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1 FACILITATOR: Welcome everybody.
2 We would like to get started with the public
3 comment period.

4 My name is Patrick Field. I work
5 with the consulting team on behalf of the State
6 of Minnesota, and I really want to hand the mic
7 over to Jamie MacAlister, who is the project
8 manager on this project on behalf of the State
9 and the Department of Commerce, who's going to
10 open with some remarks regarding the
11 orientation to the process.

12 We'll explain how the public
13 comment process works and dive in.

14 MS. JAMIE MACALISTER: Good
15 morning, everyone. I'll give everyone just a
16 moment here to take their seats. Good morning.

17 We're going to go ahead and get
18 started here with the oral portion of our
19 meeting.

20 I am Jamie MacAlister, from the
21 Department of Commerce. I want to run through
22 a few things with you before we open it up for
23 comment.

24 So as you know, this meeting is
25 being hosted by the State of Minnesota, and our

1 goal here today is to get your comments on the
2 Draft EIS. The Minnesota Public Utility
3 Commission has two decisions to make on this
4 project.

5 One, whether or not to issue the
6 Certificate of Need, and also, whether to issue
7 a route permit for this project. And we have
8 multiple state agencies here to help represent
9 the work on this project and help inform the
10 Public Utilities Commission's decision.

11 Let's briefly go through the
12 background and the timeline. This project
13 began in 2016, after submittal of applications
14 to the Public Utilities Commission.

15 The EIS is anticipated to be
16 completed by the late summer of 2017.

17 We have gone through scoping
18 meetings. We are currently in the Draft EIS
19 comment period. We will then release a Final
20 EIS, and once the final is issued, sometime
21 after that, in September, there will be
22 contested case hearings that are administered
23 by a judge, and those proceedings are separate,
24 yet connected to these meetings.

25 They will help inform the Public

1 Utilities Commission. The judge will take
2 comments and write a report, and all that
3 information gets handed over to the Public
4 Utilities Commission for them to consider in
5 their decision.

6 It's not expected that this
7 project will be permitted until sometime in
8 2018.

9 So what are we hoping to get out
10 of these meetings today? First, we're really
11 looking for substantive comments on the Draft
12 EIS. We really would like to know, is there
13 information missing, is the information
14 unclear? Are there improvements that we could
15 make to this document?

16 That will help the Public
17 Utilities Commission in their decision making.

18 Hopefully everyone has had a
19 chance to go through the posters and had an
20 opportunity to talk with agency staff.

21 We are seeking, today, written or
22 oral comments. If you submitted a speaker
23 card, there are comment boxes here. You can
24 leave a comment with us here before you leave.
25 You are also welcome to send your comments in

1 via email or regular mail.

2 All of the comments will be
3 organized and posted online for you to see. So
4 you'll get to see your comments and everyone
5 else's comments. And they will also be
6 reviewed by the EIS team to help us make
7 changes to the Final EIS.

8 Let's just talk briefly about the
9 comments that we'll be getting. We want you to
10 know all the comments are considered equally,
11 whether they're offered to us orally today or
12 in writing.

13 We also want you to know that the
14 EIS itself is not the decision making document.
15 The EIS is what informs the decision makers,
16 and your comments will inform the development
17 of the Final EIS, which again, as I stated,
18 will help inform the Commission's decision.

19 I'm going to hand this over to
20 Pat, who will be our meeting facilitator, and
21 he will run through the meeting guidelines with
22 you. And thank you again for joining us.

23 FACILITATOR: Thank you, Jamie.
24 Again, thank you everybody for coming out
25 today. I'm going to run through the process of

1 the public comment.

2 So we ask people to fill out
3 their names on the note card. I have only
4 about five or six.

5 So what we do is we allocate the
6 time according to how many folks want to
7 comment. So we have a little bit more time.
8 We'll give people six or seven minutes.

9 After I go through the five or
10 six folks with their names written down, I'll
11 also see if anybody else wants to comment; you
12 can raise your hand and we'll go through any
13 remaining folks who want to comment.

14 A few things to note is we want
15 to make sure anyone who wants to comment today
16 can. There are multiple means. Write it down,
17 say it to the court reporter, or say it here in
18 the room. We have a terrific court reporter
19 who has been through all these sessions and
20 will be actually taking your comment today and
21 verbatim will be capturing it so we have it for
22 the public record.

23 All the public comments, whenever
24 they're given, will end up in kind of a
25 grouping. They will be shared online. The

1 State will review them as they move from their
2 draft to the Final EIS, and will all be
3 considered equally and taken seriously.

4 So for today we ask that when
5 someone is commenting, we want to give them the
6 floor. So we ask that people listen when that
7 person comments and please don't interrupt
8 them. Let them say their peace, whatever it
9 might be. I would ask that the commenter stick
10 to the time.

11 So after about six minutes, I'll
12 stand up and give a little signal to begin to
13 wrap it up, and then if you need to keep
14 talking, I'll help you slow down there a little
15 bit around seven minutes.

16 We recognize you may have a range
17 of views in this room about what they think
18 should happen, what they think is missing from
19 the EIS. What impacts they're concerned about,
20 whether they do or don't want the pipeline and
21 where. We know there's a range of views.

22 Again, the State is trying to
23 draft a terrific EIS; not take a stand at this
24 point on the pipeline. Probably you have a
25 view. We want you to be able to voice that,

1 but we also want you to be able to respect
2 people who have different viewpoints, we would
3 ask for you to be respectful of your fellow
4 participants.

5 If someone's done, you want to be
6 affirmative and clap, great. What we ask
7 people to do is not be negative. Everyone's
8 going to have a range of views and we want you
9 to be comfortable speaking.

10 We actually ask that people speak
11 to the issues, the document, agencies,
12 organizations, but not to other individuals in
13 the room. We don't want people to be
14 uncomfortable in that way. We want people to
15 be able to comment.

16 The State's role is to listen.
17 As you know, they've done a lot of work.
18 They're going to continue to do a lot of work
19 in the coming months.

20 State agency folks, raise your
21 hands. A number of them are here. They're
22 really here to listen. We're going to capture
23 through the court reporter and the like. So
24 that's their role today.

25 Cell phones, put them on vibrate.

1 I'm sure your ring is lovely but we don't want
2 to hear it in here.

3 There's emergency exits.
4 Bathrooms are out down the hall that way and
5 then kind of back around, just to let you know.

6 And we'll probably end around
7 1:00, if not before. And even if we end early
8 during this part, people will stick around. If
9 people want to mingle, that's fine.

10 When I call your name, we'll
11 bring the mic to you. So John up in the front
12 and then Leslie towards the back will bring the
13 mic to you so you can be comfortable. You can
14 sit or stand and we'll bring it to you.

15 So state your name and spell your
16 name for the record. And the best thing to do
17 about the mic is kind of speak like this. That
18 projects the most.

19 Our first speaker, and we'll
20 bring the mic to you, is James Mark. Just name
21 and spelling for the record.

22 MR. JAMES MARK: James Mark,
23 J-A-M-E-S, M-A-R-K.

24 This is a pretty important
25 infrastructure project we're talking about here

1 today, and it's going to put a lot of people to
2 work -- Minnesotans to work, a lot of pipeline
3 hands to work.

4 A lot of people I know weren't
5 around this weekend for their kid's graduation
6 because they're out in the East Coast working.

7 We need to bring these people
8 back here to work, back with their families,
9 sleeping in their own beds. I'm heading out
10 this afternoon to go to the East Coast to work.
11 I want to spend my money at home in Minnesota.

12 Enbridge is putting the money up
13 to replace this pipeline. They're not taking
14 it out of your pockets like when they built
15 that stadium down in the cities. They're
16 putting the money up to build it.

17 I'm taking their money. They'll
18 put it in my bank account. This project has
19 been in review for many years. It's time to
20 get it done, time to build it, time to put us
21 back to work. God bless the pipeline, God
22 bless America, God bless the union halls.

