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1 FACILITATOR: Okay. Good evening,
2 everyone. Welcome to the Line 3 Draft Environmental
3 Impact Statement public meeting hosted by the
4 Commerce Department of the State of Minnesota.

5 So this is going to be an opportunity
6 for oral public comments. Before we begin, I want
7 to hand it over to Jamie MacAlister, who's the
8 project director from the Department of Commerce.

9 MS. JAMIE MACALISTER: Good evening,
10 everyone. I'm Jamie MacAlister with the Minnesota
11 Department of Commerce.

12 Is that any better? Oh, there we go.
13 I think somebody just made an adjustment for me.
14 Great.

15 Well, thank you for coming out
16 tonight. And we're going to try and not keep you
17 from other activities this evening, but we are happy
18 to have you come and share your comments with us on
19 the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

20 As you know, the Minnesota Public
21 Utilities Commission will be making two decisions on
22 this project. First, they will need to determine
23 whether or not to issue a certificate of need for
24 this project. The second decision will be whether
25 or not to issue a route permit for the project.

1 You've had a chance to walk through
2 the room and visit the boards. Hopefully you've
3 also spoken with other agency staff this evening.
4 We have folks here from the Minnesota Department of
5 Natural Resources, the Minnesota Pollution Control
6 Agency, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission,
7 as well as staff from Commerce.

8 If you've been following this project
9 at all, you know that there's a lot of process
10 involved. About a year ago we were out along the
11 route alternatives hosting scoping meetings. The
12 comments that we received during scoping were then
13 used to develop the Draft Environmental Impact
14 Statement that you're reviewing today.

15 After we host these 22 meetings on the
16 Draft EIS, the Department of Commerce will prepare a
17 final Environmental Impact Statement, and this whole
18 process will move into the contested case hearing.
19 The contested case hearings are a continuation of
20 this process. Those hearings will be administered
21 by a law judge, and you will have an opportunity at
22 that point to advocate or oppose the project,
23 advocate for a route. And you will have an
24 opportunity to discuss the project with Enbridge's
25 subject matter experts.

1 Once those hearings are over, the
2 judge will prepare a report, and all of that
3 information that has been gathered during these
4 meetings, the final EIS, and the contested case
5 hearing will all be summarized and put into a report
6 and submitted to the Minnesota Public Utilities
7 Commission, and all of that information will then be
8 used by them to make a decision on this project.
9 It's expected that a decision will be made sometime
10 in the spring of 2018.

11 So tonight we are asking you to
12 provide us with comments on the Draft Environmental
13 Impact Statement. Specifically, we're interested in
14 whether or not there is information missing from the
15 document that we need to include for the final, we
16 would like to know if the EIS is unclear, or if
17 there are other ways that the document would be
18 improved.

19 So this evening you can provide us
20 with your oral comments, you may submit comments in
21 writing and stick them in the comment box, or you
22 can email them or send them in to me at your
23 leisure, so long as they are postmarked by
24 July 10th, 2017.

25 All of the comments that we receive

1 will be available online. They'll be posted on the
2 Department of Commerce's Line 3 website. They will
3 also be posted to the Public Utilities Commission
4 eDocket they use for these projects, as well as all
5 of the oral transcripts from the meetings. So we
6 are visibly working on compiling any comments that
7 we have received to date and getting the transcripts
8 posted so you will be able to see those comments and
9 the comments of your neighbors.

10 We also want to remind everyone that
11 the comments are all viewed equally. We do not --
12 it is not a vote. It's not how many comments we
13 receive for or against a project. It does not
14 matter whether or not your comment is presented
15 orally at one of these meetings or whether or not
16 you submit them in writing. All -- all of the
17 comments are considered equally when they come in to
18 us.

19 Furthermore, the Draft EIS is not a
20 decision-making document. It is the document that
21 is used to help inform the decision makers on this
22 project.

23 So, with that, I'm going to turn this
24 back over to Stacy. She'll run through a few
25 elements about the meeting.

1 And, again, thank you very much for
2 your time and for coming this evening.

3 FACILITATOR: Thank you, Jamie.

4 So my name is Stacy Smith, and I am
5 your moderator for this meeting. So my role is
6 really to help make sure that everybody gets a
7 chance to share their perspectives and to do so in a
8 way that makes people feel welcome and comfortable.
9 So that's what we're going to do.

10 And for that I have -- we have a
11 couple of ground rules that we ask you to follow.
12 So right now we don't have that many names of people
13 who have signed up to speak. I'll start by reading
14 the names from the cards. And then once we've gone
15 through those comments, I'll take people's comments
16 as you raise your hands. And we can go as long as
17 the time allows, in terms of having comments. But
18 in order to make sure that people really all get
19 chances to speak, we will limit comments to seven
20 minutes or less. All right? If we have additional
21 time after everybody has spoken and people have
22 additional things they'd like to say, we can go
23 around for a second round. But we want to make sure
24 to limit the comments to make sure that everybody
25 gets a chance to speak.

1 We ask you while other people are
2 speaking not to interrupt. If you'd like to show
3 affirmation for something that you're hearing, you
4 like what you're hearing, please hold your applause
5 or your affirmation until after they've finished
6 their remarks so that we don't have a lot of
7 interruptions and we don't take away from their
8 time.

9 After someone is finished speaking, if
10 you'd like to show your support, feel free to do
11 that by applauding. If you don't like what somebody
12 said, we ask you to keep that to yourself, because
13 we really want people to feel safe and comfortable
14 sharing their view. This is all about getting all
15 the views out, all the perspectives out, and
16 particularly any comments you have about how to
17 improve this Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

18 So we have different perspectives in
19 the room. People come from different experiences.
20 We want everyone to be treated with respect. So,
21 please, when you're making comments, you can direct
22 them towards the issues at hand, the components of
23 the draft impact statement; you can talk about
24 organizations or entities, but do not direct your
25 comments or speak about individuals. All right?

1 And that does include other individuals who've made
2 comments. So if you want to refer to something that
3 has been raised by another commenter, focus on the
4 comment, not on the commenter. Okay? Please don't
5 call out any particular person and say, oh, what you
6 said. Focus on the issue. This issue was raised;
7 I'd like to address that issue. Okay?

8 So the state agency's role at this
9 point is to be listeners. So if the state agency
10 representatives can raise their hands. They're all
11 back here in the back of the room. They're the ones
12 you were talking to as you went around to the
13 posters. So their role now is really to listen; and
14 it's your turn, your chance to speak.

