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1 FACILITATOR: Good evening,  
2 everybody. We would like to start the public  
3 comment session in just a few minutes. So in  
4 one or two we'll get started with the public  
5 comment period.

6 Thank you, everybody, for coming  
7 out. We appreciate it. We are going to start  
8 with a short presentation by Jamie MacAlister.  
9 She's the project manager for the Draft  
10 Environmental Impact Statement for the state  
11 of Minnesota, and she's going to share a bit  
12 about the process and the like, and then we're  
13 going to say a little bit about public  
14 comment, and we'll take public comments for  
15 those who want to make them verbally and  
16 publicly to the group.

17 Jamie, we'll turn it over to  
18 you.

19 MS. JAMIE MACALISTER: Good  
20 evening, everyone. Welcome. We're having some  
21 good discussion around the boards tonight. I  
22 hope you all have been able to walk around,  
23 talk with agency staff that are here, get some  
24 questions answered.

25 The meeting this evening is put

1 on by the state of Minnesota. We have all of  
2 the agency staff here this evening to answer  
3 some questions, talk with you about the Draft  
4 EIS. We have staff from the Pollution Control  
5 Agency, the Department of Natural Resources,  
6 Public Utilities Commission, and of course,  
7 Commerce, as well as our consulting staff  
8 here.

9 We're here primarily to hear  
10 comments on the Draft EIS. Those comments are  
11 going to help inform the Final EIS, which will  
12 be used by the Commission to make two  
13 decisions.

14 First, they will make a decision  
15 regarding the Certificate of Need for this  
16 project, and they will also be making a  
17 determination on the route permit and whether  
18 or not to issue the route permit.

19 We were here about a year ago  
20 scoping in the project area. Those comments  
21 were put into a scoping document, which was  
22 then used to write the Draft EIS that we're  
23 here to get your comments on. So we are  
24 currently in the Draft EIS comment period here  
25 at number 3.

1                   We will take the comments that  
2                   we get from these meetings and prepare a Final  
3                   EIS. And the Final EIS will be turned over to  
4                   the Public Utilities Commission and the  
5                   administrative law judge.

6                   And from there will be a series  
7                   of contested case hearings in the fall. And  
8                   all the information that is developed from  
9                   this process will be used by Public Utilities  
10                  Commission and their decision on the permit.

11                  So what we are asking for  
12                  tonight is for your comments on the Draft EIS.  
13                  We are interested specifically in knowing some  
14                  information that is missing from this  
15                  document. Is there information that is not  
16                  clear or information that we can improve upon  
17                  for the understanding -- better understanding  
18                  of this document.

19                  We want -- this document needs  
20                  to be the best document that it can be for the  
21                  decision-makers, because they will be using it  
22                  to make some very difficult decisions.

23                  So tonight, if you can provide us  
24                  with your oral comments, you can write your  
25                  comments and put them in the comment boxes.

1       You can submit your comments by email or  
2       regular mail at your leisure, so long as we get  
3       your comments postmarked or time stamped by  
4       July 10, 2017, they will be used to inform the  
5       Final EIS.

6               So all the comments that we  
7       receive this evening as well as all the written  
8       comments will be compiled and will be posted on  
9       our website as well as on the project dockets,  
10      on eDockets. So you'll be able to see your  
11      comments, as well as the comments of your  
12      neighbors, as well as the comments that have  
13      been made at the 22 meetings that we're having.

14             The EIS is not a decision-making  
15      document. The EIS is what the decision-makers  
16      will use to make their determination, which is  
17      why it is vitally important that we get  
18      information on whether or not there are things  
19      missing and things that we need to improve in  
20      the document so the Commission has that  
21      available to them.

22             All of your comments will be  
23      considered equally whether or not they're  
24      provided in writing or orally. This is not a  
25      vote. We want to make sure that you understand

1       this comment period is not a vote. The time to  
2       advocate for your position on this project will  
3       be during the contested case hearings.

4               So with that, I'm going to turn  
5       back over to Pat and he's going to give you a  
6       little more information and then we will open  
7       this up for your comments.

8               FACILITATOR: And just so you  
9       know, I'm Patrick Field, and I work with the  
10      consulting team for the state of Minnesota.  
11      I'm the moderator tonight for the public  
12      comment period.

13              We just want to go through  
14      procedures for the public comments. In a  
15      minute here I have people who want to sign up,  
16      we have one card. We'll start with Allen, and  
17      also if there are other folks in the audience  
18      who want to make comments.

19              Generally, when the speaker is  
20      speaking, we want to give them their chance to  
21      express their viewpoints, so if people could  
22      listen when they do that, that would be  
23      terrific.