23 Thank you.

24 FACILITATOR: Thank you very
25 much.

1 Next I have Dan McGowan. Name
2 and spelling for the record.

3 MR. DAN MCGOWAN: Dan McGowan,
4 D-A-N, M-C-G-O-W-A-N. I'm with the labor
5 union, and overall, we'd like to thank the
6 Department of Commerce today for putting
7 together an environmentally safe Environmental
8 Impact Statement that on its face goes above
9 and beyond what the law requires.

10 Five thousand pages of facts and
11 analysis on every aspect of the project makes
12 it the most carefully studied pipeline in
13 state history from an environmental
14 perspective.

15 We also want to thank the
16 Department for its commitment to keeping the
17 process moving so the Public Utilities
18 Commission has the information it needs to
19 make a decision within the 280-day time period
20 set by state law.

21 The Draft EIS badly
22 underestimates the positive socioeconomic
23 impacts of the estimated 4,800 construction
24 jobs created by the project, based on the
25 flawed assumption that the project will employ

1 zero local workers. That assumption is dead
2 wrong.

3 The project will be built under
4 labor agreements that require contractors to
5 employ laborers, operators, and teamsters
6 referred by local unions, including both
7 current members and new recruits.

8 Our union and contract partners
9 have historically put thousands of local
10 residents to work on various pipeline
11 projects.

12 Minnesota has a plethora of
13 skilled pipeline labor. We have hundreds of
14 members who pipeline across the country that
15 live in northern Minnesota and welcome a
16 chance to work close to home.

17 For these reasons, locals will
18 likely account between a third and a half of
19 the construction workforce, and a majority
20 will be Minnesota residents.

21 We recommend that the Department
22 reanalyze the population and impacts of the
23 project based on this more realistic estimate
24 of local construction employment.

25 We believe that the use of a

1 more accurate local employment figure will
2 highlight the significant contribution that
3 these high quality jobs make to household
4 incomes, tax received, et cetera.

5 The Draft EIS also
6 underestimates the positive socioeconomic
7 impact of the estimated 4,800 construction
8 jobs created by the proposed Line 3
9 replacement by failing to fully account for
10 the value of the jobs and associated benefits,
11 as well as the long-term career building
12 opportunities created by the project.

13 Pipeline projects, on a scale of
14 the Line 3 replacement, create opportunities
15 for locals without prior union construction to
16 pursue family supporting construction careers.

17 Many current members got their
18 start on similar projects and chose to either
19 continue in pipeline work or branch out into
20 building other civil construction.

21 The project will also help us to
22 fund the unlimited free skills training
23 available to our members to build their
24 careers.

25 Union pipeline workers -- union

1 pipeline construction workers receive high
2 quality family health coverage that typically
3 lasts well beyond the length of a project.

4 Thousands of area union and
5 family members would be covered as a result of
6 the project at no cost to taxpayers.

7 Union pipeline construction
8 workers also will see pension contributions
9 that help provide financial and retirement
10 security for local union households, in
11 addition to helping sustain local economy.

12 We would be happy to explain the
13 mechanics of union (indiscernible) to the team
14 working on the Final EIS to ensure that it
15 accurately captures the full impact of the
16 project and the alternatives.

17 The impacts of construction
18 expenditures for a major pipeline project on
19 area small businesses are anything but minor.

20 The Draft EIS fails to address
21 the public safety impacts of rail
22 alternatives, which include injuries and
23 fatalities at rail crossings as well as the
24 risk of a major fire explosion caused by a
25 derailment.

1 Overloading Minnesota rail lines
2 with oil tanks would expose cities and towns
3 across the state to public hazards.

4 The Department should
5 incorporate the finding of MNDOT 2014 Crude
6 Oil Safety Reform and the U.S. Department 2014
7 Keystone XL Analysis. It's estimated that the
8 rail alternative would result in 49 injuries
9 and six deaths versus a single injury for the
10 pipeline.

11 The Draft EIS devotes too much
12 attention to so-called system alternative,
13 which is useless because it wouldn't reach the
14 refineries that rely on Line 3 to refine the
15 fuel that millions of Minnesotans depend on
16 for daily life.

17 In summary, I would say Line 3
18 replacement is the best way to protect the
19 environment. Replacing Line 3, as proposed by
20 Enbridge, is estimated to reduce the risk of a
21 spill by nearly 40 percent.

22 That is a conservative estimate
23 because it's based on the averages for old
24 pipelines, and Line 3 faces above average
25 integrity challenges.

1 Integrity digs keeps lots of
2 labor employed, but in the case of Line 3
3 there's no substitute for a pipeline built
4 using modern technology and construction.

5 Thank you.

6 FACILITATOR: Thank you, Dan.

7 Tara Mach.

8 MS. TARA MACH: I'm a proud
9 native Minnesotan with two wonderful
10 daughters, two step daughters and one step
11 son.

12 Since childhood, I was taught
13 the importance of respecting our lands and our
14 precious waters, whether it's here in
15 Minnesota or anyone else. My husband and I
16 continue to teach our children the importance
17 of being environmentally responsible.

18 My husband and I are small
19 business owners in Pine County, and I have
20 been a registered nurse for about 12 years and
21 a proud member of the Minnesota Nursing
22 Association.

23 Our small business's success is
24 quite dependent upon the clean and quality
25 environment which we live in.

1 From the information I have come
2 across over the past few years, it seems that
3 of all of the pipeline or oil companies, in
4 this state anyway, that I would entrust or I
5 would trust, Enbridge, not because they're
6 perfect, but because Enbridge seems to be the
7 only pipeline company that seems to confront
8 their mistakes and does not try to hide or
9 place the blame on someone else.

10 I find that kind of action
11 responsible and admirable.

12 As an RN, I adamantly agree that
13 someday we need to wean ourselves off of oil.
14 But until there becomes a viable replacement
15 for petroleum by-products that are found in so
16 many life-saving medical supplies, such as
17 sterile medical packaging syringes, oxygen, IV
18 tubing, medications, ointments, orthotics,
19 prosthetics, CT and MRI scanners, just to name
20 a few; that it is absurd to believe we can
21 just turn off the old switch.

22 I don't want anything to
23 jeopardize our waters and lands, but it is
24 vital that we make sure lawmakers ensure that
25 all energy companies, both large and small,

1 adhere to laws set forth.

2 I support a safely built Line 3
3 project.

4 FACILITATOR: Thank you, Tara.

5 MS. MELANIE WEBERG: Hi, my name
6 is Melanie Weberg.

7 It's M-E-L-A-N-I-E, and the last
8 name is W-E-B-E-R-G. I just have some bullets
9 I'm going to go through here real quickly.

10 I own property both in Minnesota
11 and Wisconsin. I am opposing Line 3, as it's
12 a threat to our climate, our planet's water
13 resources, indigenous treaty rights, and the
14 wildlife habitat destruction that it brings.

15 80 percent of the oil that fuels
16 North American comes through Minnesota.

17 Our precious Minnesota lands are
18 taking all the risk for Enbridge's profit, and
19 on top of it, Enbridge is looking at primarily
20 exporting this Line 3 oil.

21 Right now, more oil is being
22 pulled out of the ground than is consumed in
23 Minnesota. Oil consumption is down 19 percent
24 and the outlook is flat for the future.

25 It's a known fact that tar sands

1 are not viable economically unless oil prices
2 go sky high. We are on the cusp of an
3 alternative energy takeover. There is no need
4 for an oil pipeline.

5 60 percent of surveyed
6 Minnesotans oppose tar sands pipelines, and
7 it's in my opinion that if they all knew the
8 risks, it would be much higher than
9 60 percent.

10 Tar sands pipelines, let's see,
11 current information suggests that pipeline
12 companies and politicians are overbuilding tar
13 sands pipelines by 2.4 million barrels per
14 day.

15 A couple other things I'm
16 concerned about; Enbridge has asked for a 720
17 foot wide permit throughout Minnesota. This
18 720 foot wide permit concerns -- is concerning
19 to me.

20 It's not been made clear how
21 many lines would go in there, and furthermore,
22 it's my understanding that Enbridge couldn't
23 get to some of these areas if they began to
24 leak as they are so remote, and 7,000 barrels
25 a day could leak without detection.