15 Yeah, my last point is that we do need
16 to end on time for the respect of the space. But we
17 will take comments -- as many comments as people
18 have up until that time within our time limits.

19 So when I call your name, whether
20 it's when I call your name on the card or when I
21 point, if you raise your hand, we have a few staff
22 members who will come around with microphones.
23 They'll bring the microphones to you. You don't
24 have to come up. You can stand if you'd like. You
25 can stay sitting if you'd like. The microphones are

1 a little bit tricky, but it's important to adjust
2 the microphone so that everybody can hear you, and
3 particularly our court reporter up here in the
4 front. She's going to be documenting all of the
5 statements that you make. So speak slowly, speak
6 clearly. We may have to just interrupt and say we
7 can't hear you, can you adjust the microphone. So I
8 hope you'll forgive us if we do that. We just want
9 to make sure that your comments are captured for the
10 record.

11 When it's your turn to speak, we'll
12 ask you to start by stating your name and spelling
13 your name. And that's also for the court reporter,
14 for the record. And if you have prepared remarks,
15 things that you're reading that you've written down,
16 if you'd like to give those to us afterward, after
17 you do your statement, that's really helpful for the
18 court reporter as well, to make sure that she's
19 captured everything you've said as accurately as
20 possible. Okay?

21 So, with that, we will go to the
22 timer. So we're going to have this timer here on
23 the screen, and it's just going to count time.
24 We're going to ask you to keep your comments to
25 seven minutes or less. When you get to a little

1 before seven minutes, I'll stand up and I'll give
2 you a little signal, if you weren't watching the
3 timer, that your time is almost up. When we get to
4 seven minutes, I will ask you to conclude your
5 remarks.

6 Okay. So I'll start with the names I
7 have on the cards. And, again, forgive me if I get
8 your name -- if I pronounce your name wrong.

9 Gertrude Lambert? If you can raise
10 your hand. Okay. And one of our -- she's up here.
11 Leslie will bring you the microphone. And the timer
12 will start after you spell your name.

13 MS. GERTRUDE LAMBERT: It's okay to
14 start it. My name is Gertrude Lambert.
15 G-E-R-T-R-U-D-E. L-A-M-B-E-R-T. I just learned in
16 The Mille Lacs Messenger that Mille Lacs County was
17 in the route for a pipeline. I thought it was still
18 further up north. So I was very concerned and
19 wanted to be here tonight.

20 I didn't know it was just going to be
21 the -- from the state's part. I thought maybe it
22 would be some Enbridge corporation folks here too,
23 because some of my -- basically those are my
24 questions. So I'll say the first one.

25 I did take time earlier today to get

1 on the Internet and just find out a little bit more
2 about the spills and violations of the Enbridge
3 pipelines in the United States. And this is what I
4 learned: Enbridge's own report back in 2010 was
5 that there were 804 spills occurred between 1999 and
6 2010. 161,745 barrels of crude oil spilled into the
7 environment. In July in 2002, 6,000 barrels near
8 Cohasset, Minnesota spilled. In 2006, 67 reportable
9 spills of 5,663 barrels. This is Minnesota. In
10 2007, 65 spills of 13,777 barrels of crude oil.
11 November of 2007 two workers were killed in a fire
12 at Clearbrook, Minnesota. The pipe leaked two weeks
13 before any repair was done.

14 January 2007 pipeline between
15 Superior, Wisconsin and Whitewater, Wisconsin
16 cracked open, a spill of 50,000 gallons of crude oil
17 on farmland and drainage ditches. The same pipeline
18 was hit by a construction crew in Rusk County,
19 spilling 201,000 gallons of crude oil. Some of that
20 oil filled a hole 20 feet deep and contaminated the
21 local water table.

22 2009 Enbridge paid \$1.1 million to
23 settle lawsuits by the State of Wisconsin for 545
24 environmental violations affecting streams and
25 wetlands throughout various watersheds.

1 January 2010 a line ruptured near
2 Neche, N-E-C-H-E, North Dakota, releasing
3 3,784 barrels of crude oil. July 2010 Kalamazoo
4 River oil spill, more than 1 million gallons of oil
5 in southwest Michigan -- spilled more than 1 million
6 gallons of oil in southwest Michigan, causing the
7 largest inland spill in Midwest history. 7
8 million -- excuse me. The cost of the cleanup was
9 \$36.7 million as of March 2013. Enbridge knew of a
10 defect in the pipeline five years before it burst.

11 And the last one I have is
12 September 2010, a rupture near Romeoville, Illinois
13 released approximately 7,500 barrels of oil. And
14 this excludes any spills in Canada.

15 So one of the questions I had was --
16 of the Enbridge corporate management boards: How
17 close do any of them live to a pipeline?

18 And there was reference in the
19 brochure that came out about how would Minnesota
20 benefit. And one of them was that once the project
21 is complete, Enbridge will pay \$19.5 million in
22 property tax that will benefit communities along the
23 pipeline. That will never cover the cost of
24 cleanup.

25 Thank you.

1 FACILITATOR: Thank you. Thank you.

2 Next is John Andrew Boyd. Am I
3 getting that right? John Andrew Boyt? Is he here?

4 MR. JOHN ANDREW BOGGS: How do you
5 spell that? How do you spell the last name?

6 FACILITATOR: Well, it's not entirely
7 clear from the writing on here. B -- I think it's
8 B-O --

9 MR. JOHN ANDREW BOGGS: Yeah, that's
10 me.

11 FACILITATOR: Is that you? Okay.
12 Thank you. Sorry about that.

13 If you could start by saying and
14 spelling your name. Thanks.

15 MR. JOHN ANDREW BOGGS: I seen that in
16 that report there that we might as well just close
17 the thing down and shove it off to the Canadian
18 border -- putting oil in that matter. But I don't
19 really have any comments to make on the sources of
20 energy. That is another discussion.

21 And those who oppose the use of this
22 type of energy, how many have converted to electric
23 cars, that sort of thing? I don't know how you keep
24 warm at the house anymore. But if you have made
25 personal decisions to alter your lifestyle for this

1 lack of oil -- nonuse of oil, oil out of a pipeline
2 to satisfy your energy needs for the foreseeable
3 future, more power to you.

4 But this is -- this pipeline I totally
5 support; and there's a couple reasons, called
6 railroads and ground transportation in the form of
7 trucks. Pipelines are at least covered by federal
8 inspections, state inspections, but I'm not so sure
9 that the rail lines are really -- have really
10 reasonable good inspection controls itself. So I
11 see a need for this source of energy to be needed
12 for the end of the -- for the foreseeable future.

