13 (indiscernible) and our drum.

14 Right here to my left we have
15 the (indiscernible) singers. They're a local
16 drum group. And one thing about our
17 (indiscernible), we all try to live a good way
18 of life and do things in good ways.

19 And so with that, I'll smoke the
20 pipe, and then the drum group here, they're
21 going to sing two songs, and then we're going
22 to start up again at 11:00. But we just want
23 to say welcome (indiscernible).

24 (Singing and drums played.)

25 So we just want to say miigwech

1 and welcome here to White Earth, and hopefully
2 we'll all learn a lot of things about what's
3 going on here. And one thing that we, as
4 Anishinaabe, we try to do, is we always try to
5 welcome people in a good way and start off in
6 a good way, and we always try to talk to
7 (indiscernible), as we understand the creator,
8 like our (indiscernible) here. We say that's
9 the heartbeat of our mother, (indiscernible)
10 Grandmother Earth or Mother Earth.

11 So that's why our
12 (indiscernible) on our drums are really
13 important and so are our (indiscernible)
14 Anishinaabe, who they say that we should speak
15 a little bit of our language in a good way and
16 ask for guidance so that the decisions that we
17 make as a whole is universal.

18 We forget about the unspoken
19 language of the universe, the universe of the
20 earth, the universe of the stars. They have a
21 language and they have an understanding.

22 Because in our belief systems
23 they say that we, as Anishinaabe people, if
24 you hear our creation story, our creation
25 story says that we come from the stars; that

1 that's in our creation story.

2 And in our migration story we
3 came from the East Coast to present day where
4 we are today. We were guided by the
5 (indiscernible). And one of the things in
6 which that was given to us was Mahnomen, our
7 wild rice.

8 So that a long time ago when we
9 migrated, we were told to go until the food
10 grows on the water. And back then we had a
11 hard time comprehending, "Food grows on the
12 water?" So it come to be Mahnomen.

13 So that's why Mahnomen is very,
14 very important to us as Anishinaabe people of
15 (indiscernible).

16 FACILITATOR: Thank you so much
17 for the welcome.

18 We have people at the poster
19 board sessions. Talk to people, learn a lot
20 more about the project and EIS in particular.

21 Right at 11:00, 11:15, we'll
22 gather as a full group here, a few more
23 welcoming songs, and we'll have a very short
24 presentation and public comment period.

25 So learn more, gather around the

1 posters, and we'll return together
2 around 11:00, 11:15. Thank you.

3 And also, court reporters are
4 available. If you want to give a comment now,
5 court reporters are on either end of the room
6 and we'll have them take your comment as we
7 speak during this poster board session.

8 (Meeting recessed and resumed.)

9 FACILITATOR: All right.
10 Welcome everybody. We'd appreciate it if you
11 would come forward. For tribal members and
12 community members, please take a seat at the
13 table, if you can find space. We've also got
14 some chairs a little bit around the perimeter.
15 Come take a seat.

16 We're going to open this next
17 part of the meeting around a very brief
18 opening, a welcome from the chairman, some
19 opening songs, and then a public comment
20 period.

21 So if people want to come down,
22 come take a seat, we do want to get started,
23 if we could. So if everybody could come take
24 a seat.

25 Welcome. I would ask the chair

1 of the White Earth Nation to come forward and
2 welcome us, and we are really appreciating the
3 tribe hosting us here today.

4 MR. TERRANCE TIBBETTS: We do
5 welcome everybody. This is a pretty historic
6 event for us here at White Earth, to get our
7 word out there and start discussing these
8 pipeline issues that have been surrounding us
9 here for many days, many months.

10 It's -- we should be looking at
11 this as a meaningful consultation also with
12 the Department of Commerce and everybody else
13 that's involved here.

14 So I want to say thank you to
15 everybody for coming out, putting up your
16 PowerPoints and presentations. Thank you to
17 the tribal members, my brothers and sisters
18 here for having the drum and the pipe, doing
19 the pipe ceremonies for us, opening in a good
20 way.

21 Is Merlin available? Is he
22 going to be able to do a prayer for us?

23 This is just the beginning, you
24 know, and as the fight goes on, you know, we
25 want to touch base with everybody that we can,

1 to collaborate with everybody that we can to
2 keep these things out of our region, you know.

3 What we're looking at is
4 pristine waters, keeping our wild rice healthy
5 and feasible for us to use through our
6 ceremonies and for our food stuffs. You know,
7 this place was put here for a reason. You
8 know, the migration story that comes along
9 with it is that we would transform, follow the
10 Great Lakes back to where food grows on water.

11 And this is where it's at, on
12 the White Earth Reservation in the state of
13 Minnesota. And the White Earth Nation still
14 remains strong in opposition to these
15 pipelines and without our consultation.

16 So that's what we're doing here
17 today is to go ahead sit down and talk, and
18 hopefully that we can find a way of rerouting
19 these things around our reservation so they're
20 not going to affect our wild rice and our
21 clean water.

22 There are many, many things that
23 go on underground with these pipelines and
24 leakages back into our water systems, and
25 we're looking at health-related causes, and

1 just to keep our environment as clean as
2 possible for those -- our young kids ahead of
3 us, our seven generations. These are the ones
4 that we're trying to protect and guide and
5 help in a good way.

6 So with that, we say thank you
7 and miigwech to everybody for coming. I know
8 that we have two other tribal council members
9 here, Kathy Goodwin from District II and Umsy
10 Gene Tibbetts from District III, so if you
11 guys want to come up and say something, now is
12 your time.

13 With that -- all right,
14 (indiscernible). I guess the pipe has already
15 been done and also the prayer, so we look
16 forward to having these meaningful
17 consultations, you know. It's been a long
18 time since we sat down and talked one-on-one
19 with each other and had this meaningful
20 consultation.

21 I know the EPA was up in Duluth
22 and we talked about sulfide emissions in the
23 state of Minnesota, you know. And that was
24 intended to be a consultation hearing, but it
25 was more or less them sitting down and telling

1 you what they were planning on doing in
2 northern Minnesota without anybody's
3 consultation.

4 We're not just talking about the
5 reservation here. Also, we're talking about
6 the ceded territories that we gave up in the
7 past years here, to the 1855 ceded
8 territories, 1854, in 37 areas. These are big
9 areas with a high population of Anishinaabe,
10 our original people.

11 So with that, you know, we hope
12 that everybody has a chance to get up here and
13 speak what's on their mind and say it in a
14 good, peaceful, meaningful way, I hope in
15 which -- thank you.

16 (Drums playing.)

17 FACILITATOR: Thank you very
18 much. I first want to introduce Bill Grant,
19 who's Deputy Commissioner of Energy for the
20 Department of Commerce, who's going to give us
21 also a short welcome from the State and give
22 us a bit of information. And then I'll
23 explain the procedure for the public comment.

24 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BILL GRANT:
25 Thanks very much. Thanks, everybody, for

1 coming, and thanks, Chief Tibbetts, and to the
2 drum circle, a very warm welcome for us here
3 today. Thank you very much.

4 So the purpose of being here
5 today is to take comment from you, the members
6 of the public, on the Draft Environmental
7 Impact Statement.

8 There are going to be several
9 opportunities along the way as the EIS moves
10 from being a draft to a final.

11 And once it is final, that will
12 be submitted to the Public Utilities
13 Commission, and they are the decision makers
14 in this matter.

15 As I mentioned, there will be
16 several opportunities along the way to provide
17 public comment.

18 In this instance we're taking
19 your comments here today, but if you'd like to
20 prepare written comments, we will take them in
21 that fashion as well. And I believe those
22 will be due on July 7th. So a number of
23 opportunities for comments along the way.

24 And as I mentioned, Department
25 of Commerce is the agency that's been assigned

1 to prepare the draft. We want to provide as
2 much objective information as possible about
3 the impacts of the proposal to build a
4 pipeline in this area.

5 And you'll see in the back of
6 the room there are documents that we brought.
7 There are several copies of the nearly
8 2000-page document.

9 You're welcome to look at that
10 while it's here. We also, I believe, have
11 copies of the document on CD and flash drives,
12 so you can take that with you if you'd like to
13 review it in more depth after the meeting here
14 today.

15 As I mentioned, this is the
16 first public meeting that we're doing in this
17 phase of commenting. We'll be doing another
18 20-odd public meetings over the course of the
19 next three weeks. Join us tonight in Grand
20 Rapids if you'd like to be involved with this
21 process as we go forward.

22 Thanks again very much for
23 coming. I'll turn it back to Pat.

24 FACILITATOR: Thank you very
25 much, Bill.

1 Thank you again for coming, for
2 spending time at the poster boards, for
3 talking with some of the staff at the state
4 agencies and for being here.

5 My name is Patrick Field. I'm a
6 facilitator, and I'm working with the
7 consulting team working with the State.

8 So just a few things about how
9 the process works. We'll try to speak over
10 the jackhammering in the back.

11 Whether you offer your comment
12 today verbally, you put it in the box in the
13 back in a written comment, or you email it in
14 later or send it in the regular old mail, all
15 the comments will be equal, however you
16 deliver them. We want to stress that.
17 However you deliver them, all comments will be
18 taken seriously and treated equally. They'll
19 be compiled and shared with the public at the
20 end of this public comment process.