1 All the tribes have rejected
2 this pipeline. Property owners have not been
3 consulted or given a say in this process.
4 They currently are responsible for taking care
5 of the old Line 3, which is exposed in many
6 places across the state.

7 Let's see -- no plan to protect
8 the Great Lakes. Enbridge has chosen the
9 route with the most rice beds and pristine
10 lakes.

11 And I'm going to end here by
12 just saying a personal experience I had
13 yesterday with the hail storm. I'm exhausted
14 personally daily with the burdens of climate
15 change to our planet.

16 For the first 45 years of my
17 life I can't recollect a hail storm in June,
18 July, or August. I have experienced two
19 enormous hail storms in the last four years in
20 Minnesota and Wisconsin. Yesterday was the
21 second.

22 All of the wildlife habitat and
23 food for them that I have provided on my
24 property is wiped out for the year, for the
25 year, due to the extreme hail.

1 Wildlife in general was
2 producing itself in late spring until the hail
3 storm was devastating.

4 Additionally, all mitigation
5 that I and the town had done was not enough to
6 sustain a resulting severe runoff from a
7 nearby agricultural field into the small
8 65-acre pristine lake that I live on.

9 I am reminded daily of the
10 devastation that this Line 3 represents to our
11 planet.

12 I am wholeheartedly opposed to
13 this pipeline. Thank you.

14 FACILITATOR: For folks who
15 actually have written their statements down, it
16 would be very helpful to be able to give those
17 to the court reporter, if you have an extra
18 copy.

19 She's recording it, entering it
20 into her way of typing, but if you have an
21 actual written statement, you can bring that
22 to her, too. That is helpful.

23 Next comment is Justin Smith.

24 MR. JUSTIN SMITH: Hello, I'm
25 Justin Smith, J-U-S-T-I-N, S-M-I-T-H. I am

1 only a descendent of Mille Lacs Tribe. I'm
2 not a member, but I come here because of my
3 children. They're the next generation, next
4 in line to take care of (indiscernible).

5 They keep talking about these
6 4,800 jobs, construction jobs that it would
7 create, and they're only temporary jobs; like
8 these 4,800 jobs will not be permanent jobs.
9 These facts you guys are giving us, they're
10 not legitimate facts.

11 We don't have a Planet B to go
12 to.

13 So these people that we're
14 bringing home to work will eventually be
15 outsourced again and brought somewhere else to
16 work on the pipeline, whereas our
17 infrastructure should be revamped, rebuilt
18 into sustainability, like solar.

19 We're the Land of 10,000 Lakes.
20 Why don't we look into harnessing, say, the
21 hydro-powered, you know, the pumps and the
22 fans and the current powered power.

23 Taking an excerpt from a book
24 called, "Touch the Earth":

25 "I wonder if the ground has

1 anything to say. I wonder if the ground is
2 listening to what is said. I wonder if the
3 ground would come alive in what is on it.

4 "Though I hear what the ground
5 says, the ground says it is the Great Spirit
6 that placed me here. The Great Spirit tells
7 me to take care of the Indians, to feed them
8 all right.

9 "The Great Spirit appointed the
10 routes to feed the Indians on. The water says
11 the same thing. The Great Spirit directs me.
12 Feed the Indians well. The grass says the
13 same thing. Feed the Indians well.

14 "The groundwater and grass say
15 the Great Spirit has given us our names. We
16 have these names and hold these names. The
17 ground says the Great Spirit has placed me
18 here to produce all that grows on me, the
19 trees and fruit.

20 "The same way the ground says it
21 was for me, man was made, the Great Spirit in
22 placing men on the earth desired them to take
23 good care of the ground and to do each other
24 no harm."

25 And that is from the -- the

1 speech was in an Indian Council in the Valley
2 of Walla-Walla in 1855, presided over by Isaac
3 Stevens, governor of Washington Territory and
4 General Palmers, Superintendent of Indian
5 Affairs for Oregon.

6 Governor Stevens' objectives
7 were to set up three reservations, one for the
8 Cayuses, the Walla-Wallas, and the Umatillas;
9 the second of the Nez Perces and a third for
10 the Yakimas.

11 Young Chief of the Cayuses
12 opposed the treaty and grounded his objections
13 on the fact that the Indians had no right to
14 sell the ground which the Great Spirit had
15 given them their support.

16 He gave the following speech
17 before signing away the land.

18 FACILITATOR: Justin, we can't
19 hear you -- could you make sure to talk right
20 into the mic like that; that would be great.

21 MR. JUSTIN SMITH: These new
22 terms that you guys are coming up with every
23 time, all these facts -- the pro pipeline
24 people.

25 What about the epidemics that

1 have been facing my people for years? My
2 people are trying to stand up for those plans
3 since you guys came here, since you washed up
4 on our shores, invaded our territories.

5 I'm still here. My kids are
6 still here. Their kids will be here one day
7 to take care of all of this. I would like
8 more eyes to be open to this, more people
9 being aware that this isn't needed.

10 I totally stand against this
11 pipeline. I know I got here and gassed up and
12 (indiscernible), but I'm looking to the
13 future. You know, solar panels are available.
14 Hemp is a much cleaner oil producing substance
15 or element. We don't need this pipeline.

16 Sorry for the shaking voice.
17 This is my first time doing something like
18 this in public. But I strongly disagree with
19 the facts that you guys are imposing.

20 I believe your abandonment
21 removal board needs to be way bigger. You
22 need a little more facts. You know, stuff
23 that you guys got here, this isn't -- this
24 isn't facts.

25 I'm not finding anything here

1 worthy to say I should support this pipeline.
2 Enbridge gave -- but look what happened with
3 Standing Rock and Energy Transportation
4 Department.

5 Within months of that being put
6 through, there was -- already there was no
7 teams in play that come in to stop these. If
8 it does run by rail or by truck, at least
9 they're able to control the amount of the
10 spill. I'm sure it's running through our
11 towns and people are going to be exposed.

12 They're going to put pipeline in
13 our backyards and hope that we survive and
14 hope our water -- I still get water from the
15 stream where I come from. I get my water from
16 the ground. Water from the tap smells funny.

17 I'm here to stand up for my
18 children, for my people. It's a little sad
19 that I see so few faces, I should say.

20 FACILITATOR: Those are the
21 comments cards I received.

22 Are there others who want to
23 make a -- I see a comment here, a comment in
24 the back of the table. I see a comment back
25 there. Name and spelling for the record.

1 MS. WINONA LADUKE: (Ojibwe). My
2 name is Winona LaDuke, W-I-N-O-N-A, L-A capital
3 D-U-K-E. I'm a tribal member and I'm also the
4 executive director of Honor the Earth.

5 I came here for a number of
6 reasons. We've been following this for a long
7 time, but first I want to say this feather was
8 given to me by people from the Athabasca River,
9 the tar sands, the middle of the tar sands,
10 Fort McKay. And they say first you should
11 remember us.

12 We're talking about this oil that
13 they're trying to put in this pipeline, the
14 dirtiest oil in the world.

15 I feel like one of the very large
16 shortcomings of the EIS, which is a super
17 lengthy document, is the lack of impact of the
18 oil.

19 It comes from someplace where
20 people are destroyed, our whole ecosystem is
21 being destroyed. Our animals are all poisoned.
22 People are all sick. They all got cancer up
23 there in the tar sands.

24 So why are we justifying bringing
25 the dirtiest oil in the world here? Why are we

1 justifying the death and destruction of those
2 people, the people of the north?

3 They gave me this feather to say,
4 "Don't forget us when you're down there."

5 That's the first thing I want to
6 say.

7 The second thing is we're looking
8 at the question of why we don't matter as
9 native people.

10 The whole DEIS process reviews
11 the significance. It says, throughout it, that
12 this will be a major detriment to native
13 people.

14 It says -- it recognizes that
15 this is our only place in the world to live.
16 We can't go off someplace to the East Coast.
17 We can't go someplace else. This is the place
18 the Creator put us.