13 And I've been impacted personally by
14 things called strip mining, and I opposed that.
15 This -- there's so many pipelines crisscrossing
16 Minnesota that I don't know how many are as
17 defective as the description just given there. But
18 I'm sure we at least do inspections. Use something
19 we already have, what we're living with.

20 And the nice thing is I don't have
21 that many more years to be concerned about this
22 situation. I've been through my lifetime a number
23 of things that were not so good for me personally
24 and the country itself. So I really like the
25 pipeline, not just because -- it's not personal

1 reasons; it's just this is what we have. And what I
2 see being developed, it sounds good, but it doesn't
3 seem to serve a lot of people over a long -- a broad
4 specter of the United States. It's a bit of this
5 and that, and everything from personal generators
6 to -- what were we talking about just a few minutes
7 ago about? Geothermal. And this is great. And
8 Iceland and other places that really benefit. Their
9 energy supply's clean, it's great. I wish the hell
10 we had it here, and I would like to see it develop.
11 We walk in on one of their energy-producing
12 stations, you could eat off the floor. Just
13 beautifully, clean energy. And it's sustainable,
14 and it's managed right. It's one of the better
15 things we could have as a source.

16 Okay. That's enough.

17 FACILITATOR: Thank you. Sir, can I
18 ask you to -- sir, can I ask you to say and spell
19 your name for the record, if you don't mind.

20 MR. JOHN ANDREW BOGGS: Am I on? Yes.
21 My name is John Andrew Boggs, B-O-G-G-S.

22 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

23 MR. JOHN ANDREW BOGGS: And I'm from
24 West --

25 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

1 MR. JOHN ANDREW BOGGS: -- by god,
2 Virginia.

3 FACILITATOR: Mary Ann Straka? Mary
4 Ann's over here. Leslie will bring you the
5 microphone.

6 If you would start by saying and
7 spelling your name. Thanks.

8 MS. MARY ANN STRAKA: Hi, my name is
9 Mary Ann Straka. M-A-R-Y. A-N-N. S-T-R-A-K-A.
10 And I mostly have some questions that I would like
11 to know the answers to.

12 As I understand, this will be tar sand
13 oil that doesn't just flow through that pipe. And I
14 want to know for sure what the names of the
15 chemicals are that they're mixing with the tar sands
16 to get it to flow.

17 My understanding is that it's Benzine
18 and Tulazine (phonetic), which are cancer causing,
19 to help heat up the tar so that it will flow. And
20 pumping wells, how far apart? How many acres will
21 be needed for pumping stations? How large is the
22 pipe, and how far apart are these wells going to be?
23 How frequent are the shutoff valves? What pipe
24 using -- what pipe are they going to use? I've
25 heard rumors that up north in North Dakota they are

1 using pipes that have come from China and it's full
2 of asbestos.

3 And if you have any CDs or anything to
4 answer these questions, I'll be glad to take those.
5 And I would like a copy of the EIS study.

6 Thank you.

7 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

8 Of all those, the one thing I can
9 answer is there are copies of the EIS study.
10 They're on CDs or on flash drives. So you're
11 welcome to -- anyone is welcome to take those home.

12 Lori Schott?

13 MS. LORI SCHOTT: Hi, everybody. I'm
14 Lori Schott. L-O-R-I. S-C-H-O-T-T.

15 I'm here tonight as a resident of
16 Mille Lacs County and Milaca. My husband and I,
17 who's sitting here tonight, own Avery Pipeline
18 Services. Our company provides construction
19 management, pipeline inspection, environmental and
20 safety personnel for pipeline projects, wind
21 projects, and natural gas projects in the Upper
22 Midwest. And I'm extremely proud that our little
23 business, based here in Milaca, Minnesota calls
24 Enbridge one of our clients.

25 I'm here today to stand up for the

1 pipeline industry. I want to be that voice. We
2 want to be that voice, because we've worked for
3 Enbridge and we support Enbridge's Line 3 project.

4 I'm here today to support our
5 business. I'm here today to support our employees,
6 who rely on employment such as these pipeline
7 projects that are occurring in our state. And I'm
8 here to encourage the Minnesota Department of
9 Commerce to continue moving forward with this
10 process.

11 My family moved to Minnesota from
12 Colorado in 1997. You see, I married a pipeliner.
13 We were hooked onto that RV, we came up, thought we
14 were going to put in natural gas pipeline, and we
15 decided to call Minnesota home. My family's been
16 here for over 20 years. Our kids attended school
17 here in Milaca. They were involved in 4H and rodeo
18 in this community. And we have turned ourselves
19 into starting a small business on our farm in north
20 Milaca that now does work for a large energy
21 company, Enbridge.

22 Avery Pipeline has been a viable
23 presence in this community, and I'm proud of that.
24 Avery and I both believe that if you give, it comes
25 back to you threefold. And through our work with

1 Enbridge, we're allowed to do that. We've given to
2 4H and FFA. Our company employs local members of
3 this community. And in the last six years we have
4 seen some of our employees move from Texas and
5 Oklahoma and Idaho to work on projects specifically
6 related to Enbridge Energy. Enbridge has given our
7 tiny little company in downtown Milaca a chance.

8 You know, we talk here tonight, but we
9 construct pipelines, everybody in this industry,
10 because of consumer demand. We are the end users,
11 us here, not Enbridge. They're meeting a need
12 because of what we're asking for. So we need to
13 keep that in mind; that every day, 24 hours, 7 days
14 a week, 365 days a year Enbridge is meeting that
15 need by supplying over 80 percent of Minnesota and
16 70 percent of the Upper Midwest refined capacity so
17 we can get in our cars and drive and fly out of
18 Minneapolis airport.

19 There are over 2.4 million miles of
20 pipeline that crisscrosses the United States. And
21 while we strive -- and even in our business as Avery
22 Pipeline, we support wind energy projects in Iowa
23 and in Colorado, we're still striving to find a nice
24 energy balance, and there's room at the table for
25 all types of energy usage. But there are more than

1 263 million vehicles on the road today using gas and
2 diesel, and these are fueled by pipelines.

3 With the vast amount of pipelines
4 running underneath our feet, underneath our rivers,
5 throughout our towns, these pipelines have
6 statistically proven to deliver these products
7 safely 99.9 percent of the time.

8 Enbridge is a leader in energy
9 transportation. We do stub our toe. There are
10 spills and things that come along the way. But it's
11 meeting a need that we're all demanding.