24              We have a great court reporter  
25      who will capture every word and be able to

1 capture what they said. And one thing, when  
2 you start, state your name and spell your name  
3 for the court reporter.

4 And the mics we have are best if  
5 you use the mic like this. By the way, I'll  
6 have to remind you if you can't remember that  
7 part of it; that's important.

8 We have a small crowd tonight so  
9 we don't have to worry too much about time,  
10 but we do have a timer just to remind you of  
11 how long you're talking.

12 Most people can cover most of  
13 the things they want to cover in six to seven  
14 minutes. People commenting to about six and a  
15 half minutes, I'll stand up, that's your  
16 signal to begin to maybe wrap up your comments  
17 and give someone else a chance to comment.

18 We ask people be respectful of  
19 each other's comments. We have a range of  
20 views, understandable in a project like this.  
21 We just ask that you be respectful.

22 When someone's done, if you want  
23 to be affirmative and clap or whatever, that's  
24 great. We do ask that people don't be  
25 negative about other people's comments.



1                   We also ask that people comment  
2                   to the project, to the EIS, to the issues, to  
3                   the agencies, to the organizations, but not  
4                   individuals in the room because we don't want  
5                   to make individuals feel uncomfortable.

6                   The role of the state agency  
7                   during this is to listen. The state agency  
8                   folks, do you want to raise your hand? There's  
9                   a number of them here tonight from some of the  
10                  different agencies from the state. They'll be  
11                  listening.

12                 Again, the court reporter will be  
13                 recording. It will all be assembled along with  
14                 written comments, comments given to the court  
15                 reporter individually, that will be written  
16                 carefully. It will be made available on the  
17                 website.

18                 People will have their comments  
19                 made, they will be influencing and contributing  
20                 and helping them finish the draft into the  
21                 Final EIS.

22                 Make sure you silence your cell  
23                 phones if you can so we don't disturb the  
24                 public comment. If you do want a copy of the  
25                 EIS, there's flash drives and CDs in the back.

1       So if you want to take the whole thing home  
2       without carrying it, you can actually put it in  
3       your pocket. We have flash drives and CDs in  
4       the back if you want to take that. Of course,  
5       we have that smaller book that's sort of an  
6       executive summary as well.

7               With that, I think we'll get  
8       started. We've got -- Leslie back there will  
9       run the mic. The first commenter is Allen  
10      Richardson.

11             Allen, if you want to come up,  
12      we'll get started with your name and spelling  
13      of your name.

14             MR. ALLEN RICHARDSON: Good  
15      afternoon. My name is Allen Richardson,  
16      A-L-L-E-N, R-I-C-H-A-R-D-S-O-N.

17             I'm an organizer. I'm doing a  
18      little work with a citizens group called  
19      Minnesotans for Pipeline Cleanup, and some of  
20      this may pertain more to communities who are  
21      south of Clearbrook. But nonetheless, these  
22      questions pertain to the overall subjects of  
23      jobs -- job creation is always a big topic  
24      across the state -- property rights, technical  
25      capacity.

1                   So the question on our minds is  
2                   what is the fate of the old Line 3 that is  
3                   slated to be abandoned?

4                   And I've spoken to a number of  
5                   landowners, and the question that emerges is,  
6                   is it reasonable, one, for a landowner who has  
7                   generously hosted Enbridge's old Line 3 on  
8                   their property for decades, is it reasonable  
9                   for them to ask Enbridge to remove it? Meaning  
10                  take the whole thing out of the ground, not  
11                  just flush it out and leave it there.

12                  And certainly, that it be done  
13                  safely, which is another question.

14                  And who should be on the hook for  
15                  that? Should it be the property owner or  
16                  should it be Enbridge? I have yet to speak to  
17                  anyone who thinks that the property owners  
18                  should be on the hook financially for removing  
19                  pipeline from their own land, but perhaps there  
20                  are people who do think they should be liable  
21                  for that.

22                  So the question is, is it  
23                  possible at all? Will the environmental review  
24                  documents state that?

25                  In general, the pipelines, the

1 main line corridor, are between 10 and 15 feet  
2 apart, and it is suggested that there is some  
3 risk that would come from removing the  
4 abandoned pipeline from a corridor where it is  
5 between two hot or active lines.

6 It was observed by a couple of my  
7 associates here on the way down that Line 13,  
8 they managed to install that between Lines 2  
9 and 3 over there, if I'm not mistaken, just  
10 nestled snugly in between there. Which, to me,  
11 seems to be a pretty good indicator that if you  
12 can get a new pipeline between existing  
13 pipelines, you can start pulling old pipeline  
14 out from in between those functioning  
15 pipelines.