19 And in the DEIS it acknowledges
20 that we've been through a lot of duress and
21 stress.

22 Our community is really stressed
23 out right now. We got suicides in my
24 community, two this last week.

25 We got everybody super sick, and

1 there's a lot of just duress in our community,
2 and the DEIS acknowledges that there's an
3 amount of duress in our community.

4 And then it says it's going to
5 get worse if you have a pipeline. That's -- my
6 question is, why does it not matter?

7 This pipeline most significantly
8 impacts the tribal community. Why do we not
9 matter? Why does that not constitute the
10 no-build option? That's what I don't
11 understand.

12 Why is there no recommendation of
13 a no-build option based on the deaths that's
14 going to occur in our communities?

15 How do you quantify that? That's
16 what I want to know.

17 The third thing is we look here
18 at the whole issue of abandonment, and everyone
19 in here has an abandonment issue. You know,
20 looking at it, I'm looking at -- you got 14
21 pages on abandonment and the Enbridge company
22 says it's going to be a hundred billion dollars
23 to remove the leaking Line 3, which, you know,
24 according to their own integrity, you know,
25 review is, everybody agrees, is in a state of

1 deterioration.

2 Our suggestion is you close down
3 Line 3, Enbridge. Close it down. Figure out
4 what's in there, because it's leaking all over
5 the north right now. We're already stressed
6 out about that. And then Enbridge says it's
7 very hard to remove it, because it's going to
8 cost them a hundred billion dollars.

9 That's the figure in the DEIS.
10 So one, that's a lot of jobs for all you guys.
11 That's a lot of jobs in cleaning up and
12 removing old pipe, a lot of jobs in that, and I
13 think that's what we should be doing.

14 The second thing is if Enbridge
15 doesn't pay that now, who's going to pay it,
16 the hundred billion? Who's going to pay that
17 for the next five lines they're going to
18 remove? Who's going to pay for this,
19 Minnesota?

20 And the problem of abandonment
21 must be dealt with prior to any discussion of a
22 new corridor. What's your plan, Enbridge?
23 Who's going to pay for it?

24 That has a very, very significant
25 impact on all of us.

1 Finally, this, really -- the
2 responsibility of the State of Minnesota to
3 look at the no-build option. You know, every
4 review of this by anyone who is not linked to
5 oil money would say, "Time to clean it up.
6 Time to question this."

7 And I feel like that this is our
8 opportunity, Minnesota. It's not just -- I
9 understand. I come from -- my grandparents
10 were union workers, too. You know, I totally
11 get it. I totally get that people deserve jobs
12 with dignity, but there's a difference between
13 making a living and making a killing.

14 This pipeline is about making a
15 killing and we cannot do that to each other.
16 We need to be about making infrastructure for
17 people, not for oil corporations.

18 I have a lot more I could say,
19 but I wanted to thank the people who come and
20 just to say be courageous, be courageous, our
21 people, because everybody is counting on us.
22 Everybody is counting on us. And all the
23 little ones are counting on us.

24 And all those ones that can't be
25 here, whether it's the big-eared bat, or all

1 them fish, all them animals, you know, they're
2 all counting on us, because we already
3 destroyed a lot of the ecosystem.

4 They're hanging on, too, and they
5 start putting these lines through the new
6 corridor, it's going to be very unlikely that
7 those animals are going to make this next
8 round.

9 That's all I got to say right
10 now, but I want to thank you again.

11 FACILITATOR: We'll take the
12 comment. Did you have your hand up?

13 MS. NICOLETTE SLAGLE: Nicolette
14 Slagle, N-I-C-O-L-E-T-T-E, S-L-A-G-L-E. I'm
15 with Honor the Earth. I'm their research
16 director. And I'm originally from
17 Pennsylvania, and I tell you that is a place
18 that we have let industry run roughshod over.

19 It's been clear-cut, two or
20 three times, the birthplace of oil industry,
21 birthplace of coal industry. Now fracking is
22 out of control there. Our water is not
23 drinkable in much of the state.

24 And we shouldn't let that happen
25 here. We shouldn't let that happen anywhere.

1 I want to talk a little bit
2 about a couple of things specifically related
3 to some of the analysis that I've been trying
4 to do on this project and its potential
5 impacts.

6 Just this weekend I ran a little
7 analysis on potentially impacted wild rice
8 beds, and in the state's DEIS they have
9 indicated 17 wild rice lakes directly impacted
10 by potential Line 3 routes for the preferred
11 route, Enbridge's preferred route, 17.

12 That's actually the highest of
13 any of the routes. I went a step further and
14 looked at wild rice watersheds, because we
15 know wild rice is a very sensitive plant and
16 it changes even the levels of water, the
17 amounts of silt, climate can all impact it.

18 So I think that looking at the
19 wild rice watersheds is a more reasonable
20 metric to see how many potential impacts there
21 are.

22 What I got was 41 watersheds
23 that would be potentially -- wild rice
24 watersheds that would be potentially impacted
25 by Enbridge's proposed route.

1 While I, of course, respect
2 everybody's need to have a job and respect the
3 union immensely, I also really respect the
4 right for tribal communities to exist and
5 survive. If we destroy these wild rice beds,
6 they won't be able to.

7 Along with -- again, I know that
8 this process isn't necessarily the process for
9 talking about these large scale, long-term
10 energy infrastructure needs.

11 But again, I've asked this
12 before, like if this isn't the time, when and
13 where will that be? How often are we going to
14 be in a room with employees from the MPCA, the
15 DNR union guys, tribal people, nonprofits,
16 both us and MN350.

17 I mean, if any of us tried to
18 set up something like this, it would be a very
19 one-sided conversation.

20 We do know that there are
21 alternatives to oil. There's hemp, which
22 Henry Ford built a car completely made out of
23 hemp which ran on hemp fuel. There's numerous
24 renewable ways to develop electrical cars.

25 Public transportation, that is a

1 major issue that we are missing in the United
2 States. A lot of the oil, if you look at the
3 charts of who consumes the oil and where and
4 for what, a lot of it's consumed in the south,
5 in urban areas, because they don't have public
6 transportation.

7 Why should we be allowing this
8 pipeline to come through, full of the dirtiest
9 oil on the planet, to fuel people's vehicles
10 in the South because they don't have public
11 transportation or they don't want to take a
12 bus.

13 I'm not going to talk about the
14 abandonment cost and how many potential jobs
15 there are with that. It's well known within
16 the oil and gas industry that they have like
17 max 30 years left of economically viable
18 extracted oil. And I don't consider the tar
19 sands economically viable.

20 So what that means is in 30
21 years we have to be ready to be off of oil.

22 So are we going to build another
23 pipeline and push the time that we start that
24 transition until the next 15 years, the next
25 20 years, so that in 30 years, when we're

1 completely out of oil, everybody is going to
2 be like, "Oh, what are we going to do now?"

3 Our vehicles are going to
4 stopping running. We need to prepare for that
5 now.

6 That is a major lacking in the
7 EIS, that there's no addressing the issues for
8 future generations.

9 There's all of this talk about
10 potential impacts and potential benefits, but
11 it's all for now. It's not what is this going
12 to create for the long term?

13 Real quick, I've also been doing
14 some calculations on what are the
15 environmental impacts of this potential line
16 and the oil industry as a whole.

17 And, you know, of course, yes,
18 it's going to create some jobs, but it also
19 creates at least \$41 billion in social costs
20 from the carbon. We've estimated at
21 \$170 billion for the removal of the carbon
22 from the atmosphere.

23 So those two numbers are
24 different. One is about the impacts that
25 increasing carbon will have on people,

1 including climate change and things like that.

2 The other one is the cost to
3 remove the carbon from the atmosphere.
4 Because not only do we have to stop our carbon
5 emissions, but we need to get the carbon out.
6 It's impacting the environment now.

7 Annual cost, Boreal Forest lost
8 315 million wetlands in the right-of-way,
9 \$3 million, and those are ecosystems services
10 cost.

11 So wetlands provide a number of
12 services, including water filtration, flood
13 control, biodiversity. And so we would lose
14 \$3 million annually from the right-of-way and
15 \$315 million from the loss of Boreal Forest.