12 We hear the negative media and
13 activists talking about antipipeline and think the
14 project such as Line 3 should never be structured,
15 while in truth there is no plan on the table right
16 now for an infrastructure that could support what
17 our reliance is on oil petroleum products. But we
18 do as Avery Pipeline support all venues.

19 Avery Pipeline also provides services
20 in the renewable sector, as I said, the wind farms
21 in Iowa, some in Nebraska and Colorado; but they're
22 also seeing push-backs in permitting land ownership
23 and things. But this is an interesting industry,
24 and we're going to need to have all venues to be
25 able to meet the needs of the United States.

1 In closing, Avery Pipeline strongly
2 supports the Line 3 project as it's being
3 constructed to replace a line that was constructed
4 in 1960. Through the review process and over
5 thousands of pages of documentation, experts in
6 environmental and safety aspects have been taken
7 into consideration for this Draft Environmental
8 Impact Statement. Consideration for this project
9 needs to be taken into account that pipeline safety
10 and environmental protection is the main concern,
11 and this pipeline makes sense.

12 If not utilizing the pipeline, oil
13 will be moved via trucks and trains, which it is
14 documented in the Draft Environmental Impact
15 Statement is the least safest mode of
16 transportation.

17 I would also like the Department of
18 Commerce to reconsider their sections on jobs. If
19 these are temporary jobs, my husband's had one for
20 20 years in this state working in the pipeline
21 industry.

22 North Dakota has approved pipeline
23 construction. Wisconsin has approved pipeline
24 construction. And now it's Minnesota's turn to take
25 suit. Provide our small business, located two

1 blocks away, some assurance that the legislative
2 process in Minnesota will keep this project moving
3 forward.

4 Thank you.

5 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

6 Christina Thurston. Christina's over
7 here.

8 If you can start by saying and
9 spelling your name. Thanks.

10 MS. CHRISTINA THURSTON: My name is
11 Christina Thurston. That's C-H-R-I-S-T-I-N-A,
12 T-H-U-R-S-T-O-N. And I'm a resident of Rowena
13 Township. I'd like to preface what I say with I'm a
14 believer that fossil fuels are -- they're on the way
15 out as a source of energy. We have to commit
16 to renewables. That's the future.

17 I am happy that pipelines have
18 provided jobs for our local business. I think
19 that's wonderful. But how many people, really?
20 When you weigh it against the risk of the pristine
21 waters of Minnesota, I feel it's just too great.
22 This particular type of oil is very dirty, as you
23 have said. It has lots of chemicals in it used in
24 the extraction process that are extremely toxic.
25 Extremely toxic. And I feel that running these

1 pipelines under rivers, under lakes, just to me
2 makes no sense.

3 What I would like to see, though,
4 we're not talking -- I understand your comments.
5 You wanted comments towards the improvement of the
6 Environmental Impact Statement. What I -- I would
7 like to see is a more thorough spill analysis. I
8 would like -- for instance, looking at this graph
9 here, risk to transport comparing pipeline to rail
10 to trucks, I feel it's a bit misleading, because you
11 see, yes, trucks have more incidents, but the size
12 of the spill is minute compared to fewer incidents
13 but larger spills, as Ms. Lambert just explained to
14 us, by the pipeline. It's like comparing, you know,
15 to a child -- how many have done this before to a
16 kid, you know, would you rather have 500 pennies or
17 50 \$10 bills? You know, it's the same comparison.
18 But the graph here shows -- if you look at it and
19 glance at it and don't pay attention to what the
20 details of the graph are, it's misleading, because
21 it makes it like trucking is way worse than a
22 pipeline.

23 So what I would like to see is some
24 kind of accountability in who this pipeline serves.
25 I understand it's a Canadian company, is that right,

1 whose oil is being transported? I'm not exactly
2 sure the name. Who does it serve? And I would like
3 to see who is served. I would like to have them pay
4 for reuse of the pipeline. I would like to have
5 them be accountable for cleaning up the -- along
6 with Enbridge, the abandoned pipelines. And also
7 fees toward monitoring of our water systems and also
8 mitigation, of course, of any spills.

9 As we have heard, the track record of
10 Enbridge is not good, and I just feel that the risk
11 to the pristine Minnesota waters and to the wells
12 and to people downstream, which we're talking
13 millions of people, we're talking going under the
14 Mississippi River, we're talking about going under
15 perhaps the Run River should that route be chosen,
16 are just far too great for an energy source that is
17 on its way out.

18 Do we really need to extract the very
19 last drop? And who does that money go to? It goes
20 towards the corporations. And is this oil -- I know
21 that it was expressed that this oil benefits
22 Minnesotans. But, really, does this product come
23 back to the state of Minnesota in a usable form in
24 gasoline or diesel that we use? I want to know the
25 answer to that question too.

1 Thank you.

2 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

3 So that's actually all the cards that
4 we have. So at this point, if there are others who
5 would like to make a public comment, if you raise
6 your hand. Sir.

7 Stephano, if you can bring him the
8 microphone.

9 And if you start by telling us your
10 name -- back there, Stephano -- by telling us your
11 name and spelling it for us. Thank you.

12 MR. HARLEY HAGGEN: Thank you. My
13 name is H-A-R-L-E-Y. Last name is H-A-G-G-E-N.
14 I'll be very brief. I didn't come with a prepared
15 document. I just want to comment a little bit on
16 what Lori Schott has said, and I'll let her speak to
17 the safety of the pipelines. But we have two things
18 involved. Point A we have the crude oil out in
19 North Dakota and Canada, and then point B we have
20 the investor cities in Chicago and in Detroit. We
21 need to move the product from point A to point B,
22 and the pipeline is certainly the best way to do it.
23 And they're going to replace an aging pipeline that
24 needs replacing with all the new safety factors in
25 it.

1 Also, historically, we are now energy
2 independent. We can go back probably 20 years ago.
3 I've been in the oil business all my life. But,
4 anyway, we had gas lines, we had \$4 gas, the oil
5 embargo, and we made the unfriendly bargaining of
6 powers that controlled all that. Now we have the
7 capacity in our own country to do all this. So
8 thank you for your -- two minutes of your time.