21 I know if you've been following
22 this project for a long time, there's lots of
23 stages and steps, and we are at the Draft
24 Environmental Impact Statement step, where
25 we're looking at the different routes, the

1 Certificate of Need, and their potential
2 impacts across a number of issues from
3 environmental justice, tribal impacts, water,
4 cultural, and other. So we hope you can focus
5 your comments on those.

6 Again, these comments will help
7 inform the Final Environmental Impact
8 Statement, which the Department of Commerce
9 will produce after receiving all these
10 comments; taking a rather hefty draft, which
11 is the set of volumes in the back there and
12 revising it per the public comment as needed
13 to issue a final as it goes to the Public
14 Utilities Commission.

15 So for today, the way we want to
16 do the public comment period is just take a
17 second here and we need a show of hands for
18 how many people want to comment so we can
19 allocate the time accordingly.

20 We have two meetings a day for
21 about three weeks, so we have to stay on time
22 and use as much time as we can for people who
23 want to comment. We just want to allocate it
24 according to the comments.

25 A few basic rules of the road.

1 We want to make sure that everyone who wants
2 to give voice has a chance to speak. So we
3 ask when people are speaking, we listen and
4 don't interrupt them. We are going to keep
5 track of the time just to kind of be fair to
6 everybody. And we want to honor the time
7 limits just to give everyone, again, a chance
8 to speak.

9 Not everyone will agree. We
10 understand that. That's part of what the
11 public process is about. What we do ask is
12 people be respectful of different people's
13 view, whatever it might be. You don't have to
14 agree with it, but we ask you to be
15 respectful.

16 We would ask people to take
17 their cell phones and put them on vibrate or
18 do not disturb or whatever so we don't have
19 sound ringers happening in the middle of the
20 comment period.

21 We will end the meeting on time,
22 which is 1:00 today, just because we have to
23 get to our next meeting in Grand Rapids.

24 Also, before -- in a minute here
25 we're going to first see if any elders --

1 we're going to give them the floor first. But
2 first I know three people put their name in
3 the box to comment.

4 People who want to comment,
5 raise your hands just so I can get a number of
6 people who want to comment. Just hold your
7 hands up for a second so I can get a sense of
8 how many people.

9 All right. So we're going to be
10 able to give people, I think, plenty of time
11 to comment.

12 So what we're going to do --
13 given that we only have maybe less than ten
14 commenters, we're going to track the time
15 religiously. We do have a clock, which we'll
16 pay attention to just to give the speakers,
17 you know, given that few of speakers, probably
18 six or seven minutes at most just to keep on
19 track. That should be plenty of time. We'll
20 just keep that up there when you start.

21 As you comment, it's
22 important -- we have court reporters who are
23 recording your every word, so speak slower
24 than I do. Speak clearly into the mic, which
25 Stacy will bring to you when we start

1 commenting.

2 Please state your name and also
3 spell your name for the court reporter as we
4 start. I know that's kind of a hassle, but
5 that way we make sure we know exactly, for the
6 record, who spoke, and we won't start your
7 timer until after you do that.

8 So first I want to give any
9 elders in the White Earth community who want
10 to speak -- we're paying no attention to time
11 for the elders, by the way. If any elders
12 want to speak, I want to provide this time for
13 them to make any comment they might wish to.
14 Any elder in the community who would like to
15 speak, we will bring you the microphone.

16 We can provide that time at the
17 end as well.

18 Secondly, if anybody from tribal
19 council wants to speak, we want to provide
20 that for them first, so if there is anybody on
21 tribal council who wants to make a comment to
22 start, we'll bring you the mic first.

23 Okay. Let me start with the
24 three names I have, and we'll go to the other
25 folks who raised their hands, so Anita Reyes.

1 Anita, are you here? Anita -- we'll come back
2 to her.

3 Next was Marty, I'm going to not
4 say the last name.

5 Are you Anita? Good. Again,
6 state your name and spell it for the record.
7 Thank you.

8 MS. ANITA REYES: My name is
9 Anita. Reyes is the last name. It's spelled
10 R-E-Y-E-S. First name is spelled A-N-I-T-A.

11 I was looking at some of the
12 posters that they got written, and they talk
13 about how they need a proof of a need. The
14 only need that Enbridge has is to increase
15 their profits. The state of Minnesota needs
16 to protect the environment, our life, our
17 water source, our wildlife. That is the need
18 of the Minnesotans.

19 You're talking about employment.
20 I remember being here at a meeting last fall
21 and the Public Utilities Commission was here.
22 Their business chambers conference was here.
23 I remember Enbridge bringing out the fact that
24 they were going to bring millions into the
25 community, and I saw the wide eyes light up

1 with greed when they heard the sound of the
2 millions mentioned.

3 Those millions will not undo
4 irreversible damage that these spills will
5 cause.

6 The pipelines that are in line
7 that we have now are in the same condition
8 that the pipelines at Kalamazoo were in. Yet
9 Enbridge wants to keep these pipelines
10 operational while they construct a new
11 pipeline.

12 They want to abandon that
13 pipeline, leave it in the ground. The
14 chemicals that are used, the thin -- the oil
15 that is the tar sands that is coming through
16 there is cancerous. This area, for over 28
17 years, a doctor told a woman it is the highest
18 that he's ever seen.

19 That cancer rate continues. In
20 the last year I've lost three first cousins,
21 and in the month of April I lost my sister to
22 cancer.

23 I once was at the college and
24 there was a man there, he was from the Army
25 Corp of Engineers, and just he and I were

1 standing there, and I said to him, "Where is
2 this cancer coming from?" And even though we
3 stood alone, he looked around and then he
4 answered me, and he says, "We think it's in
5 the water."

6 These pipelines leak, and either
7 the system that monitors the flow of the
8 pipelines does not -- either doesn't show that
9 there's a leak when it's small, or the company
10 doesn't care if there's a leak unless it
11 involves a huge monetary loss for them.

12 My thoughts are Enbridge needs
13 to prove a need. We don't have to prove a
14 need. We know what happens when there's a
15 spill. We know that the damage caused is
16 irreversible. We know oil companies do not
17 have the technology to undo the damage. If
18 you go to Kalamazoo today, you put down a
19 spade shovel, pull up that shovel, you will
20 have oil.

21 So it is obvious I'm against the
22 pipeline. I'm against the expansion. I'm
23 against the abandonment of the old pipeline.
24 And just today, I was approached by someone
25 who wanted to speak to me, and I won't bring

1 up her name, but she said to me, she said,
2 "Well, you know Enbridge is trying to get this
3 pipeline off Indian country." And I looked at
4 her, and I said, "This whole country is Indian
5 country."

6 FACILITATOR: Thank you, Anita.

7 We know the sound is not great,
8 so what I'd ask -- I know if you're kind of in
9 the middle of the room and front, I think you
10 can hear, but if you're in the back, you
11 cannot. We want to make sure people can hear
12 people's voices, so if you can't hear in the
13 back, bring your chairs up close. We want to
14 make sure people can hear the speakers.

15 If you're in the back, please
16 pull your chairs forward. We want to make
17 sure that the speakers can be heard.

18 Okay. Let's see, a few things.
19 Let's move the clock in the right-hand corner
20 bottom.

21 And then our next speaker, if we
22 can bring the mic to you, is Marty, I'm not
23 going to say the last name right -- Marty?

24 MR. MARTY COBENAIS: Marty
25 Cobenais, last name is C-O-B-E-N-A-I-S. I am

1 with the North Star chapter of the Sierra
2 Club. I'm an executive committee member. I'm
3 also a soil and water conservation supervisor
4 here throughout the county.

5 So this is kind of to you guys.
6 The first question, are you guys willing to
7 have a new pipeline go through your property,
8 have it abandoned, and left in your backyard?
9 That's basically what you guys are asking of
10 us to have done. So are you willing to do
11 that yourselves?

12 I'll get back to that question.
13 That will be my final one.

14 Oil consumption in the USA is
15 down 18 percent level past -- since 2009. The
16 main reasons -- fuel efficient cars, people
17 driving less, airlines flying less. And yes,
18 we still need oil. We all came here today in
19 clothes. We still need oil. Thank God we
20 still have oil, otherwise we'd all be sitting
21 here naked.

22 Way back in the beginning, Harry
23 Ford -- Henry Ford had an option between two
24 fuels in his automobiles. First, crude oil,
25 the second was hemp oil. Hemp oil -- yes, I

1 said hemp oil, a renewable. So would we
2 really be here in 2017, if we had hemp oil as
3 our main fuel?

4 We wouldn't be. We wouldn't be
5 having this conversation about pipelines, and
6 it would be safe to fall on railroads and
7 everything else, and it's renewable. Once
8 again, it's renewable. Not like this stuff.
9 We are getting off of this stuff because we're
10 running out of it.

11 And we probably wouldn't have
12 Enbridge. Some of us would probably be happy
13 with that.

14 Speaking of Enbridge, they say
15 that they need this pipeline to bring oil to
16 us. But remember that in 2008, they also said
17 they need the Alberta Clipper. And nine
18 months before they started the Alberta
19 Clipper, the oil companies said, "We don't
20 need that. We actually told you not to build
21 it." They tried to get Enbridge not to build
22 Alberta Clipper.

23 Last year, we just had the
24 Sandpiper, and due to different regulations
25 and everything else, they said, "Well, we

1 don't need the Sandpiper now, either. We're
2 going to throw that away and we're going to go
3 invest in Dakota Access over in North Dakota."
4 So do they really need this pipeline?