16 And I can talk to people more
17 about that later because I'm running low on
18 time.

19 Just to close, I want to also
20 say that I know you've been trying to do a
21 much better job with consulting with the
22 tribes. But consultation is not consent.
23 Thank you.

24 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

25 Harvey Goodsky next. Name and

1 spelling for the record.

2 MR. HARVEY GOODSKY: (Ojibwe).

3 My name is Harvey Goodsky, Junior; H-A-R-V-E-Y,
4 G-O-O-D-S-K-Y.

5 I'd like to ask for forgiveness
6 for my outburst for speaking in this non-native
7 language, and I would like to say that I am
8 here as a member of the Mille Lacs Band, just a
9 member.

10 I come from the Second District
11 of Mille Lacs, which is up north around the Big
12 Sandy area, which is on this little map here.

13 I would like the Enbridge company
14 to think and really release the information of
15 how much shale petroleum is left, and really
16 ask yourself, is that a renewable resource?

17 What is and is not a renewable
18 resource is the importance of that resource.

19 I'm pretty sure that oil cannot
20 clean itself. Oil is not clean in its own
21 natural state.

22 Water has the ability to renew
23 itself. The more garbage that we throw in the
24 water makes it harder for the water to renew
25 itself. And if you know about yourself, you

1 need water in whatever form that you take it.

2 I would like for you guys to
3 think about these comments, because it's about
4 resources, it's about money. It's about
5 living. My infrastructure is completely
6 different from all of yours; maybe the
7 hand-selected few that came.

8 My infrastructure grows on the
9 water. The way I live grows on water. That's
10 why I -- because you guys want to run oil,
11 which is not a renewable resource, through this
12 renewable resource that is brought to us.

13 I am so glad that you guys have
14 appreciated your stay when you got here in
15 1492. But please, take into account that we
16 want our water to be here, and oil will run out
17 one day, we'll see it. Thank you.

18 FACILITATOR: Tania is next.
19 Name and spelling for the record.

20 MS. TANIA AUBID: (Ojibwe). My
21 name is Tania Aubid in English for you --
22 T-A-N-I-A, A-U-B-I-D. I come from East Lake
23 area. As my son has said, I come from the area
24 where you want to put the Line 3 proposed
25 alternate route.

1 Today I still say no to that
2 pipeline coming through or say no to the
3 replacement, to any more new pipelines or the
4 replacement of the pipeline.

5 I am thankful for the union guys
6 to be here today. Thank you so much for being
7 able to come here and stand forward and say,
8 "Yes, I do work on those lines."

9 But can you guarantee to me that
10 these pipelines will not leak?

11 Over the course of the days here
12 I have watched numerous stories throughout the
13 news, like over in media country over there,
14 saying that there have been pipelines that have
15 been leaking, not only from Enbridge, but from
16 other oil pipeline carriers.

17 I've had professionals tell me,
18 "Hey, nothing lasts forever." Can you
19 guarantee me that these pipelines will last
20 forever with no leaks?

21 You think it's the safest. But
22 yet continuously we see over the years that
23 these pipelines do leak.

24 These pipeline company carriers
25 and all these people, they show us the toys

1 that they have; these bobcats, these kayaks,
2 these lawnmowers, these boats. They have the
3 nerve to come up and ask me, "Why is there so
4 much garbage on your lot?"

5 Why is there so much garbage in
6 my backyard that's full of all these machinery,
7 the boats that no longer work. And you tell me
8 that is progress in today's standards?

9 That is not progress. We are
10 killing ourselves with all of these things that
11 are out there.

12 And these dumps. I'm happy for
13 the nurse that came forward and said what she
14 had to say, because if we take a look in those
15 dumps also, you find all the plastic garbage,
16 the needles and everything else that comes
17 along with the plastic tubing and whatnot that
18 helps sustain our lives in that way.

19 We keep these waters clean in
20 Minnesota. Yes, we can sustain a longer life.
21 Personally, myself, I was out at the Standing
22 Rock Reservation out on the front lines out
23 there.

24 And I seen what pipeline workers
25 do. I've seen how they operated within their

1 own vehicles.

2 The biggest question that has
3 come to me, or a pleading came to me, stating
4 that they do not want to see a Standing Rock
5 type situation here in Minnesota.

6 I ask you all to think about
7 that. You do not want that here. I do not
8 want these gentlemen to also have to place
9 their lives on the line.

10 I was on a 28-day hunger strike
11 out there, fighting for the lands, our people,
12 the fishes, those animals that live in the
13 water. I gave them a voice to say, "No more."
14 If you take a look at the marine life, really
15 look at 'em, what do you see on them?
16 Sometimes you pull up three legs, two heads, no
17 fins. Sometimes you see stuff on their bodies.
18 Makes you wonder if that's cancerous or not.

19 That boils down to the numbers of
20 what's in that water now. Especially after
21 these little leaks that these pipelines have
22 told us was not going to leak, but they call
23 them anomalies.

24 With these anomalies what have
25 they done to the wildlife there? Chronic

1 wasting diseases. Do we -- I fear -- my fear
2 is that's what's going to happen to us. I
3 worry because I prayed for the people so that
4 we can work together one day to be able to say
5 no to these things and to have a healthy future
6 for our children, our great grandchildren, the
7 ones that have not yet been born.

8 Yes, I seen the stresses out
9 there. To this day I have PTSD from that for
10 fighting, for standing up for our lines and the
11 waters.

12 At night I can't sleep because of
13 the nightmares, because of those things that
14 have happened to us out there; the dogs, the
15 guns, the military. It's no joke. When you're
16 out there, you're praying and saying, "Creator,
17 please protect the water. I am only a water
18 protector to stand here and say no to these
19 pipelines." And for that, that's when they
20 came at us.

21 So to the State of Minnesota, to
22 the governor of the state of Minnesota, keep
23 your promises of a water legacy person and say
24 no to these pipelines.

25 Until this day I still pray for

1 all of us, that we can be able to stay awake
2 and say no to these lines, because our future
3 depends upon them. If you look at them. Your
4 own children may not be here, your
5 grandchildren may not be here, but look at
6 them. Do you want them to be healthy?

7 With that, I say miigwech and
8 please clean up your own mess, your own
9 garbages, kayaks, boats, snowmobiles,
10 lawnmowers, all those things, too.

11 You say you want us to clean up
12 our garbage, you have to clean up yours, too.
13 Miigwech.

14 FACILITATOR: Thank you. I think
15 I saw a few other hands in the back.

16 MS. JACI CHRISTENSON: My name is
17 Jaci Christenson, that's J-A-C-I,
18 C-H-R-I-S-T-E-N-S-O-N, and, Justin, my eyes
19 have been opened, and I'm trying to open
20 everybody else's eyes that I can.

21 So Minnesota is uniquely rich in
22 clean water. It is the resource, as so many
23 people have spoke to, that we are dependent on
24 for our survival.

25 One would hope that this Draft

1 EIS would be our assurance that this water will
2 be protected. What I learned, spending as much
3 time as I could in three weeks in Chapters 5
4 and 10, is that this DEIS provides inadequate
5 information, and when the information is
6 sufficient, it only reiterates the risks of
7 running a line through the heart of Minnesota's
8 water.

9 So in establishing how water rich
10 Minnesota is, in case some of you don't know,
11 very quickly, as was said before, 192 water
12 bodies, 39 sensitive or specially designated
13 surface waters, 17 designated trout streams and
14 their protected tributaries, 7 rivers with
15 multiple crossings so really that would be 9
16 federally protected river crossings.

17 The Kettle River, not so far from
18 here, which is a tributary to our wild and
19 scenic St. Croix, and that is crossed twice,
20 and wild rice, which has been addressed, and I
21 must say the DEIS is absolutely reprehensible
22 to our native communities.

23 We also know it will impact three
24 major watersheds, which is the Red River to the
25 north, Mississippi, and Lake Superior. Also,

1 critical drinking water sources for everybody
2 along the way. So this is iconic Minnesota.

3 The construction of what Enbridge
4 calls the -- the construction, I'm sorry, and
5 what Enbridge calls accidental crude oil
6 releases, oil spills, are a threat to all of
7 these waters.