9 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

10 Is there another -- yes, sir.

11 MR. CHARLES LIPPERT: Good evening.

12 My name is Charles Lippert. C-H-A-R-L-E-S.
13 L-I-P-P-E-R-T.

14 I have reviewed the draft impact --
15 Environmental Impact Statement. And overall I have
16 found the information very user friendly, compared
17 to other EIS and DEIS. However, there is one area
18 that I'm noticing that is missing, and that is the
19 cumulative impact of potential route changes up to
20 either a new corridor of the system preferred route
21 or the system alternative 4 or the other system
22 alternatives that are listed.

23 If our pipeline ages and we need to
24 replace them within the next 20 to 30 years and we
25 reroute lines 1, 2, 4, and 13 and others along the

1 new corridor, as long as we don't have that
2 cumulative impact information, we really don't have
3 the correct picture of what our future pipeline
4 future may look like.

5 And I'd like to close my comments with
6 that. Thank you.

7 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

8 Other comments?

9 MR. ANDY PEARSON: Thank you. My name
10 is Andy Pearson. A-N-D-Y. P-E-A-R-S-O-N. And I
11 want to make a couple of specific points about the
12 DEIS, which in a lot of ways is a very good
13 document. It has a lot of information that we maybe
14 didn't have before.

15 One of the pieces that was the most
16 shocking to me to see was that the climate change
17 social impact of the project is projected to be,
18 over 30 years, up to \$287 billion, which is an
19 awfully staggering number. However, pipelines have
20 been currently operating that are -- have been in
21 the ground for over 60 years; and I think that that
22 number needs to be extended in terms of studying the
23 long-term impacts, to cover the full length of how
24 long some of these pipelines have been operating.
25 So I wanted to make that point.

1 I also want to say specifically the
2 analysis of the alternatives, the truck and the rail
3 alternatives, assumes that out of Clearbrook,
4 Minnesota there is going to be takeaway capacity
5 dropping south to the Minnesota refineries on
6 Minnesota pipeline -- the Koch Brothers operate the
7 pipeline network that serves Twin Cities
8 refineries -- equivalent to the full takeaway
9 capacity of those pipelines. And I don't believe
10 that that's an accurate assumption, and I want to
11 push back against it. And I would encourage the DOC
12 to analyze that more fully, because there are
13 several pipelines that are capable of delivering
14 that oil right now.

15 Among other pipelines that Enbridge
16 has, there's 1, 2, 4, and the Alberta Clipper Line
17 67. And, in particular, Line 4 and 67 are capable
18 of carrying the type of heavy crude, the diluted
19 bitumen, that the Minnesota pipelines, the Koch
20 refineries, take and take away. And this is
21 relevant because the alternatives that have been
22 proposed in the document all assume that any
23 potential project needs to supply the full capacity
24 of those pipelines going down to the Twin Cities.

25 I haven't seen information that

1 suggests that Line 3 is currently doing that or that
2 it would need to do that in any building scenario,
3 even if the pipeline is to be constructed in a
4 different location or in the present location.

5 So I would encourage the final version
6 of the DEIS to examine what the takeaway needs are
7 and how else it could be supplied out of Clearbrook
8 for the Twin Cities area refineries and not make an
9 automatic assumption that Line 3 has to provide all
10 of that. I believe it does not.

11 The other thing is I want to read a
12 small section of the DEIS about the minimum lifespan
13 of a pipeline. It says, The Applicant anticipates
14 that the physical life of the pipeline, i.e., the
15 number of years the pipeline will be capable of
16 transporting crude oil, would be indefinite, given
17 appropriate construction, maintenance, and integrity
18 systems.

19 Now, I know that pipelines can last a
20 long time, and we have pipelines in Minnesota that
21 have lasted a long time. But I don't think it's an
22 exaggeration to say that nothing is indefinite,
23 nothing is infinite, nothing is going to keep being
24 able to be repaired forever. And I would encourage
25 and expect that a final version of this document

1 would dig into that a little bit more. What does
2 indefinite actually mean here? What's the maximum
3 lifespan we can assume from a project? When are we
4 going to have to start looking at the eventual
5 cleanup and potential removal cost of this project,
6 and what generation is that going to fall on?
7 Because it's going to fall on somebody. It's going
8 to fall on somebody. And in the document it does
9 list the projected pipeline removal cost, if
10 Enbridge was to do it, at \$1.28 billion. So I don't
11 think it's unfair to ask what generation this cost
12 will be falling on. We need to know what indefinite
13 means.

14 There's too many uncertainties in the
15 document where Enbridge is allowed to get away with
16 terms like indefinite, when, in fact, there are
17 numbers, there is data, there is historical
18 precedent in Minnesota and elsewhere for how long
19 these things can last, and we can make better
20 decisions if we have the specifics.

21 Thank you.

22 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

23 Other comments?

24 MS. NICOLETTE SLAGLE: Hi. Nicolette
25 Slagle. N-I-C-O-L-E-T-T-E. S-L-A-G-L-E. I'm with

1 Honor the Earth. I'm their research director. And
2 I have a couple of comments related to the response
3 information within the DEIS.

4 So a little bit about leak detection.
5 Pipeline operators are not required to have
6 electronic leak detection systems. Instead, they
7 use a system of weights and balances to determine if
8 their system is losing volume. Part of this
9 management system is also the smart pigs that
10 inspect the pipelines from inside out. Currently,
11 regulations do not govern a standard response time
12 for leak detection. Small leaks are the most
13 difficult to detect. Even the best leak detection
14 systems may not be able to detect small leaks under
15 3 percent of the volume or the flow-through of the
16 pipeline.

17 Integrity management is a set of rules
18 that require operators of transmission lines to
19 identify and assess all threats to a particular
20 pipeline segment, whether from internal or external
21 corrosion, flooding, landslide, excavation damage,
22 weld or construction defects, etcetera, and to
23 produce an integrity management plan designed to
24 routinely assess those threats and undertake any
25 necessary repairs or replacements, improve cathodic

1 protection, or take other actions necessary to
2 maintain the pipeline safety.

3 These rules only apply to pipelines
4 that affect a high-consequence area in the event of
5 a spill. For liquid lines high-consequence areas
6 include defined densities of populated areas,
7 unusually sensitive areas like drinking water
8 sources, and commercial or recreational fishing
9 areas and commercially-navigable waterways.

10 Nationally about 44 percent of all
11 hazardous liquid pipelines fall within
12 high-consequence areas, so are covered by this
13 program. I would like to see somewhere in the EIS
14 an explanation of what percentage of Enbridge's
15 pipeline, proposed pipeline and existing pipeline,
16 run through high-consequence areas and which are the
17 areas that they tend -- that they are required to
18 actually perform this integrity management.