5 Those are two questions for the
6 DEIS. Enbridge states that they remain
7 committed to the environment. In both the
8 Bemidji and Duluth papers, Barry Simonson, the
9 project director, stated that they anticipate
10 over 6,000 integrity digs in the next 15 years
11 for just Line 3 alone, so it's in their best
12 interest to just replace it and abandon it in
13 the pipeline corridor.

14 So if you already have over
15 6,000 integrity digs planned, is it really in
16 the best interest to not have -- it's just
17 going to make an environmental nightmare. If
18 you already say that it has rust and cracks
19 and everything else in it, to just leave it in
20 the ground? That doesn't make sense.

21 I also got to hear Barry on the
22 radio station the other day, and he states
23 that the pipes would be capped, purged, and
24 filled with nitrogen. It also says that in
25 the draft EIS.

1 However, there would be no
2 electronic monitoring like you do in current
3 pipelines for pressure loss, but they would
4 fly the route for leaks.

5 This is interesting now.
6 Considering that they're going to fill it with
7 nitrogen and they have to fly the routes
8 anyways to monitor it if there's any other
9 leaks, how do you know when nitrogen is in the
10 air?

11 You guys look like farmers. Do
12 you know nitrogen -- when you put nitrogen out
13 on your field, do you see it? More of a gas.
14 You don't see it, so you're not going to see
15 if there's a nitrogen leak.

16 Thus, remember that all
17 pipelines leak. Tar sand is also the fuel
18 efficient -- the worst fuel efficiency. It
19 takes six barrels of water to make one barrel
20 of oil, which then they dilute to put
21 chemicals in to make it go through the lines.

22 So it's probably only about four
23 gallons to make that -- or four barrels to
24 make that half a barrel, just to go through
25 the lines.

1 One of the other things that
2 they talked about is that they're going to use
3 dams and stuff like that on different rivers
4 and different spots along the route to divert
5 the water around different areas.

6 And yet they say that they're
7 environmentally friendly, but I don't know any
8 of us that can really replace a river as is.
9 So if you're going to divert on the river so
10 you can dig a trench in it, you're not going
11 to replace it as it is.

12 So I guess I would tell them
13 that they need to directionally go underneath
14 all waterways, not just the ones they feel are
15 important like the Mississippi and stuff like
16 that, but that they need to go underneath all,
17 and in the depth of up to at least 15 to
18 20 feet, triple wall it, make it efficient.

19 The other part that they also
20 talk about is that when they go through
21 swamps, they like to bury it, the buoyancy
22 part of it. What they did with Alberta
23 Clipper is they put four inches of concrete
24 around it when they went through the swamps to
25 keep it weighted down.

1 And that's a lot of concrete,
2 because we have lots of swamps up here.

3 The interesting part -- and I
4 know I'm running over my time -- is that it's
5 funny that we have the Minnesota Pollution
6 Control Agency here, because I have one of
7 their pages here about temporary and permanent
8 closure of underground storage tanks.

9 After five years, a gas station
10 that is closed is required to remove their
11 tank or fill it full of inanimate objects. So
12 concrete or fill it full of dirt, and fill it
13 in, or they're supposed to remove all their
14 pipes, their tanks, and everything else.

15 Earlier I said they're going to
16 cap the end of these pipes. It's going to
17 make basically a tank for them or tanks
18 underneath there. So it doesn't make any
19 sense not to also make them -- require them to
20 remove these pipelines. It's going to do the
21 same damage.

22 Finally, there's going to be
23 some talk about jobs, tax money, and I'm sure
24 today or even some of these booths are talking
25 about jobs and stuff, and I know in the EIS it

1 does.

2 Currently Enbridge is in the
3 Minnesota tax court system asking for money
4 back; says the State overtaxed them. In
5 Clearwater County alone, they're asking for
6 over \$7 million from Clearwater County -- that
7 says Clearwater County has to repay them.

8 I know there's some different
9 opinions out there and saying that -- they're
10 trying to get the State to say they're going
11 to pay it back, but in the end, it's going to
12 end up hurting all of us.

13 So basically what I'm asking is
14 to not allow this pipeline, that I think this
15 pipeline should not go through anywhere, as do
16 some of the tribes in the area. I believe Joe
17 Palmer has already sent that to you guys,
18 resolutions from tribes.

19 So what they should do is turn
20 off Line 3, as it is a safety hazard, and
21 remove it from the ground permanently.

22 So at the end, again, I ask, are
23 you guys willing to have this pipeline go
24 through your backyard or leave a pipeline in
25 your backyard? Thank you.

1 FACILITATOR: Thank you. Again,
2 try to keep within seven minutes, so we can
3 get everybody in.

4 So Bill Paulson. Bill, are you
5 here?

6 MR. BILL PAULSON: William
7 Bezbig Biosh, B-E-Z-H-I-G, B-I-O-S-H.
8 (indiscernible). Thanks for letting me speak
9 here. I'm known Englishly as Bill Paulson,
10 William Paulson, W-I-L-L-I-A-M, P-A-U-L-S-O-N.

11 For tracking purposes, I am,
12 according to '55 treaty, a recognized
13 descendant of the treaty. My daughter is
14 here. She is also a descendant of the treaty.
15 I represent nine voting members of the White
16 Earth Nation within the MCT, and I'm concerned
17 that we have not been properly addressed
18 within the EIS.

19 I believe it is our right to be
20 acknowledged from government to government,
21 and I don't understand, when you are speaking
22 with the State of Minnesota concerning our
23 treaty area, you are not coming to us.

24 I want to know why we're in a
25 building that resonates so loudly that we

1 cannot properly be heard.

2 When we go forward with this
3 EIS, I'm concerned that we have not had time
4 to properly look at the waterways and how they
5 will affect our area within the '55 treaty;
6 the hunting, the fishing, the gathering, and
7 most importantly, the wild rice.

8 Our water flows everywhere, and
9 to date, the pipeline industry does not have
10 the technology to prevent leaks. There's a
11 lot of shortcuts, and there has been no
12 ability to prove that this is going to be safe
13 for what we're looking for for our future.

14 Currently, you are overbuilding.
15 You are putting pipes in this size that will
16 contain, hopefully, what we're looking at, the
17 boom of oil to continue to be able to fill
18 them.

19 I agree with renewable
20 alternative energy, whether that is hemp or
21 something else that the scientists can figure
22 out.

23 But I think it is important that
24 we look at our future, the future of my
25 children, the future of their children, and as

1 established within the 1855 treaty.

2 I get more time.

3 I consider myself a cultural
4 participating member of the Mississippi Band
5 Anishinaabe with an 1855 treaty.

6 Everybody that is not here today
7 with me -- I brought six people with me,
8 representing (indiscernible) Turtle Island
9 Camp. We're spending a lot of time
10 researching what we can do to preserve our
11 culture.

12 As you move forward, I no less
13 than demand that everybody affected by the
14 1855 treaty be acknowledged and be visited
15 with so we can speak as a whole, not as one.

16 When you're looking at small
17 meetings and you're considering the consent of
18 approval, the Anishinaabe should be able to be
19 pulled together as one voice; then we would
20 represent a majority that has a stake in this,
21 according to the treaty.

22 For those that are living within
23 our treaty areas, I ask their support as we
24 protect your rights to clean water and good
25 life.

1 Those are my concerns today. I
2 thank you for your time.

3 FACILITATOR: I think we have a
4 comment right here, I believe you wanted to
5 make, so we'll bring in the mic and get his
6 name and the spelling and the like.

7 MS. DAWN GOODWIN:
8 (indiscernible). My name is Dawn Goodwin. My
9 Anishinaabe name is Gaagige yaashiik,
10 G-A-A-G-I-G-E Y-A-A-S-H-I-I-K.

11 I stand before you today, I
12 speak for many people, and I thank all of you
13 that came here today. This is very important.
14 I don't even know where to begin. I'm going
15 to start with the Draft Environmental Impact
16 Statement that was put out. I agree that it
17 doesn't even barely -- it barely touches the
18 surface of who we are as a people.

19 There's some part that stuck out
20 with me as I was reading chapter 9 dedicated
21 to the tribal resources. And as I was reading
22 that, I come to one and it says, "Historically
23 birch bark, cedar was used." I'm telling you,
24 we are here. We're not a was. We are is. We
25 use birch bark for our lodges, for our canoes,

1 for food serving, for whittling our wild rice
2 in the traditional way. We use these things.
3 We pick our medicines. We go out and harvest
4 our foods.

5 Granted, right now I'm not doing
6 that as much as I would really like to. On
7 Sunday I could have been out picking birch
8 bark, I could have went to the pow wow to
9 celebrate life and each other.

10 But no, I was at home. I was
11 reading the DEIS. I was reading this federal
12 Indian law book, Federal Indian law, our 1855
13 treaty. Our treaties are the supreme law of
14 the land. And it needs to be respected. Our
15 people are hurting. We're tired of being
16 stepped on. Look at when these first
17 pipelines were put through, 1949, we're
18 talking. We have two corridors of pipelines.

19 Where were our people then?
20 Does anybody know? Other than the native
21 people, we know. We know what was happening
22 to our people then. We were being relocated.

23 So we're tired of this. These
24 pipelines got to go through during that time.
25 Our people couldn't defend themselves. They

1 didn't know that they are putting these
2 pipelines through. My mom was eight years old
3 in 1949. Did she have much of a voice?
4 Probably not. She grew up in Bagley. I grew
5 up in Bagley.