8 So I tried to focus in my time at
9 the DEIS, in chapters 5 and 10, on how it -- as
10 it impacts our flowing water, river, streams,
11 creeks, et cetera.

12 So with regard to the proposed
13 preferred Line 3 route, the construction
14 impacts. Before this thing is even running --
15 and this is a quote from chapter 5, page 69,
16 with all of the necessary information that I'll
17 turn in, but "During construction, surface
18 water may become contaminated from small spills
19 or leaks of lubricants, gasoline, oil, other
20 fuels, coolants, transmission fluid, or other
21 hazardous chemicals."

22 Further, "To protect surface
23 water resources, the Applicant would store
24 petroleum products, hazardous chemicals,
25 lubricating oils," et cetera.

1 "And perform concrete coating
2 activities in upland areas more than 100 feet
3 from surface waters."

4 Has anybody been to the Boundary
5 Waters? The Boundary Waters, for your
6 information, there is -- when you spend time in
7 the Boundary Waters, there is a U.S. Forest
8 Service rule that you wash your dishes,
9 biodegradable, non-biodegradable, at least
10 150 feet from shore.

11 We are talking about all of these
12 said chemicals within 100 feet of our water
13 bodies.

14 That is not right. That needs to
15 be changed. With regard to construction as
16 well, changes in the stream flows from water
17 withdrawals and discharges.

18 There's over 100 million gallons
19 of Minnesota's precious waters will be used for
20 hydrostatic testing, dust control, trench
21 watering.

22 In addition, an undisclosed
23 amount of water will be used for Horizontal
24 Directional Drilling or HDD.

25 Further, when this HDD goes awry,

1 a frac-out or spill of the drilling fluid, the
2 release can cause long-term impacts on the
3 aquatic ecosystem.

4 No worries, though. Enbridge has
5 a response plan, and that is, "At in-stream
6 locations an observer will document and monitor
7 the release. In general, however, containment
8 is not feasible for in-stream releases."

9 That is from the Enbridge
10 Drilling Mud Containment, Response, and
11 Notification Plan, Chapter 4.3 of page 3.

12 So this preferred line across
13 flowing water, more than 80 times in the -- and
14 when the HDD is used, this horizontal drilling,
15 and there's a frac-out, Enbridge will monitor
16 it but will not contain it, because it is not
17 feasible. That's a problem.

18 Even if we escape the frac-out,
19 we still face routine pipeline construction
20 practices that alter and degrade aquatic
21 habitat through increased sedimentation and
22 erosion.

23 That is from chapter 5, page 70,
24 of the DEIS. So to summarize, the pipeline is
25 not running yet. We have hundreds of millions

1 of gallons of Minnesota's fresh water used,
2 more fresh water at risk or to be impaired
3 during routine construction practices when the
4 HDD goes awry in a frac-out; then what?

5 So all of this -- and there's no
6 tar sands.

7 So then I turned to, well, what
8 does happen in the accidental oil release or a
9 water spill, and I found that according to a
10 table on page 10, chapter 17 -- again,
11 everything's documented -- that the overall
12 annual probability of a spill incident at any
13 given place with a preferred route is .249 with
14 a recurrence interval of 4.

15 So each year there is
16 approximately a 25 percent chance there will be
17 an oil spill on preferred Line 3, one oil spill
18 every four years. That's an absurd risk to
19 Minnesota's water.

20 We would not accept a 25 percent
21 chance of poison water every time we walk to
22 the faucet for a drink. If we do not accept
23 this high probability in our daily lives, why
24 do we accept it in this DEIS?

25 "It is impossible," and this is a

1 direct quote, chapter 10, page 1, "It's
2 impossible to predict where a spill would
3 happen, the quantity of oil involved, how far
4 the impacts would extend, or exactly what
5 resources would be affected. In part, this is
6 because there are so many incident specific
7 factors involved."

8 This is not the original Line 3
9 that was put in in the '60s. We are no longer
10 ignorant to spills.

11 One only needs to turn to
12 Enbridge's history of 800 spills in the last 15
13 years, including the largest inland oil spill
14 in U.S. history, 1.2 million gallons, into the
15 Kalamazoo in 2010.

16 We have brilliant engineers.
17 Let's put them to work and make it possible.

18 FACILITATOR: It's been about
19 seven minutes.

20 MS. JACI CHRISTENSON: Okay.
21 Would you like me to stop?

22 FACILITATOR: If you could wrap
23 it up, I'd greatly appreciate it.

24 MS. JACI CHRISTENSON: Thank you
25 for that.

1 So the risks are many and long,
2 and I haven't even gotten through the rest of
3 the spills.

4 I will just close by saying that
5 this DEIS really truly demonstrates the risk.
6 It does not provide us with the assurance that
7 we need to keep safe and clean drinking water.
8 I know we can do better than this, and we will.

9 Clean water is what connects us
10 all, all of us, wherever we come from. And we
11 must all work together to protect it.

12 Thank you.

13 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

14 Other folks who want to make a
15 comment?

16 MS. NATALIE BOYD: Hello, my name
17 is Natalie Boyd, N-A-T-A-L-I-E, B-O-Y-D. I'm a
18 Mille Lacs band member. And there's two things
19 that I want to say.

20 The first thing I want to talk
21 about is the fact that some of the first things
22 that the EIS says, kind of repeatedly, touches
23 on at the very beginning of the document, is
24 that it can't speak to larger issues of energy
25 policy.

1 It claims that talking about
2 climate change and these broader issues is
3 beyond its scope.

4 And I respectfully disagree,
5 because whatever decisions are made based on
6 this document are going to set a precedent.
7 And whatever happens with this is definitely
8 about climate change. And it is about broader
9 issues than the energy policy.

10 It's grossly irresponsible to
11 claim otherwise. That was the first thing that
12 I wanted to speak about.

13 The second thing that I wanted to
14 talk about, I just wanted to say, before
15 somebody else brings out the old tired argument
16 that we're all going to get into our cars and
17 drive away and possibly get fuel in our oil
18 guzzling machines, and we're not going to think
19 about where that comes from, before somebody
20 does that, please don't. Just don't, because
21 we do think about it and we're tired of hearing
22 that we don't.

23 If this EIS that we're talking
24 about today, if this is a debate about need, if
25 that's what we're talking about, then

1 everything in this EIS is highly suspect,
2 because the need for this pipeline does not
3 exist, aside from what other people have said
4 about there not being the demand for oil that
5 Enbridge claims there is. Aside from that, the
6 fact is that the technology exists for
7 alternate forms of energy.

8 From transportation to
9 electricity, in general, the technology exists.
10 And the only reason we can't use the
11 alternative technologies is because they're
12 suppressed by the petroleum industry. Oil
13 pipelines do this to protect their profit.

14 And for people who are worried
15 about their jobs and how much they can make
16 working for the pipeline industry, just be
17 aware that you're being held hostage, and all
18 industries are being held hostage by the oil
19 industry.

20 They are doing this -- they do
21 this all to protect their profit. We're all
22 being held hostage by the oil industry.

23 So, yeah, we are driving
24 oil-powered vehicles. But it's not because we
25 don't think about it, and it's not because we

1 want to. It's because we're prisoners of the
2 system that we're in.

3 FACILITATOR: Next, just name and
4 spelling for the record.

5 MS. KAREN HULSTRAND: My name is
6 Karen Hulstrand, H-U-L-S-T-R-A-N-D.

7 I live on the St. Croix River,
8 which at first look you might not think is on
9 this pipeline. But this pipeline crosses the
10 Kettle River, which goes into the St. Croix
11 River, which goes to my house -- near where my
12 house is, and then the St. Croix River goes
13 into the Mississippi, and the pipeline
14 actually crosses the Mississippi.

15 So one of my points is that we
16 are all really in the watershed. The water is
17 universal. I am a physician. So my concern
18 after learning from all these people in the
19 Environmental Impact Statement is about the
20 chemistry and the chemicals.