19 Second, response resources. I'm going
20 to read a little bit about the PHMSA regulations,
21 49 CFR 194.153 -- or 115. And this requirement
22 requires only that a pipeline company identify a
23 first wave of equipment that it claims can arrive at
24 the scene of a spill within six hours after
25 identification of the spill.

1 Here's the full text of the
2 regulation: Each operator shall identify and
3 ensure, by contract or other approved means, the
4 resources necessary to remove, to the maximum extent
5 practicable, a worst-case discharge, and to mitigate
6 or prevent a substantial threat of a worst-case
7 discharge. An operator shall identify in the
8 response plan -- sorry, I just lost my place. The
9 operator shall identify in the response plan the
10 response resources which are available to respond
11 within the time specified after a discovery of
12 worst-case discharge or to mitigate the substantial
13 threat of such a discharge as follows.

14 So there's three different tiers;
15 there's tier 1, tier 2, tier 3. Two different
16 volume areas; high-volume areas and all other areas.
17 In the high-volume areas in tier 1, that is the
18 six-hour response time. In tier 2 it's 30 hours.
19 In tier 3, 54 hours. Now, in all other areas that
20 are not these high-volume areas, in tier 1 they have
21 12 hours; in tier 2, 36 hours; and in tier 3,
22 60 hours.

23 So I would also like to see in this
24 Environmental Impact Statement what percentage of
25 the pipelines run through these different tiers and

1 different volume areas.

2 Furthermore, I would like to remind
3 everyone that the regulation clearly states that a
4 pipeline operator need only identify available
5 resources that can respond within the specified time
6 frame. The response time frame starts only when the
7 company officially discovers a spill, and this can
8 be hours or even days before this actually happens.
9 Moreover, neither this regulation or any other PHMSA
10 regulation specifies the amount of resources even to
11 respond to a worst-case discharge. The PHMSA
12 regulations leave this decision entirely up to the
13 pipeline company.

14 And if you look in the DEIS and see
15 what it says under response plans, their response
16 plan is that initial response will be on local first
17 responders. So I would also like to see an analysis
18 of the ability for local first responders to respond
19 to this kind of catastrophe.

20 There is a report back in -- there is
21 a report back in 2014 that was talking about the
22 lack of adequate response time to an oil disaster in
23 Minnesota. But the Public Safety Commissioner, Mona
24 Doman, told the House Transportation Finance
25 Committee members that firefighters and other first

1 responders are not ready for such disasters.
2 Firefighters simply do not have the equipment and
3 training needed to fight crude oil fires. If an oil
4 disaster occurs in Minnesota, Parsons say, it is
5 quite likely to result in loss of life and property
6 loss on a massive scale. An oil disaster is
7 low-frequency, high risk.

8 Preparing for such disasters is
9 especially hard for volunteer fire departments that
10 sometimes only have a few firefighters on duty
11 during the day. Fire officials said that in such
12 cases about all they can do is evacuate anyone who
13 might be in danger and wait for help from nearby
14 communities and the state.

15 Again, I would like to see a complete
16 analysis of the ability for first -- local first
17 responders to respond to a dilbit spill that even --
18 even in a high-density population area by the
19 Kalamazoo cannot adequately respond to it. What are
20 these rural communities out in the wetlands going to
21 do when there is a spill?

22 Thank you.

23 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

24 Other comments?

25 Yes, sir. Start by stating and

1 spelling your name.

2 MR. PHILLIP WALLACE: My name is
3 Phillip Wallace. Phillip with two Ls. Wallace,
4 W-A-L-L-A-C-E.

5 And I'm here tonight to speak in
6 support of this Line 3 replacement. You know, this
7 pipeline, Line 3, was built in the early '60s, and
8 there was no PHMSA, DOC regulations back when this
9 was built. Technology's so much different.

10 Enbridge -- you know, everybody wants
11 to bring up the Kalamazoo. And that was a tragedy.
12 Kalamazoo spill was a tragedy. I doubt very serious
13 if they knew of the defects five years before it did
14 spill. But, you know, we don't need that. We don't
15 need these spills. We won't see those spills.

16 There was some other meetings that
17 we've been going to that, you know, they -- I'm in
18 the pipeline welding business, so I represent the
19 welders in Minnesota. And we've got about 10,000
20 welders, pipefitters that work in the pipeline, pipe
21 trades industry, and that live in Minnesota and/or
22 they make their living with Enbridge.

23 And Enbridge is -- you know, they're
24 going to -- they want to take up the old and bring
25 in the new. You know, our technology is so much

1 different today when we lay pipelines.

2 But I've been in this temporary job
3 business for 41 years now, and that's my career.
4 I've got a 41-year career in this. It's not a
5 temporary job.

6 But -- you know, we've got -- we've
7 got to look after this earth. We really do. You
8 know, we need clean water, clean air. And hopefully
9 our great-grandchildren, you know, will wean their
10 self off this crude oil. But the State of
11 Minnesota, whether you know it or not, you've been
12 running on Canadian crude for years. You know,
13 they've been pumping Canadian crude through this
14 pipeline since 1963, the old A-CAD system. You
15 know, the MinnCan, the MinnCan pipelines, that's
16 Canadian crude that goes straight to the refineries
17 in -- the Koch refinery in Minnesota.

18 You know, this is not new. You know,
19 it's not new to bring Canadian crude here. And me
20 for one, you know, I would -- I would a lot rather
21 get it from our friends and neighbors to our north
22 than our enemies in the Mid East, third-world
23 countries that we've been getting our oil from, and
24 we still get like -- I think we import about
25 25 percent now.

1 You know, do the right thing here, you
2 know. Let's get rid of that old pipeline, because
3 it does leak. Let's get rid of it. I've got people
4 working on that pipeline right now patching it,
5 trying to stop it from leaking. But the pressure --
6 Enbridge has lowered the production of that down to
7 about 30 percent of capacity. You know, they're
8 doing everything they can; but we still got to have
9 that oil, whether you like it or not. You know,
10 just think about this: What if we didn't have any
11 pipelines in the morning when you get up? Where are
12 you going to get your heating oil, your gas for your
13 vehicles? I mean, it's -- I would love to see a
14 green earth. We're just not there yet. Someday I
15 hope we will be.