6 I want you to take -- look, we
7 are in Clearwater County. Doesn't that
8 resonate anything to you? Clearwater County.
9 Three rivers start here. We have the Wild
10 Rice River that flows south and west. That
11 would mean crossed under by Enbridge pipeline.

12 We already worry about what are
13 there from the Koch brothers.

14 There are spills there that
15 haven't been cleaned up. We know this. There
16 is a lady that had a spill back in 1980. It
17 was never properly cleaned. And she may have
18 settled out of court with the Koch brothers.
19 We'll find out. I know it was up two years
20 ago.

21 So we have Wild Rice River,
22 which flows, and then to Mahnomen's source of
23 drinking water. It goes through all our
24 communities. Our children fish and swim in
25 the river. We rice this in the fall. We pick

1 berries in July, right down from the
2 Mississippi River where Enbridge would cross
3 again.

4 So here's another river that
5 starts in Clearwater County; the Mississippi.
6 That's considered the heart of Turtle Island.
7 And you want to put a pipeline under that and
8 also underneath the Clearwater River, which
9 starts over -- was it First Lake or Third Lake
10 there?

11 So we got three major rivers
12 starting in Clearwater County, which would all
13 be in danger of pipeline. Not to mention all
14 the streams and creeks, not to mention the
15 Continental Divide. So we got water going
16 this way, water going that way.

17 We have rights. We have water
18 rights. This book here tells us all about it,
19 the rights we have. In Arizona they just won
20 a water rights trial -- a case.

21 So as we gather, no, I'm not for
22 this pipeline. It needs to be -- the old one
23 needs to be taken out, and the new one does
24 not need to exist. It's full of tar sand,
25 which other people have said is very

1 carcinogenic.

2 I made lots of notes here. I
3 looked at the Draft EIS, too, and I seen in
4 there -- it was a misprint -- it said the Land
5 of 1,000 lakes, so we need to make a change in
6 that. We are the Land of 10,000 lakes.

7 And I believe that the
8 Certificate of Need should be denied because
9 it would adversely affect us. The
10 consequences to our society is less favorable.

11 And to also address, does the
12 project comply with other laws? Well, like I
13 said, 1855 treaty, the Clean Water Act. How
14 about sulfate levels? Well, I guess we'll
15 change the laws and try to irradiate those,
16 or change the sulfide levels in the midst of
17 all of this. It's wrong.

18 So we learn the rules of the
19 game and then you change the rules while we're
20 playing the game. That doesn't make sense.

21 I want to know how many -- how
22 much oil is really used per day in our
23 country. How much domestic oil do we use
24 daily, how much imported oil is used on a
25 daily basis, and what is this oil used for,

1 other than fuel for cars and buildings?

2 Are the alternatives to plastic
3 being produced? Of course they're there. Are
4 we using alternatives to plastic?

5 We need to change as a people
6 what we're choosing to do. And we need to
7 figure out how to reduce the use of oil, not
8 perpetuate the dependency upon it.

9 I want to speak about the
10 section about climate change. Locally, we
11 have noticed a drop in our water levels, and
12 I'm going to mention the Buckboard Hills. The
13 Buckboard Hills are on the eastern border of
14 this pipeline.

15 Very important area, I don't
16 know. It's considered a geologic anomaly, the
17 Buckboard Hills. Do people know that? I
18 don't know if they know that, but it is.

19 And a geological anomaly is
20 considered because the glacier didn't scrape
21 it away and pushed it up and stopped there and
22 began to recede.

23 So in our Buckboard Hills, where
24 many people still practice the traditional
25 ways of gathering, hunting, they've noticed a

1 ten-feet drop in water in some of their lakes.

2 So speaking to climate change,
3 we're seeing it. We've seen it as harvesters,
4 the fluctuation and change. There's been
5 years where we have bumper crops, various, and
6 then the very next year, very few.

7 We talked also about -- also
8 carbon trading credits. Canada doesn't have
9 to do anything about their tar sand oil. They
10 don't need to address it. It's dirty, very
11 dirty oil, extreme extraction. Puts a lot of
12 extra CO2 in the air. They don't have to
13 because of carbon trading credits.

14 So I really encourage people to
15 take the time to really understand the whole
16 picture here. For instance, when I talk about
17 the carbon trading credits, because Canada can
18 say, "Well, we're doing this hydroelectric,"
19 so they're trading -- "so then we're cutting
20 down on carbon."

21 So -- which makes it easy for
22 them just to continue on with their tar sand
23 project.

24 And another thing I want to
25 mention is climate change. In the climate

1 change there was mention of some
2 electromagnetic storms that take place, and
3 this is a concern.

4 Also, we are a major flyway for
5 birds, so the majority of our migratory bird
6 population, they're born here in this area.

7 I also noticed what was missing,
8 too, is there's no mention of endeavors for
9 prairie restoration, wildlife habitat and
10 water restoration.

11 Just down the river from where
12 it crossed over by County 2 it says, "Save the
13 Stream"; Coffee Pot Landing, "Save the
14 Stream." I said, "Okay. I will save the
15 stream."

16 All right, and thank you
17 everyone for listening. I will -- I guess I
18 promise I will write a statement, and I plan
19 to attend other meetings. Thank you.

20 FACILITATOR: Thank you very
21 much.

22 So next we have Bewaush or Ricky
23 Smith.

24 MR. RICKY SMITH:
25 (indiscernible). I'm from Pine Point. My

1 name is Bewaush. They call me Ricky Smith.

2 I have three points that I want
3 to make sure that these people -- for a
4 thousand years our people migrated here to
5 this place. The Anishinaabe people moved from
6 the coast to be here because of a prophecy
7 that sent us here to a place where the
8 wildlife or the food was so abundant that our
9 food would even grow on the water.

10 That's our tradition. That's
11 our people. That's who we are. It's all tied
12 together. These wild rice beds that we have
13 here in these lakes, that's who we are.
14 That's our tradition. It's our religion.
15 It's our identity. That's who Anishinaabe
16 people are.

17 And this pipeline, this oil,
18 this toxins, they threaten all of that. They
19 threaten our identity, our food, our
20 tradition, our religion. They threaten
21 Anishinaabe people in general.

22 Without the wild rice, we have
23 no identity. Wild rice won't grow in any
24 pollutants. We know that. If a lake is
25 polluted at all, the rice won't come back.

1 It'll die. When the rice dies, we die.

2 My second point today I want to
3 make to all the people here that don't rely on
4 rice, that those rice beds, these animals, our
5 medicines, you don't rely on that for your
6 life.

7 But I tell you what, the money,
8 if you follow the money train, who's making
9 money on this deal, they make money on the
10 Saskatchewan. They pump them toxins through
11 here, through our backyard, and they pump it
12 to Wisconsin, Superior, Wisconsin. They put
13 it on a boat, and they take it out of here.

14 We don't get anything out of
15 this deal. There's no positive outcome for us
16 as a community, native, nonnative. There is
17 no positive in this.

18 Only negative outcomes that may
19 not happen tomorrow, may not happen next week,
20 but I tell you what is happening, it's
21 happening -- it happened this weekend. There
22 was a leak on a line over by Leech Lake.

23 That's going to happen here.

24 It's inevitable.

25 My daughter is 10 years old.

1 I'm 40 years old, as I stand here before you.
2 My daughter is 10. She can't come here and
3 talk to you about how this will affect her
4 life, but I can speak to it.

5 In 20 years when there's
6 problems with this line, I'll be 60 years old.
7 I'll be 60 years old and there won't be
8 anything we can do about it.

9 My daughter will be 25, 30 years
10 old and having to deal with the fact that our
11 rice beds, our way of life, is being affected
12 by something that her dad could have stopped.
13 Her dad had an impact in that. He could have
14 said something.

15 Like I said, this won't be -- it
16 won't be my problem. If this line goes
17 through, it won't be my problem. I'll be 60
18 years old. Hopefully I'll be living in
19 Florida on a beach soaking up the sun.

20 But I tell you what, I'll still
21 be eating wild rice, blueberries, because
22 that's who I am.

23 So I worry about my daughter. I
24 worry about my grandkids and those kids,
25 because this is our home, no matter what. If

1 we up and left because there was a problem
2 here in our rice, our water was polluted, and
3 we had to go someplace else, it wouldn't
4 matter. This would still be our home.
5 Because for a thousand years, thousands of
6 years, this is the home of the Anishinaabe
7 people.

8 That lake out there, that lake
9 out there, might seem like it belongs to these
10 people here that live right here. It doesn't.
11 It belongs to all of us. On the other side of
12 the lake there's a landing, Ponsford Landing,
13 because our people from (indiscernible), our
14 people from Ponsford came to that landing, and
15 that's where we harvested our rice for years;
16 years and years and years.

17 I ask that you look inside of
18 yourself, you look inside of the eyes of those
19 children and the people who are going to be
20 affected by this, and you don't take the
21 selfish look at it and say, "Well, 20 years,
22 I'm going to be dead and gone."

23 You know what? In 20 years,
24 them kids will still be here. 20 years, my
25 grandkids will hopefully be here. And we'll

1 be out there in the Landing, and she'll be
2 teaching her kids how to rice, because that's
3 who we are.