21 I found out that there are a
22 hundred different chemicals in crude oil, and
23 we know that tar sands oil is much dirtier and
24 thicker and more problematic than regular oil.
25 And so because of that, they have to dilute

1 the oil with more chemicals.

2 So there's a big chemical
3 mixture going down these pipelines, and I
4 wanted to know what chemicals are in there.
5 Because as a physician, I want specifics.

6 Well, they couldn't tell me, so
7 I think the Environmental Impact Statement
8 needs to list all the chemicals, and then I
9 want to see the research on what happens if
10 those chemicals get into the water, into the
11 wildlife, into the plants.

12 And as people, we're sort of at
13 the top of the food chain and chemicals
14 actually accumulate in our bodies. And the
15 people that suffer the most are pregnant women
16 and children.

17 So we really need to think about
18 our future generations, and is this a risk we
19 want to take, to room Canada in the tar sands
20 area, which is an environmental disaster, to
21 ship oil across our state so it can go to
22 refineries elsewhere.

23 Are a few jobs worth that? I say
24 no.

25 FACILITATOR: Just name and

1 spelling for the record, thank you.

2 MS. JANE BURNES LEVERENZ: Good
3 morning, everyone. My name is Jane, J-A-N-E,
4 Burnes, B-U-R-N-E-S, Leverenz,
5 L-E-V-E-R-E-N-Z.

6 I'm a local yokel. Been an
7 activist for about 51 years. I think I've
8 researched this inside and out the other. I
9 basically wanted to let all of you know that
10 we are on the gateway of the largest aquifer
11 in North America called the Hinckley aquifer.

12 We have multi-levels of parallel
13 situations that are occurring when we impact
14 Mother Earth.

15 We can't recklessly run these
16 pipelines. We can't recklessly not realize --
17 the bottom line is here. We are the stewards
18 of the quality of life from this moment
19 forward.

20 Since 1986, there have been 9,000
21 pipeline leaks in the United States. There
22 have been approximately 400 fatalities, human
23 fatalities, not to mention the 9,000 mini
24 ecosystems that were destroyed.

25 You cannot bring back the

1 environment once the oil has spilled. We have
2 had between 1,400 and 1,500 people who were
3 permanently injured. I mean permanently, not
4 temporary.

5 We have such a gift -- been given
6 such a gift. We were born onto what's here.
7 We take -- when our species came here, and I'd
8 probably say we've been here 400 years.

9 In Minnesota, my family has been
10 here almost 200 years, and when you just
11 take -- when our species got off the boat, my
12 brothers and sisters said, "We don't recognize
13 you." They created a new language. They
14 called it Witiko.

15 I'm not Witiko. I've not been
16 Witiko since in the 1960s, when I discovered
17 going to the Department of Natural Resources
18 was not to help the natural resources. It was
19 to manage it.

20 Whether I approved or not, they
21 took over my rights as a citizen of Minnesota,
22 and I have struggled and worked and
23 demonstrated and stood -- and it doesn't matter
24 what the weather or whatever it is, I have done
25 that. We all need to start doing that. This

1 isn't funny, and it's -- to me, it's a
2 challenge to understand the logic.

3 Now I'm going to go economically.
4 There is no basis -- the pipeline system is
5 obsolete. There's absolutely not one economic
6 basis to build or prepare or reuse any more
7 pipelines. We have many other ways to route.

8 By the way, if you don't know
9 this, they're already working on another
10 pipeline coming down east of us, going down to
11 Ohio. They've already got plans in the works
12 to -- if we succeed in unceding this
13 situation -- and as a matter of fact, I think
14 this possibly is a distraction, which I cannot
15 say for sure, but they're already working on
16 other pipelines.

17 They don't need us, and quite
18 frankly, the pinnacle thing that I cannot
19 understand is these people that are doing the
20 pipelines, that are doing the tar sands. It's
21 their world, too.

22 What are they going to do when
23 the last breath of air, the last drinking water
24 is available? What are they going to breathe?
25 Because you can't breathe money.

1 It just behooves me that we're
2 still in this position of even considering
3 making any kind of an impact on our planet, let
4 alone the sensitivities that we have here, the
5 gift that we have been given here, the water,
6 the wild rice, the lifestyle, the culture.
7 It's all here.

8 If you did not know this, the
9 amazing thing about Minnesota is that water
10 flows in both directions. Once you get up
11 further north, water flows up into Canada as
12 well as south.

13 We've already had the Hinckley
14 aquifer violated. It was violated when they
15 built the IDS buildings and many of the other
16 tall buildings in the Twin Cities area.
17 They've been siphoning it off as a way to get
18 cheap air conditioning, and that's instead of
19 recycling water with some (indiscernible), they
20 just send it through the sewer.

21 It's the most anti-productive
22 thing to do with water that I've ever seen, and
23 again, it's done by very wealthy people who
24 have corporate status and gained more, not
25 less. They own more of us, not less, and I'd

1 like to see us all come together and realize we
2 do have the power.

3 And I have a lifetime friend here
4 who had an organization called Drive Easy.
5 Drive just ten miles slower and it helps, and
6 electric cars -- we have, now, in the Hinckley
7 area, we have plug-ins. Pine City, we have
8 plug-ins. There are alternatives.

9 We can make a difference,
10 individually, as human beings. We can step up
11 to the plate and take steps of doing -- making
12 less of an impact on the planet.

13 So I bless you all. I thank you
14 all for coming. I'm so proud of you for being
15 here, and I'm sorry I was late. Thank you.

16 FACILITATOR: Just, again, name
17 and spelling of your name.

18 MS. KAREN HULSTRAND: Karen
19 Hulstrand, H-U-L-S-T-R-A-N-D.

20 The additional comment I wanted
21 to make was I was told that there's an
22 addendum to the EIS of what would be the
23 consequences of a catastrophic spill.
24 However, it's been done by Enbridge, as a
25 consultant of Enbridge, and I think we deserve

1 an independent scientific study of that, not
2 done by the corporation.

3 As a physician, there's been a
4 lot of drug research done by the companies,
5 and a lot of times it's suspect. So I think
6 we deserve an independent analysis.

7 FACILITATOR: Name and spelling
8 for the record.

9 MR. JAY HANSON: My name is Jay
10 Hanson, and I'm local also. And good words,
11 Jane. Excellent. I wanted to just kind of
12 talk to some of my union brothers and sisters.

13 I'm a Teamster, background, and
14 I just wanted to share something that perhaps
15 might shed a little light on what we're
16 talking about on a grander scale.

17 I did some activities with the
18 Ford plant when the Ford plant was closed,
19 down at the union hall, and we wanted to
20 restructure the Ford plant and be able to keep
21 jobs, keep grinding out cars down there.

22 Well, that closed and they took
23 out the Ford plant, which is fine. That's the
24 way the economy worked. But I'm also very
25 concerned about the community.

1 There's a group of people in that
2 area of St. Paul, and I'm not sure where the
3 mayor stands on that, but they're trying to
4 build a residential area where the Ford plant
5 was.

6 Right now they've got years of
7 digging out the extracts and the remnants of
8 the Ford industry, of manufacturing down there.

9 This is just one small area, and
10 they're putting in millions of dollars. They
11 have a lot of jobs.

12 If you're looking at jobs with
13 extraction of digging these pipelines out,
14 would be good money and a long-term job, but
15 they're trying to resurrect an area -- I grew
16 up about two miles away from there.

17 They're trying to resurrect an
18 area of the earth, and that is so polluted.
19 They cannot put residential houses in there,
20 and they probably never will be able to.

21 Kids will go outside and want to
22 play, and they can't go outside and play. This
23 is what we're dealing with. If that can happen
24 in St. Paul, and they will spend the money to
25 try to do this.

1 But at the same time, you can't
2 put a garden in there. You won't be able to
3 have a little park for the kids to play in.
4 It's going to be a long-term resurrection of a
5 small piece of land in order to make that
6 habitable for humans and anything else going
7 on.

8 So my contribution -- and I heard
9 about this meeting at 2:00 o'clock in the
10 morning, so I wanted to come over here. I
11 thought it was a whole -- just a small
12 gathering of people that were really concerned
13 about doing pipeline construction at all.