16 But, you know, that's all I got to say
17 for now. Thank you.

18 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

19 Yes.

20 MS. LINDA ROTHER: Thank you. My name
21 is Linda Rother. L-I-N-D-A. R-O-T-H-E-R. And I
22 live out by the Schotts in Mille Lacs County. I
23 haven't done enough research on this project to
24 really give a yes or no yet. But I think one of my
25 biggest concerns, of course everyone's, the

1 environment. And if it is going to go through, I
2 don't see any statistics on how much of the pipeline
3 materials will be coming from Minnesota. We have
4 family that work in the steel industry up north, and
5 we don't want to see a bunch of cheap imported
6 steel.

7 So if we are going to move forward
8 with this, I think there should be something
9 addressed as to what materials they're using, what
10 the quality of where they're getting it from, and
11 maybe even have a thing that says we have to have so
12 much percentage from the United States or even
13 Minnesota.

14 I also think that should apply to
15 employees. And I think that if we're going to have
16 a line that does go through, there should be a
17 stipulation that a certain percentage of Minnesota's
18 people will be employed by that so that we can
19 really see a benefit if it does go through that
20 would help not only our community but our United
21 States.

22 Thank you.

23 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

24 Other comments? Yes, sir.

25 MR. RICH MYCUE: Hello. My name is

1 Rich Mycue. R-I-C-H, M-Y-C-U-E. I don't have any
2 anything prepared in specifics, but I've been in the
3 petroleum business for 35 years. Probably closer to
4 40 years now. And if I deal -- all of us are end
5 users in the pipeline. I use a pipeline in my
6 business every day, 7 days a week, 365 days out of
7 the year. We transport petroleum products. We have
8 a company, former ag director out of Milaca here,
9 now called Molo Petroleum. We employ 10 to 15
10 people out of the Milaca area. A lot of my
11 employees went to school in this building. And a
12 pipeline to us is very important. Our business is
13 highly regulated, and so is the pipeline industry.
14 We take those regulations extremely serious. We
15 haul 15 to 20 loads of petroleum a day in transport.

16 There's a huge exposure on the
17 highway, as you see today, and also on the rail
18 systems. Pipelines are safe -- environmentally
19 safe, they're regulated; and they're cleaned up
20 properly if there is an issue, just like land.

21 Pipelines do wear out. Obviously,
22 this pipeline is 600-some years old. It was built
23 in the '60s, I guess. So it's important that we
24 replace that equipment to maintain our supply and
25 have cheap energy here in the Midwest.

1 I commend Enbridge for wanting to
2 upgrade their pipeline system and keeping it safe.
3 Again, I think it's important that we have companies
4 like that that know that they need to produce -- or
5 find a particular area where they can run a pipeline
6 safely and get it most efficiently to us, the end
7 user.

8 You folks that live in Milaca, like I
9 say, I was born and raised in this town. We have a
10 pipeline going through, a natural gas pipeline that
11 was here when I was just a kid. You drive over it
12 every day if you go south on 169. Haven't had an
13 incident. Some of you probably don't even know it's
14 here. It's an important part of our world to have
15 that natural gas. It's a great thing for our
16 community. We all use a pipeline every day. Turn
17 your switch on in your oven, you're using a
18 pipeline. You got propane gasoline, you got
19 pipeline. Propane tank to your house. It's safe
20 and it's reliable.

21 Thank you.

22 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

23 Additional comments? Anybody who
24 hasn't spoken yet first; and then if not, we can go
25 back around. Anybody who hasn't spoken want to make

1 a comment?

2 Okay. We can take a second round --
3 oh, would you like to make a comment, sir?

4 MR. DAVID OSLIN: She can go ahead.

5 FACILITATOR: She's already spoken, so
6 we'll go to you, sir. Just state your name and
7 spell it, please.

8 MR. DAVID OSLIN: Thank you. I'm
9 David Oslin. D-A-V-I-D. O-S-L-I-N. I'm a resident
10 of Mille Lacs County, and I just want to interject a
11 little different perspective here.

12 In my mind, common sense tells me that
13 we're much safer putting oil in a pipeline and
14 putting it underground to transport it than other
15 methods.

16 But the perspective I want to put on
17 this is, as one person that worked on installation
18 of these lines, I had the privilege of working for
19 three different pipeline companies for a period of
20 three years. I actually dug for quite a few miles
21 right alongside the old pipeline in reference. We
22 installed a new line 15 feet away, and we had to be
23 very careful because of the age of that line.

24 But during my tenure working for the
25 pipeline companies, I learned a whole different

1 perspective on construction. Been in the
2 construction trades for 35 years, done a lot of
3 digging in a lot of neighborhoods, and most folks
4 have no idea what they're walking over every day,
5 what's in the ground. And these things have been in
6 the ground for years, whether it's gas lines,
7 pipelines, sewer lines; and there's not as many
8 incidents as you would think.

9 But back to the pipeline industry. I
10 got to work and meet a lot of folks from different
11 states. A lot of the southern folks came up.
12 They're very skilled at pipeline installation. And
13 I was amazed at a couple of things. One is the
14 environment -- the environmental cautions that they
15 take, and the other was the safety. It was
16 admirable, to say the least. Again, I've been in
17 construction for many, many years, and there is
18 nothing that even comes close to it when you talk
19 about those two aspects.

20 One thing about pipelines, there's --
21 in my view there seems to be a big checkbook there,
22 as there should be in case there are cleanup costs
23 or whatever. But if you're working for someone
24 that's got a big checkbook, things get done right.
25 There's no -- there's no corners cut. These folks

1 seem to have image in mind at all times, because
2 that is their livelihood. They do need permits.
3 They need right-of-ways. They do things right.

4 I referred to the big checkbook. When
5 we would be out working on the line -- and we were
6 monitored steady, by the way, by satellite, by
7 airplane. There was nothing that was missed. And,
8 also, we were monitored by folks like Avery here in
9 the inspection services. There's an inspector for
10 every -- absolutely every crew that's out there
11 watching what you do.

12 But back to the way they do things in
13 that industry. Everything is done for the least
14 amount of impact. And the old saying with the
15 pipeline is: When you go through, make it look like
16 we were never here. And believe me, they do. When
17 the project's over, it was like no one was ever
18 there. There's no expense spared to do it the right
19 way and to be very safe.

20 I'll give you one example from the
21 construction industry point. If we had a task on a
22 particular day for a period, if it would require
23 three workers, if you're working pipeline, you will
24 get five workers to do that job, because they take
25 care of their people also. That's part of the

1 safety.