4 FACILITATOR: So if I could see
5 a show of hands for those folks who haven't
6 commented and want to.

7 So four. Try to keep it to
8 roughly seven minutes if you can. Come
9 forward and spell your name for the court
10 reporter, if you would.

11 MR. ANDREW STRUSS: Can everyone
12 hear me? My name is Andrew Struss,
13 A-N-D-R-E-W, S-T-R-U-S-S.

14 I am now part of the Camp Turtle
15 Island here of White Earth. I was recently
16 forced out of Standing Rock at gunpoint. I
17 would like to remind everyone that a good idea
18 does not need to be enforced with violence;
19 that a prayer camp, that our religious freedom
20 is being infringed upon by people with guns,
21 and it's not in the name of public interest.
22 It is in the name of greed. It is profit and
23 that is simply it.

24 Our politicians have sold out
25 because the lobbyists have given them enough

1 scraps of paper to satisfy their need.

2 And what we need to do is
3 realize the important things here cannot be
4 bought, and the people with integrity need to
5 lead the community. I ask our tribal council
6 members to stand with the greatest of
7 integrity, to stand and say no to the money,
8 to take the threats, the threats of violence,
9 the threats upon your family, and I want you
10 to stand up defiantly in the face of this
11 greedy monster.

12 It's really -- we don't need the
13 oil. We know there are plenty of
14 alternatives. It does not take a rocket
15 scientist to figure out that God's sun can
16 provide all the energy we need, right, and
17 that hemp and other things mentioned before
18 are renewable, sustainable, and with our
19 wonderful, arable farm land, we stand to have
20 fields of green gold. So Minnesotans, native
21 Minnesotans, it's in our name, sky-colored
22 water, so let's keep our water clean.

23 We have so much of a vested
24 interest in our water, in our waterways. When
25 it comes to fishing, angling, we have -- when

1 it comes to the Department of Natural
2 Resources, we look at the licensing, the fees,
3 and all of these things can stimulate an
4 economy, right, and with us, we can grow our
5 economy. We can literally grow our economy.

6 We can use buffer crops growing
7 hemp along the watersheds to remediate the
8 soil to leech some of those toxins out of
9 water.

10 With this pipeline, they're
11 risking not just this community but everything
12 around the watershed. And they are so
13 shortsighted that they don't understand the
14 impact of their actions. They don't
15 understand the lasting impact that these
16 things have.

17 Abandoning the line; they have
18 no plans to remediate the soil. This is
19 ridiculous. This is preposterous. They do
20 not need the oil, as simple as that.

21 If we return to the natural,
22 sustainable ways, we will see that we can
23 generate our own prosperity. We plant seeds
24 for our children's prosperity, for our future
25 generations; that God has given us everything

1 we need and we have a bounty in front of us.

2 If we do not preserve -- we must
3 be conservative with our natural resources.
4 We must preserve them at all costs. Oil is a
5 finite resource, and you cannot make infinite
6 profit off of finite resource. The business
7 model will collapse upon itself.

8 So end the greed. End the --
9 money is -- it's fake. It's debt-based
10 currency. It's scraps of paper. You are
11 selling your souls out for a piece of paper.
12 There's nothing tangible attached to that.
13 Remember that, that you're selling out future
14 generations for a temporary satisfaction.

15 Please just keep this in mind.
16 Thank you.

17 FACILITATOR: I think there's a
18 commenter right here and to my left here.
19 Give your name, and if you could spell it for
20 the court reporter.

21 MS. NICOLETTE SLAGLE: Nicolette
22 Slagle, N-I-C-O-L-E-T-T-E; Slagle,
23 S-L-A-G-L-E.

24 So I have a number of comments
25 and concerns about the impact statement. I

1 think Jamie and everybody else knows where we
2 stand in general on the pipelines.

3 And we've been compiling --
4 we've been busting our ass trying to get
5 through these 5,000 pages of technical
6 information and try to make sense of it and
7 summarize our comments and concerns. And we
8 do have one draft of our comments and concerns
9 right now back here on our back table.

10 We're going to be editing this
11 and revising this as we go through these
12 meetings and hearing what other people are
13 saying, and we will be sharing that on our
14 stopline3.org website.

15 On top of that, though, what we
16 have in our highlights reel, there's some
17 specific concerns that I have, is that this
18 whole document seems to be taking what
19 Enbridge says at face value.

20 There's no analysis of the fact
21 that well, maybe, just maybe, they won't
22 actually follow the requirements of their
23 permits.

24 Again and again in the document
25 it says there could be all of these different

1 impacts, we know of all these different
2 impacts, but Enbridge will be able to develop
3 a mitigation plan to stop those impacts. But
4 what we've seen through the history of
5 Enbridge's operations is they don't follow
6 their mitigation plans, and they end up making
7 things worse.

8 In fact, I was laughing because
9 I didn't read through all the sections,
10 another colleague read through a section, and
11 I'm just going to read this one because I
12 can't believe it, "The DEIS acknowledges that
13 the addition of temporary cash rich workforce
14 increases the likelihood that sex trafficking
15 or sexual abuse will occur. This will hit
16 Native American communities the hardest."

17 But the DEIS dismisses this
18 problem quickly, saying that, "Enbridge can
19 prepare and implement an education plan or
20 awareness campaign around this issue."
21 Because Enbridge has so much experience
22 dealing with sexual trafficking and abuse, I'm
23 sure their mitigation program would be super.

24 In addition to the fact that
25 this realization that Enbridge is constantly

1 violating the terms of their permits and their
2 mitigation plans, is the fact that the
3 abandonment section is approximately 14 pages,
4 and while there is a short analysis of the
5 potential impacts of abandonment, there is not
6 a full plan for what Enbridge needs to do to
7 get that pipeline out of the ground, and what
8 it's going to cost, and what it's going to
9 take to restore that corridor.

10 Because that is what these
11 people need in this area, is that pipeline
12 needs to be out, because it goes through
13 tribal lands, and they have said they want it
14 out, and that's what's going to have to
15 happen.

16 In addition to that, Enbridge
17 isn't going to be able to come in and hire
18 outside contractors and come in and clean it
19 up and do whatever they want to do, however
20 they want to do it, normally.

21 No, Enbridge is going to have to
22 establish a fund that they're going to train
23 the tribal members on how to do this cleanup.

24 Some other sections, their
25 restoration practices after the development of

1 this corridor. It's laughable what they think
2 that they're going to be able to do.

3 Basically they have this diagram
4 where they're going to be taking off the top
5 soil and piling it on site, and vehicles may
6 or may not be driving over it.

7 There will probably be equipment
8 put on it at some point in time. This will
9 compact the soil greatly, in which they then
10 plan to just dump back into the trench and tap
11 it down more and then throw some oats on it.
12 And that is their restoration plan for
13 wetlands.

14 Even in areas where wetlands
15 have been restored using state-of-the-art
16 practices, even a hundred years after the time
17 that they have been restored, they're still
18 not fully back to their original ecosystem
19 functioning. So how is Enbridge going to just
20 throw some oats and completely fix the
21 problem?

22 Another thing we realized is
23 that there's no analysis of what might happen
24 in Duluth if there's a catastrophic spill in
25 Superior.

1 In fact, Duluth isn't even
2 having a meeting at all on this impact
3 statement. And let me tell you, we just spent
4 a couple days in Duluth. They're not too
5 happy about that.

6 You know, I don't even know how
7 much I want to get into this whole section
8 about the tribal impacts and how the impact
9 statement addresses the fact that, yes, there
10 will be disproportionally large impacts on the
11 native communities.

12 But again, Enbridge's great
13 mitigation practices will, you know, settle
14 them down a little bit.

15 Let's see, I think that they had
16 a cost. I want to talk a little bit about the
17 cost and the greenhouse gases and how you
18 analyze that.

19 You used a number of the social
20 cost of carbon, which I believe you used like
21 the mid range EPA numbers, which was like
22 about \$39 per metric ton per year or
23 something.

24 So I've been working on this
25 analysis for a couple years now of what is

1 really the cost of this pipeline corridor
2 going through Minnesota. I've used a number
3 of different measurements, and I will be
4 submitting a full documentation of where I got
5 these numbers.

6 But the first two rows are the
7 cost to remove carbon from the atmosphere once
8 it's already in there. And we have to realize
9 we cannot just let these oil companies do
10 whatever they want and let massive amounts of
11 carbon into the air, because that is not the
12 right decision for the future of this planet.

13 The second two measurements is a
14 measurement of the destruction of the Boreal
15 Forest up in Canada. And this is, again, just
16 a starting estimate of the land impacts of tar
17 sand. This number is from the area of the
18 tailing ponds that are created through the tar
19 sands mining and the in-situ.

20 So those tailing ponds take at
21 least 40 years to settle, and then even after
22 that, they're not really so sure how they're
23 going to restore those areas.

24 The numbers that I have attached
25 to that is from the Pembina Institute,

1 calculating the cost of Canada's ecosystems,
2 and it is a value for the carbon storage of
3 the Boreal Forest and the other ecosystem
4 services that the Boreal Forest provides to
5 the people in that area.

6 Then I also have the estimated
7 acres of wetlands that will be destroyed
8 through the building of the new corridor,
9 which is probably low because I haven't
10 recalculated that in a couple of years. But
11 the price of that is \$5,625 per acre wetland
12 destroyed.