14 I am really opposed to anything
15 that has to do with jeopardizing what's going
16 on or what we have in Minnesota.

17 But I'm also opposed to the one
18 that they've got coming all the way down from
19 Canada right now, which I think would be
20 multiple economic boom for people to pull that
21 sucker out of the ground. Because actually,
22 the dependency on oil is being reduced and
23 people are developing alternatives.

24 So anyhow, that's my statement
25 for the day.

1 FACILITATOR: Thank you, sir.

2 MR. ALGIN GARYT GOODSKY:

3 (Ojibwe). My English name is Algin Garyt
4 Goodsky, that's A-L-G-I-N, G-A-R-Y-T,
5 G-O-O-D-S-K-Y.

6 And I'd just like to say that
7 the whole oil situation, the whole situation
8 itself, I find is highly rhetorical. Like has
9 been said multiple times in this room, there
10 are multiple different ways of sustaining
11 supplemental things, things that are
12 supposedly needed.

13 You know, hemp being a good one.
14 Just like take a good look at this hat. It's
15 a hemp made hat. Some of the clothes is hemp
16 made. A lot of the clothes is hemp made
17 nowadays. If you haven't taken a good look
18 around in the economic society, there are
19 different type of things.

20 If you think about it, you can
21 use your fancy phones and all, what are you
22 going to use to charge those fancy phones? You
23 know, plug it into the wall, that's
24 electricity.

25 There have been advances in the

1 technological area. Like wearing clothes that
2 will charge some. Am I right? Electrical
3 vehicles.

4 And I just want to state the
5 facts that there has been statistically proven,
6 in multiple different ways and propaganda so to
7 speak. It's been said in movies. It's been
8 said in music. It's been said in art itself,
9 that we don't have very much longer left on
10 this earth.

11 That's not to say that our next
12 generation will not be able to live as long as
13 we have, because of the things that have been
14 statistically proven.

15 But what we still can do is make
16 a better living for them, show them a better
17 way. Show them that living that greedy life of
18 having been a necessity for money -- because
19 money itself, it's an issue. We all need it.
20 Who don't?

21 I know for a fact I can reach in
22 my pocket and not pull out a single dollar, but
23 does that make me mad, does that make me sad?
24 No, it don't, because in my heart and my mind,
25 money cannot buy happiness. The betterment of

1 the people buys my happiness.

2 You know, when my family gets
3 sick and have chest problems and hard
4 breathing, you know, things that are wrong with
5 them, I know where to go in the woods and go
6 find that stuff, find the medicine, find the
7 herbs.

8 I don't need to go to no Goddamn
9 store and buy liquid in a bottle. Because
10 that's not how reliant I am on money, on oil,
11 on all those things.

12 I bet you I could take a month
13 out of my life to go live in the ways that we
14 used to live and strive properly.

15 You know, just a while back I was
16 watching TV, and what they were doing on TV is
17 they were trying to live without any of that
18 things. Live without a computer, live without
19 a car, live without a house, and it really
20 dawned upon me, if they were so interested in
21 living that way, why haven't we gone back to
22 it?

23 They talk about re-using these
24 old methods, old ways of doing things. Why
25 don't you take a look at the righteous one

1 instead of the greedy-filled one?

2 I don't know if it's only human
3 nature for all of us to feel the way we feel
4 about the situation at hand. But instead of
5 being selfish in one's mind, look to the
6 younger ones. Look to the ones that have yet
7 to live their life. A lot of them still
8 haven't lived a life that is filled with
9 happiness, filled with things that should be
10 there.

11 I can tell a lot of house homes
12 it's hard for a lot of people to do these
13 things, live a happy life.

14 If it wasn't so filled with all
15 this need and necessity to be somewhere and do
16 something, you could actually take the time to
17 sit down and love your family and enjoy your
18 family. With all that, I'd like to say
19 miigwech, thank you.

20 FACILITATOR: Other hands of the
21 folks who want to speak? Anybody else who
22 hasn't spoken, would like to make a comment?

23 There's a comment right up here,
24 so Leslie will bring you the mic. State your
25 name and spelling for the record.

1 MS. MARY MANGAN: I am Mary
2 M-A-R-Y, M-A-N-G-A-N, and I'm currently a Pine
3 City resident. I have a hard time speaking.

4 So to make a long story short,
5 basically, what I would like to know, what is
6 any of this meeting going to do? Just like in
7 North Dakota, they have the meetings, they
8 went to court and Trump put it right through.
9 Even Obama said, no, they couldn't do it.
10 Trump put it right through, so what difference
11 is all of this going to make? They're going
12 to put it through anyway, you know. Why are
13 we wasting our time?

14 They're going to do it, because,
15 you know, (indiscernible) I believe the oil
16 from like Kentucky Fried Chicken, McDonald's,
17 to drain the oil and use it in your diesel
18 cars, right. That was free oil. Nope, can't
19 do that anymore.

20 The solar power, no, not
21 anymore. Put an end to that.

22 So it's like why do we have to
23 put a pipeline through? To me, that seems so
24 stupid. It's not really going to create any
25 permanent jobs.

1 Not only that, they're going to
2 truck that oil all the way downtown. We got
3 three refineries down in St. Paul, in the
4 lower part of Minnesota. Why are they going
5 to go all the way downtown with it? Go -- it
6 don't make sense to me. That's all I got to
7 say. Thank you.

8 FACILITATOR: Thank you. Anybody
9 else who hasn't spoken? And a final comment
10 then from over here. Again, just name and
11 spelling for the record as we begin to wrap up.

12 MS. JANE BURNES LEVERENZ: Jane
13 Burnes, B-U-R-N-E-S, Leverenz,
14 L-E-V-E-R-E-N-Z.

15 Three things. One is history
16 says that pipeline spills don't get cleaned
17 up. They get covered up. So you cannot
18 depend on that. Getting a list of chemicals
19 is not a bad idea. You triggered my brain to
20 think of that.

21 Number two, I wanted to thank the
22 woman that was up there talking about other
23 jobs. There are a zillion job opportunities
24 out there right now in any alternative field,
25 from sustainable agriculture, regenerative

1 healing earth, I could go on and on. We don't
2 need the economic job status.

3 We need to move much, much faster
4 into programmers, and -- in order to make
5 automation not kick us down as far as it is at
6 this point.

7 Now I have forgotten the third
8 one.

9 Anyway, it's -- there's an
10 answer. For every single problem that we have,
11 there is a solution. There's not one thing
12 that is not solvable. We just have to be open
13 to change, and it's called transition. And I
14 know that we can do it, you know, and don't
15 have to sacrifice anything.

16 It's just thinking differently,
17 thinking differently, how we live with a living
18 organism called Mother Earth, planet earth, our
19 sister, our brother, that's what it is. It's
20 going back to living with it.

21 And if it's not good for all,
22 including a micro organism in the ground, it's
23 not good for us either. We're on a tipping
24 point here, folks, and if we don't stop it,
25 we're not going to have the quality of life for

1 the other generation. And that's been my basic
2 for living most of my life.

3 So, again, peace and love and
4 think, think before we do things. We do not
5 have to accommodate business. I think that's
6 how we got into this mess was accommodating,
7 all the time thinking jobs. That's a monetary
8 system. Money doesn't work anymore.

9 Look around the world. India
10 right now is planning on a gold bath,
11 electronic money. Does that send a message to
12 any of you in the direction in which we're
13 going? I'd rather be hugging trees than
14 hugging a basket of gold.

15 Sorry, guys, it doesn't do a
16 thing for me.

17 So take care. Thank you.

18 FACILITATOR: So for the
19 remainder of the time until 1:00 o'clock,
20 people will be -- agency folks will be at the
21 poster boards if people have additional
22 thoughts, questions, or comments.

23 Again, court reporters are here
24 at this table right here. Here and actually
25 out in the lobby area. If you want to make an

1 individual comment, you can write your
2 comment.

3 Thank you so much for coming
4 today. I appreciate your comment and your
5 views, and it will all be captured during this
6 process.

7 Thank you. Enjoy the rest of
8 the day and safe travels.

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