2 I can tell you that there were times
3 we went through organic farms, we went through the
4 Chippewa National Forest, very pristine. And I was
5 even amazed at the wash stations, that the equipment
6 has to be washed before you go through those. And
7 it's cleaner than when it sits on Caterpillars' lot.
8 But also the fellows that were working with me, some
9 would smoke, some would chew. Those guys couldn't
10 even take their cigarettes or their snuff with them
11 when they went in through that farm.

12 But I wanted to interject that aspect.
13 It was very admirable to me to see the way things
14 were done. I was proud to be part of it and with
15 those folks. And, again, I'm still amazed at the
16 care they take in what they do. So I wanted to
17 state that publicly today.

18 Thank you.

19 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

20 Anybody else who has not had a chance
21 to speak that would like to make a comment?

22 Okay. Nicolette.

23 MS. NICOLETTE SLAGLE: Hi. Nicolette
24 Slagle. N-I-C-O-L-E-T-T-E. S-L-A-G-L-E.

25 I just wanted to read another little

1 letter here that does directly relate to the DEIS.
2 Enbridge has actually lobbied aggressively against
3 responsible spill response regulations in Minnesota.

4 In an October 2014 letter to the
5 Environmental Quality Board, a number of Minnesota
6 legislators pointed out Enbridge's resistance and
7 determination to thwart any safety regulations by
8 the State of Minnesota.

9 This letter, from Minnesota Senators
10 Steve Dribble, John Marty, and Representatives Frank
11 Hornstein and Jean Wagenius stated, Enbridge and the
12 pipeline industry were unwilling to agree to:
13 Provide a qualified company employee to advise
14 public sector incident commander by telephone within
15 one hour of a major pipeline oil discharge; provide
16 monitoring equipment within three hours of the
17 discharge or to develop an annual plan to deliver
18 monitoring equipment to a discharge site to comply
19 with the provision; provide qualified personnel to
20 advise incident commanders at the discharge site
21 within three hours of a major spill.

22 Now these are things they refused to
23 agree to, okay, not things they agreed to:

24 Provide containment booms from land
25 across sewer outfalls, creeks, ditches, and other

1 places where oil and other hazardous substances may
2 drain in order to contain leaked materials before it
3 reaches those resources; to have capability to
4 deliver containment boom boats, oil recovery
5 equipment, and trained staff within eight hours of a
6 confirmed discharge to recover 10 percent of a
7 worst-case discharge, including protection of listed
8 sensitive areas and potable water intakes within one
9 mile of a discharge site; delivery equipment to
10 protect sensitive environmental areas and drinking
11 water intake within 60 hours of a major spill --
12 again, what they refused to do -- provide updated
13 disaster prevention and response plan to the
14 Pollution Control Agency every three years.

15 Where is this concern from state
16 agencies represented in the impact statement? I
17 must have missed it. Have you seen it? No. Okay.
18 I'm just hoping that it will be in the final impact
19 statement, because this is ridiculous.

20 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

21 Any other additional comments?

22 Yes, Andy.

23 MR. ANDY PEARSON: Are you all getting
24 sick of hearing from -- oh, great, you can hear me.
25 Great. I will keep my comments very brief here.

1 Sorry to speak a second time.

2 FACILITATOR: If you would just start
3 with your name and spelling it.

4 MR. ANDY PEARSON: Absolutely. Thank
5 you. Yes, it's Andy Pearson. A-N-D-Y.
6 P-E-A-R-S-O-N. And I wanted to respond to one issue
7 that was -- one honest question that was raised
8 during the discussion tonight, which I think some of
9 us may share the question of where the pipe is from.
10 I appreciate that the format allows us to have a
11 little bit of a discussion where we can respond to
12 issues that were raised.

13 So I wanted to just respond briefly to
14 that issue, to be clear about the pipe that would be
15 used and that would be built. Enbridge mills almost
16 all of their pipes in Canada, and it is foreign
17 steel. And the pipe for Line 3 is currently being
18 delivered and is essentially already made. So this
19 is not a project that supports, by and large, the
20 Minnesota steel industry. And they do not build the
21 pipe here. It is foreign steel, and it's milled in
22 Canada. And they're already bringing it in, because
23 the company is that certain about eventually getting
24 the approval, despite the fact that they have no
25 permit to begin building in Minnesota right now.

1 So I just wanted to clear that up for
2 anybody else who might be wondering what the status
3 of the pipe is.

4 And that's all. Thank you.

5 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

6 Any final -- yes, ma'am.

7 MS. DEBBIE BLUE: My name is --

8 FACILITATOR: Hang on. Let Leslie
9 bring you the microphone. And if you can state and
10 spell your name.

11 MS. DEBBIE BLUE: My name is Debbie
12 Blue. D-E-B-B-I-E. B-L-U-E. And I just want to
13 say that I know about the gas pipeline, because it
14 runs through my backyard. And I want to sort of
15 counter the idea that these companies really take
16 care of their spaces. They come and mow, and they
17 mow bigger and bigger swaths. And when I call and
18 say why are you mowing a bigger and bigger swath, I
19 never get a response. So I feel like the idea that
20 these fossil fuel companies are super responsible is
21 just not accurate.

22 And in terms of the statement, I think
23 that it needs to consider the alternative no
24 pipeline at all.

25 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

1 Any other comments?

2 Okay. I want to remind you that you
3 have until July 10th to submit comments. You can
4 stay here and write comments and put them in the
5 box.

6 Do you have a comment?

7 MS. SHARON STEVENS: I have a
8 question.

9 FACILITATOR: Okay. Hang on one
10 second. I don't know if anyone can answer your
11 question, but you're welcome to make the comment.
12 If you could just state your name and spell it.

13 MS. SHARON STEVENS: My name is Sharon
14 Stevens. S-H-A-R-O-N. S-T-E-V-E-N-S. And my
15 question is are there lobbyists from Enbridge or any
16 of the other companies at the Capitol, at the
17 Minnesota State Capitol? Thank you.

18 FACILITATOR: Thank you. There may be
19 people who will be able to answer your question for
20 you after -- after the session.

21 So as a reminder, we're accepting
22 comments here. If you have more questions for the
23 state administration staff, they are here and the
24 posters are here. And we will stay up till 9, if
25 you continue to have questions. If people are all

1 done with questions, we may begin to take down
2 early. But we'll be here, if you still have
3 questions and want to speak with staff.

4 If you want to speak with the court
5 reporter, you're still able to do that, and she'll
6 transcribe your statements.

7 And we want to thank you all for being
8 here. We know there were other exciting events in
9 town tonight. We really appreciate having you here
10 and hearing your comments. Have a good evening.

11 (Off the record.)

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