13 And then the last two lines are
14 the social cost of carbon, and we actually
15 went with the \$220 per ton based on the best
16 international research, is the number that
17 really should be used, because the EPA's
18 number of 39 or 13, or whatever it was you
19 guys used, I don't remember, is pretty low.

20 So if Enbridge is going to be
21 able to pick and choose their numbers and
22 choose the best case scenario for things, well
23 then, we're going to go on the other side and
24 pick and choose the worse case scenario for
25 things, because we need to have a full

1 understanding of what the real potential
2 impact of this is.

3 Well, I think that that's most
4 of it. Most of our other issues and concerns
5 are in our DIS highlight reel, and I will
6 probably see you guys later in Grand Rapids,
7 too, so I can make some of my other comments.

8 FACILITATOR: This gentleman
9 right here. Name and if you could spell it
10 for the court reporter.

11 MR. NEAL ILLIES: My name is
12 Neal, N-E-A-L, Illies, I-L-L-I-E-S. I'm a
13 county commissioner for Clearwater County.
14 I'm in District III. Most of the new
15 preferred route going through Clearwater
16 County will go through my district.

17 I have talked to many, many of
18 my constituents, the townships. As far as
19 answering Marty's question, they want this
20 pipeline in their backyard.

21 53 percent of our local levy is
22 paid by the pipelines. That includes services
23 down in this area, law enforcement, medical
24 services, different food services. Social
25 service is paid by pipeline. So yes, there is

1 a lot of money that comes down in this area
2 and throughout the county, thanks to the
3 pipelines.

4 I wasn't going to speak so I
5 didn't have anything prepared, but we need to
6 look at the facts. And the facts are the
7 pipeline is the safest way to do this. There
8 hasn't been any major spills in this area that
9 would affect any of the wild rice beds or
10 anything like that.

11 And we can't go on these
12 what-ifs and could-bes. We need to look at
13 the facts. I guess that's all. Thank you.

14 FACILITATOR: State your name
15 and spell that for the court reporter.

16 MS. SARAH WELLS:
17 (indiscernible). My English name is Sarah
18 Wells, S-A-R-A-H, W-E-L-L-S. I'm a Leech Lake
19 Band of Ojibwe member. I am also from the
20 White Earth Band of Ojibwe.

21 I am coming from a spiritual
22 standpoint. We all start as a droplet of
23 water. That's what this is all about. This
24 is about the water.

25 I was over in Leech Lake

1 yesterday doing some investigating. We got
2 some things going on actively in Leech Lake
3 right now.

4 On February 10, I have
5 documentation of an integrity dig that was
6 less than ten miles outside of Cass Lake. Our
7 Cass Lake Band of Ojibwe members were not
8 notified of the integrity dig. We have
9 pictures of regular ground sand on one side
10 and it's solid black on the other side, and
11 the pipeline is lifted up out of the ground
12 three feet. We have pictures.

13 These are real things that are
14 happening to our people. This is coming
15 through the wetlands. Last night I stood in
16 prayer and sang the water song for some water
17 that is now solid black and blue and burnt and
18 smells badly of gas, it smells like methane.

19 I reported it as a spill to
20 Enbridge last night. It's in the middle of a
21 swamp. We were standing in knee-high water,
22 and I was told that it was reported as a grass
23 fire. I would like to know how a grass fire
24 happens to combust in the middle of a swamp
25 that is knee-high water unless that water has

1 chemicals in it which combusted.

2 This was less than a quarter of
3 a mile from town. I walked 56 steps to one of
4 my elder's house who is 72 years old, and he
5 drinks that water every day.

6 I've been to Kalamazoo in 2014.
7 We did water ceremony for the children over
8 there. When we did water ceremony for them,
9 their hair was falling out of their head. We
10 stood with hair, gobs of their hair in our
11 hands, because we were praying for them for
12 sacred water for the people of Flint, Michigan
13 for the Kalamazoo oil spill.

14 But what's failed to be
15 mentioned is that Grand Rapids, Minnesota, in
16 1991, was the largest oil spill in the United
17 States. The oil spill in 1991 in Grand Rapids
18 supersedes the one in Kalamazoo, but nobody
19 hears about the Grand Rapids oil spill.
20 Millions and millions of gallons, billions of
21 barrels that spilled into the Grand Rapids
22 River.

23 There was no plan. Enbridge
24 does not have a plan of action for ice spills.

25 We all live here in Minnesota.

1 How many months out of the year are we under
2 ice? How can they not have a plan for a spill
3 that is going to happen on the ice when we
4 are, six months out of the year minimally, an
5 ice-filled state?

6 Where does that oil go on top of
7 the ice? Where is the impact statement on ice
8 spills? Because I've never heard of one, I've
9 never seen one. We talk about the land
10 spills, we talk about the spills that are in
11 the wetlands when the water is free and it's
12 flowing, but what about that oil that's on the
13 ice, in the land of ice?

14 I don't want my child to lose
15 his hair. I don't want your children to lose
16 their hair because they're drinking the water
17 that has been contaminated by tar sand. I
18 don't want our children to have kidneys that
19 are full of blood.

20 I know of an eight-year-old
21 little girl that died. Her kidneys failed on
22 her, eight years old, because she drank the
23 water. The kidneys of the people in the
24 reservations are failing. The dialysis units
25 are rising. All these brand new fancy

1 dialysis units are because the people's
2 kidneys are failing, because of the
3 contaminants that we are drinking from the tar
4 sands. We are drinking it. It's in our
5 water.

6 I can't speak for White Earth.
7 I'm sorry, because I don't know what's going
8 on here, but I know what's going on in Leech
9 Lake. And the fact is is that what we have on
10 paper by Enbridge is that their max flowing
11 capacity is 2.38 billion barrels per day
12 through the state of Minnesota.

13 That's not through the United
14 States. That's through Minnesota.

15 That's not including the
16 dilutant in line 13, which flows from south to
17 north, with 267,000 barrels of chemicals that
18 they ship to the tar sands in Canada.

19 All of that is going through our
20 water tables. We're drinking that in our
21 water.

22 You can go on the websites and
23 you can see where the oil plumage is in the
24 water tables in Cass Lake underneath the south
25 pumping station. It's on Enbridge's web page.

1 It shows the oil, the 22 wells that they've
2 inserted into that oil spill that monitor what
3 the oil is doing. The oil is not coming out
4 of the ground. The oil is not being
5 extricated. It's being monitored. We have
6 wells that are being dug to monitor what the
7 oil is doing in our water table.

8 In the meantime, we have
9 children, pregnant women, elders. It doesn't
10 matter what color we are, because we all drink
11 the water. We all live on this land. We're
12 all going to die from it. It has to stop. It
13 has to change. The time is now. We'll all
14 die if this doesn't change. (indiscernible)

15 FACILITATOR: One gentleman
16 wants to make a comment -- just aware of the
17 time. Anybody else? We can get final
18 comments.

19 MR. BILL CROWELL: Bill Crowell,
20 B-I-L-L, C-R-O-W-E-L-L. I'm from Pine Point
21 on the southern part of the White Earth
22 Reservation. I was born in the White Earth
23 Union Hospital in 1955.

24 And I wasn't going to speak here
25 today, but it's sort of interesting that a

1 Clearwater County commissioner comes here, and
2 he's the only person that speaks for this
3 pipeline, and then he starts talking about
4 social services money that's going to come.

5 You know something, I've been a
6 logger all my life, since I was ten years old.
7 And most of the money that comes into Bagley,
8 the county seat of Clearwater County come off
9 this White Earth Reservation, and it didn't
10 come by native loggers like myself. Probably
11 come from his relatives.

12 Whenever I log in Clearwater
13 County, I want to tell that gentleman -- and I
14 can take him out not too many miles from
15 here -- when I log tribal wood throughout the
16 county, I find these BIA survey pipes, and
17 over here is a Clearwater County land.

18 But the pipe's over there and
19 the logger cut over here. And every time I
20 tell my White Earth Forester, BIA people,
21 "What are you going to do about that, their
22 trespass?" Nothing happens.

23 So don't sit here and tell me
24 about social services and how this pipeline's
25 going to help Clearwater County help any

1 native person.

2 Now I'm going to get to what I
3 really want to tell you about. This lake out
4 here, this wild rice, when I was a young man
5 over a half century ago at Pine Point, our
6 people, all of our Anishinaabe people, loved
7 the fall. It's a special time of the year.

8 Because when we come to this big
9 lake and we go out there in the ponds for
10 landing that my friends spoke of, some of
11 those people, some of my ancestors, my
12 relatives -- some still around, some gone --
13 they made over a half of year's income, rice
14 from that lake out there.

15 We're finding out our tribe now,
16 they say they'll pay them two bucks a pound
17 for green rice, so we got a living wage. For
18 one month out of the year we can make a living
19 wage. No thanks to Clearwater County.

20 If this pipeline starts to leak,
21 and I said it, I said it over at the TEC of
22 MCT, I'd like to take a sloop, maybe one that
23 that gentleman owns, and I'd like to plant a
24 few plants of wild rice in there, and then
25 let's introduce this tar sand in there.

1 And I know Winona jumped all
2 over me about it, but if you get the right
3 sloop, I can clean it up. They used to do it
4 out in the oil patch all the time, all day.
5 They dig a pit. They clean it up.

6 So it can be done. But clearly,
7 we won't know -- I know somebody spoke about
8 it. They said if it gets in there, it
9 probably is going to kill the rice.

10 And if they cross where they're
11 talking about up here, on the one that they
12 want, that's going to go into Upper Rice.
13 It's going to come down through here in this
14 aquifer, ready for Cass Lake.

15 Those deep aquifers, when I log
16 in a swamp in the wintertime, you can walk out
17 there in 40 below, and those trucks are going
18 like that. What does that tell me? That
19 water's 60 to 80 feet below me. And if that
20 contamination gets in that water, you're not
21 stopping it, you're not cleaning it up.

22 So they can take their oil
23 pipelines and they can keep them in Canada,
24 because if they need to get rid of Canadian
25 oil, do it in Hudson Bay. They don't need to

1 come over here to Superior, Wisconsin. I
2 don't need it. It ain't going to do me any
3 good.

4 You know, I paid my way, all my
5 life. But this pipeline, like that gentleman
6 said, it ain't going to bring nothing to
7 Clearwater County. It ain't going to bring
8 nothing to the White Earth Reservation except
9 maybe it may end our wild rice.

10 And if it does, like that
11 gentleman said, my friend from Pine Point,
12 our -- we're dead. If it kills the wide rice,
13 it kills us. There's nothing about this
14 pipeline that's worth taking that chance.

15 I was up in the oil field in
16 2008. By 2010, both my kidneys were down to
17 10 percent, and that's what I did. I hauled
18 dirty water for Missouri Basin Trucking. I'm
19 telling you right now, you don't want to mess
20 with it, because I'm just now getting back on
21 my feet.

22 So don't tell me what it can't
23 be or what it won't be, because I've seen it.
24 I've seen the dirty part of it. I've seen the
25 financial part of it, and there's no gain for

1 us as a people at White Earth, Leech Lake, all
2 the way over to Fond Du Lac.

3 My good friend who's the
4 chairman of the Fond Du Lac Band, he's also
5 the president of the Chippewa Tribe, he knows
6 there's no future in this for us as native
7 people.

8 We got to fight this every way
9 we can. There is just no way that we need or
10 want this. Thank you.

11 FACILITATOR: So as we begin to
12 bring this to a close, anybody else who wants
13 to make a public comment besides the gentleman
14 in the red cap, and then we're just coming
15 back here. So the gentleman in the red cap
16 first, and then the gentleman in the white
17 baseball cap second.

18 MR. DENNIS RITTS: My name is
19 Dennis Ritts, D-E-N-N-I-S, R-I-T-T-S. I've
20 logged around this country for 30 years. And
21 I'm not a speaker. But after I quit logging,
22 I've been driving truck over the road, so I've
23 been in all 48 states and all the other Canada
24 provinces since '07.

25 A few things, I've hauled stuff

1 for the pipeline and oil fields and stuff.
2 They're real fussy about their equipment,
3 paint in their pipes and stuff. If I haul
4 pipe, I can't get a scratch on it because it's
5 newer stuff than what they used to have. I
6 haul a lot of stuff for them.

7 Another thing, last year in
8 2016, there was more vehicles traveling more
9 miles and worked more fuel than ever in our
10 history last year, in 2016.

11 Okay, another thing, too, that
12 I've observed renewable fuel. Okay. It takes
13 fuel to grow crops. To use renewable fuel, to
14 me, it's taking food away from people, because
15 a lot of this stuff that they make renewable
16 fuel out of is food that they would use for
17 livestock feed, which of course, goes to food
18 for people.

19 There's oil on this pipeline
20 now. The way I understand, it would be from
21 Saskatchewan down to Superior. That would be
22 refined there, and unlead fuel would be used
23 locally, and would be all shipped overseas, is
24 the way I understand it.

25 They had a proposal about taking

1 it to the West Coast, which would be over the
2 mountains. That's just what I've heard.

3 Another thing, climate change,
4 I'm the same age as the last guy that was up
5 here. When I was a kid, we used to have awful
6 deep snow in this country and it got terribly
7 cold. It's a lot warmer now than it was when
8 we were kids.

9 Part of this -- I don't know
10 about the pollution stuff and everything, but
11 when you drive through big cities where it's
12 all concrete and buildings and highways and
13 stuff, my temperature gauge in my truck, it'll
14 go up two, five degrees warmer in cities.

15 And so, to me, I've seen just a
16 tremendous amount of stuff being blacktopped,
17 pavement, and more people. To me, that's got
18 a lot to do with our climate, you know. But
19 it's so huge, I have no idea for sure.

20 I have 160 acres over there,
21 which has a pipeline that runs through it now.
22 There's four lines there. One of the lines
23 was put in in the early '60s. And last
24 year -- within the last two years, they dug up
25 sections of that pipe four different times,

1 and they planned on replacing that one, and
2 basically, yes, their stuff has a life limit
3 to it.

4 So the line going across Line 3,
5 I believe it should be shut down, because I
6 know where it moves now. I don't think they
7 ever got permits in what we have in the way of
8 restrictions now, and I don't know where it
9 should be. But I know that they looked about
10 coming across my land on one side or the
11 other -- property lines.

12 They spent two years looking at
13 frogs and bats and birds and every other
14 thing. There's always trespassing on the
15 place, you know. But they always ask
16 permission to go out there and stuff, so --

17 People have a right to be
18 concerned about pollution, the likes and
19 stuff, but they tell me that they have pumping
20 stations. They can tell if there's a leak by
21 the pressure drop, which is recorded all the
22 time, but yes, there's going to be a leak.

23 The most dangerous way to
24 transport oil is by truck, because there's all
25 kinds of goofy drivers out there that try

1 to -- but of course, you're just going to have
2 one truck that's -- I don't know what you
3 consider a small spill -- I think 12,000
4 gallons.

5 Or in a train, but they had a
6 train caught on fire out in North Dakota I
7 think three years ago, and they just made the
8 ruling on it. The trunnion, the wheels on the
9 thing, they were too light for the rail car,
10 and then they built the rail car too light of
11 material, so they burnt through, and then of
12 course it burnt a lot of cars.

13 So they -- all the new rail cars
14 you see out there, they're going to fill out
15 the rail pretty soon.

16 So that's just a few of my views
17 and opinions. Thank you.

18 FACILITATOR: I think we have
19 one more gentleman right here. State your
20 name and spell that, please.

21 MR. LAWRENCE FAIRBANKS:
22 (indiscernible). L-A-W-R-E-N-C-E, Fairbanks,
23 just like the capital of Alaska,
24 F-A-I-R-B-A-N-K-S.

25 Request for everybody to support

1 to not have this pipeline come through. I
2 listened to a lot of good words here today,
3 and I think all these words come from, right
4 from our own heart.

5 If you look at the four elements
6 of life that we need to survive that the
7 creator gave us -- and one of them is water,
8 air, fire, and all the animal kingdom and
9 plants, two-legged, four-legged, winged ones.
10 I don't know how many people are hunters or
11 fishermen. A lot of us depend on the animals
12 to live. They call North America and South
13 America Turtle Island.

14 If you look at it, it resembles
15 the Mikinak. If you look at the Mikinak, if
16 you look at the back, it has 13 squares all
17 around to make that turtle's back. And then
18 there's other little small segments that go
19 around that turtle, that represents our days.

20 That 13 segments represent the
21 13 rivers that flow here on Turtle Island,
22 there's 13 of them. Off those 13, they branch
23 off into little rivers. Kind of like your
24 vein in your arms or your legs, all through
25 your body is like the veins. It's like our

1 blood that we have pumping through our bodies.
2 When one of those arteries gets taut, we find
3 that there's complications in the human life.

4 Out of those 13 rivers, you
5 notice that we have the dams that they made
6 years ago. If you think about it, if you have
7 a loved one that had heart implications, they
8 put stents, and they fix those veins to make
9 you live.

10 That's what they did in those
11 rivers. They put stents in them to hold back
12 the water. All of ours is different
13 watersheds that gives us everything we need
14 for life. That's what I was told by the
15 elders.

16 We're all affected by this. Not
17 just here, White Earth, but all over, and what
18 you've seen over the years, you know,
19 pollution. It's not just from the oil, but
20 it's from manufacturing companies to, you name
21 it, farming, and all this flows into the
22 water, and pretty soon we're not going to have
23 any water.

24 Our wild rice preserves are all
25 over from Wisconsin, Minnesota, up into Canada

1 a little ways. That was part of our prophecy
2 when we came from the East Coast, like my
3 friend Ricky explained. That was a vision
4 that was for us to migrate over this way, like
5 you said, to where we would come across where
6 the food grows on the water.

7 For years and years and years,
8 that's where the Anishinaabe people used to
9 eat, and sometimes that's probably all we had
10 to eat.

11 So I just want to have everybody
12 take a good look -- especially Enbridge --
13 really think about how you're going to affect
14 not just native people but non-native people
15 as well.

16 We're talking thousands of
17 people, from the elders all the way down to
18 the ones that are not even here yet.

19 There's a reason why the creator
20 put all the water here for us. If he didn't,
21 we wouldn't even be having this meeting. If I
22 was to take a cup of water from where the
23 headwaters start, I could probably drink it
24 and feel pretty good about myself, but if I
25 were to go all the way down to the end of the

1 Mississippi and I was to take a cup of water,
2 I probably wouldn't be able to drink it.

3 Remember, there's a time long
4 ago where you could probably stick your hand
5 in a mud puddle and cup that water and drink
6 it.

7 But now we go to the store and
8 depend on water to give our babies, ourselves,
9 to drink, and even put money on that water.
10 So now it even costs us money to live and
11 drink that water.

12 It's even more expensive than
13 gas. Who would have ever thought that that
14 would happen? So when we look at the whole
15 picture, how many natural clean aquifers are
16 left? Not many.

17 So we really need to take a good
18 look at what's more important, to live or not
19 to live.

20 FACILITATOR: Any final folks
21 who want to comment before we begin to close?

22 MS. MAIINGAN IKWE:

23 M-A-I-I-N-G-A-N, I-K-W-E. Thank you for
24 allowing me to talk today. I talk not as a
25 resident or a community -- can you hear me

1 more like this with the echo? Or can you hear
2 me better down here?

3 I am grateful to come here and
4 be at Camp Turtle Island. I was not born
5 here. I was not raised here, but I have seen
6 the effects here, and I've been asked to come
7 here.

8 That's sad, when we have a
9 fight, that we have to ask people to come in.

10 Because people are dying. We
11 have had the opportunity to go down to Flint,
12 and from their water there we have seen babies
13 come out dead. We have seen babies come out
14 with issues, with problems, and it sounds like
15 that's what's happening at Leech Lake. So
16 what happens when it happens here, where we
17 see cancer already rising?

18 I do not know the full history
19 of here. I wasn't born here, but I only hear
20 what people have said and the facts that I
21 have researched, and it's not okay.

22 I look over here, and I see that
23 throughout all routes are going to be circling
24 water. Well, isn't Minnesota the land of
25 10,000 lakes? Isn't when it hits one water,

1 it hits all of it?

2 So what happens here? Me
3 walking in both worlds, and I see natives here
4 that will all perish because of the wild rice.
5 And not only natives do I see dying, I see
6 white folk dying, too. I see Flint coming
7 here. And I don't know if you guys have
8 really heard of Flint, but it is so sad. It
9 is so sad, and that's what I see happening
10 here.

11 So please, Neal, please rethink
12 the words that you said, because your words
13 are going to kill everyone. Money will come
14 from other places. It's amazing what happens
15 when solar energy and wind is involved, and
16 when you can get money from other things.

17 But what's important is that the
18 money to give Social Security, what happens
19 when there's no humans to give that Social
20 Security money to?

21 So from someone outside looking
22 in, please rethink your statement, because
23 it's going to kill everyone here.

24 And thank you for letting me
25 talk to you guys today. I wasn't going to

1 talk. As you can see, I'm shaking, because
2 I'm shaken up by what is happening here.

3 Thank you all for being here to
4 talk about your community, and to talk about
5 what's happening, and thank you for letting me
6 learn more, because I don't see anymore
7 meetings happening after this when everyone's
8 dying of water. So what happens then when
9 it's too late?

10 FACILITATOR: We're running
11 toward the end of our time together for this
12 meeting. Is there anybody else who wants to
13 make a final comment?

14 DAWN GOODWIN: (indiscernible) I
15 want to make one last final comment.

16 G-A-A-G-I-G-E Y-A-A-S-H-I-I-K. Everlasting
17 Wind is my name.

18 So I'd like to leave with you
19 this: I noticed in the DEIS, it talks about
20 historical trauma. A friend of mine said,
21 "Yeah, things happened to us in the past, but
22 historical trauma doesn't exist." And I
23 looked at him and he said, "We're still living
24 it."

25 The people that aren't here

1 today, our fellow tribal members, they're
2 experiencing contemporary trauma. They can't
3 handle this. They leave it up to us. They
4 trust us. I speak for many people that are
5 not here; hundreds, thousands.

6 Our Minnesota Chippewa Tribe has
7 42,000 members. So we're living contemporary
8 trauma. This is traumatic to me. I made a
9 vow to learn my language. I can't even touch
10 the surface. I'm still at elementary level,
11 because my mind is so filled in how I'm going
12 to beat Enbridge.

13 That's what I do for fun, my
14 spare time. I'm reading about the
15 environment. I'm reading about water. I'm
16 reading about what's coming from the air,
17 what's being sprayed on our fields. It's
18 coming from all directions.

19 To allow this to go through is
20 not right. So everybody in this room, you
21 have an obligation to protect the people,
22 protect that baby back there, their future.

23 So I tell you, you need to
24 look -- this has become an ethical and moral
25 issue. Don't continue to traumatize us as a

1 people. We've had enough. The time is now to
2 change, to make amends with.

3 We made those treaties in 1855
4 so that we could live in peace. And if you
5 look at the state seal, we have a native on a
6 horse and we have a farmer with his plow,
7 plowing through the fields.

8 We need to be able to live
9 side-by-side. We need to quit making bad
10 business ventures, venues, whatever. I will
11 not need to start thinking -- they were
12 talking about we needed to end our dependency
13 on oil 50 years ago, over 50 years ago, and
14 here we are again, talking about it again.

15 So if we were talking about it
16 50 years ago, why didn't anything happen? Why
17 are we back here again talking about it? And
18 I think we need to really get over dollar
19 signs. Once you get passed the dollar signs,
20 then that truth comes out.

21 What's more important? Water, I
22 want you to think about it. How did you use
23 water today? I'll tell you how I used water.
24 I got up, I was thirsty, very, very thirsty.
25 I needed to have a drink, so I went to my tap

1 and I got a drink. Some people can't do that.
2 I went to the bathroom. I brushed my teeth.
3 I took a shower. I made coffee. I gave the
4 dog and the cat some water.

5 I was sitting here, got a little
6 thirsty, I went back there, tried some water.
7 I could taste that it was some chlorine or
8 something in there. But we have a spring on
9 the other side of the lake where we can --
10 it's a flowing well. We can go and get water.

11 Last year, here in Rice Lake, we
12 had two storms that took out the electricity
13 and in the rest of Clearwater County, too.
14 Some people were out of electricity for days,
15 weeks, and what did we find was most
16 important? Water.

17 It was the most important. So I
18 want to leave with you that.

19 Miigwech.

20 FACILITATOR: We have time for
21 one more, so you're it. If you could state
22 your name and spell it for the reporter, that
23 would be very helpful.

24 MR.SAM CROWELL: Sam Crowell,
25 C-R-O-W-E-L-L.

1 My brother spoke awhile ago. We
2 grew up on a lake about 15 miles south of
3 here, Long Lost Lake, and he was talking about
4 water. We didn't have -- all we had was an
5 outside pump. In the wintertime we had to get
6 our water from the lake, and I remember my
7 sister went down in the morning to chop the
8 ice out of the lake and she chopped it, went
9 in the water, and my dad got mad because our
10 water was contaminated.

11 And like the lady said, when you
12 lose your water, you lose everything.

13 Now, I live down in the
14 southwest part of the reservation, the
15 southeast corner of the reservation. Farmland
16 contaminants down there. Most of the people
17 down there -- the roads are contaminated, they
18 have to buy water. I buy 12 gallons of water
19 a week just to drink, because I can't -- the
20 wells are contaminated.

21 That's what can happen if you
22 get this oil and they have a major spill,
23 but -- and I would like to state, state to
24 people that are here today, I have a firm
25 belief that it isn't going to matter what

1 these 22 meetings come up with, because I
2 think the decision's already been made.

3 If you go to the lake, the
4 pipe's already piled there. They bought land
5 all the way through. They're not going to
6 give that up. I'd like to talk to the State,
7 prove me wrong.

8 After these 22 meetings, show me
9 that they have not already changed their mind
10 and made a decision for them. Thank you.

11 FACILITATOR: Last speaker.

12 MS. IRENE AUGINAUSH: My name is
13 Irene Auginaush, A-U-G-I-N-A-U-S-H. I'm a
14 former White Earth tribal council member for
15 18 years. I was elected, and I want to -- I
16 want everyone to know that I am adamantly
17 against this pipeline coming anywhere near our
18 Rice Lake.

19 Our lake is the biggest lake
20 with rice in the country. And we -- this is
21 our culture. This is our cultural food. This
22 is our traditions. My grandpa and other
23 relatives used to sit down at the bridge. We
24 had planks put in in the river at the bridge
25 so that we'd have water to grow the rice, and

1 they knew when to take the planks out.

2 They sounded the shotguns
3 because the people down the river, I don't
4 know where it all goes out towards Ada, that
5 way, those farmers would sneak up and pull the
6 planks out trying to ruin our rice.

7 So they sent them with shotguns,
8 and they fought to save our rice and our Rice
9 Lake, and we are going to fight to save our
10 rice again, just like our ancestors did.

11 Miigwech.

12 FACILITATOR: Thank you,
13 everybody, for the time that you spent today
14 learning, talking, and commenting. Again, the
15 court reporter has captured all the comments
16 today and that will be part of what all the
17 state folks who will be working on this will
18 be reviewing and thinking about regarding the
19 revision for the draft for the final.

20 I think we said July 10th is the
21 end of the formal public comment period, so if
22 you want to send in a written comment, you can
23 do so until July 10. And that will be the
24 deadline, and we'll take those in and proceed
25 with the analysis of all the comments from

1 these meetings and everything we receive in
2 writing as well.

3 So I think with that, we thank
4 everybody. We thank the White Earth Nation
5 for hosting us, for the marvelous music and
6 drumming, and we'll look to you guys to close.

7 (Singing and drums played.)
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