16 The other thing is this whole  
17 question (indiscernible) to backtrack. We took  
18 the liberty of walking the spaces between the  
19 lines on publicly named thoroughfares between  
20 Wawina and Grand Rapids, and we found more  
21 space, in general, from 10 or 15 feet;  
22 particularly between Lines 3 and 4, there's an  
23 average of 30.

24 Which, again, tells us that it  
25 would be technically possible to remove an

1       abandoned line.

2                   The question of environmental  
3       justice, we know that there are certain  
4       communities who point to the impact of the  
5       line's presence. The document states that,  
6       "Removal of existing Line 3 could positively  
7       affect these communities by removing stress or  
8       anxiety related to the presence of the  
9       abandoned pipeline and ongoing risks related to  
10      water flow, soil and water contamination, and  
11      subsidence."

12                   That seems like a motivator in  
13      and of itself, if that would be possible, to do  
14      right by those communities.

15                   It further says that, "Enbridge  
16      estimates the cost of removing Line 3 at  
17      approximately \$1.28 billion," which, again, to  
18      me, means that the technical feasibility of  
19      removing that old line has already been  
20      established and they can do it, and it would  
21      cost them \$1.28 billion.

22                   My question is, how many jobs  
23      would that produce in a place where people are  
24      always hungry for jobs?

25                   Keeping in mind we're

1       establishing a precedent on this question of  
2       abandonment, knowing that Enbridge would prefer  
3       to leave it in the ground because they don't  
4       want to spend the money and they are likely to  
5       find contamination from the fact that the line  
6       is in bad shape right now.

7               So which is to say -- basically,  
8       I want to encourage the labor community to  
9       throw in their lot politically with the  
10      landowners who are asking for a landowner  
11      choice option, which is not the same thing as  
12      demanding that the entire line be pulled up.

13             But it is stating simply that any  
14      private property owner who has hosted that  
15      pipeline, if they want it removed, they should  
16      have the option of having it removed, and that  
17      Enbridge should pay for it. Upside for workers  
18      is they would get the jobs.

19             But what that means is that the  
20      laborers are going to have to throw their  
21      support in, if the landowners are asking for  
22      that, and may have to stand up to Enbridge on  
23      that question.

24             I believe that's all I've got.  
25      Thanks for your time.

1 FACILITATOR: Thank you, Allen.

2 So are there other folks who  
3 would like to comment? Please, can I see a  
4 show of hands so I can see if there's other  
5 people who want to comment tonight publicly.

6 And again, people can also write  
7 their comments for the record.

8 Gentleman right there. We'll  
9 bring you the mic. Name, spelling, and we'll  
10 go here.

11 MR. BRIAN SHEA: Thank you. My  
12 name is Brian Shea, B-R-I-A-N, S-H-E-A.

13 I'm going to be very specific  
14 about comments in the draft where info is  
15 unclear in the EIS.

16 On page 16 in the summary, if  
17 you go look at the chart. There is, "However,  
18 risks of accidental oil release. Pipelines in  
19 rail (indiscernible). So there are a couple  
20 of things about this figure, right, how often  
21 are there spills via different modes of  
22 transit.

23 And then for the spills -- so  
24 first thing that -- it's a little hard to read  
25 this because there are two parallel axis, and

1       that they're supposed to refer to different  
2       things.

3                   If you go to the bottom of the  
4       page, you can't actually tell that the  
5       (indiscernible) pipeline spills. It says,  
6       "The average size of the accidental release,  
7       that's 462 (indiscernible)," according to the  
8       text. It's just on the wrong axis.

9                   So what actually happens is it  
10      goes from, "Oh, my God, why is that kind of  
11      small," to, "Oh, that was sort of big." So the  
12      scale is just wrong there, which would probably  
13      be something to fix.

14                  The other concern would be, I  
15      think what you're actually looking for is two  
16      components to a single idea, which is how much  
17      profits is spilled when there's -- when it is  
18      accidentally released, how much is released?  
19      That's the problem with these two numbers.

20                  If you have the average number of  
21      incidents and the average volume per incident,  
22      then you just -- it is time to pipe an area.

23                  Where you're actually looking at,  
24      the area for the pipelines is approximately ten  
25      times the size of the area for rail or for



1 truck, so the actual volume still annually is  
2 in the order of magnitude; larger in the case  
3 of pipeline, which is probably something that  
4 is supposed to be captured in this figure but  
5 is actually obscure. So that's unclear.

6 That's my comment.

7 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

8 A comment right over here. Name  
9 and spelling for the record, and mic like  
10 this.

11 MR. WILLIS MATTISON: Thank you.

12 My name is Willis Mattison, W-I-L-L-I-S,  
13 M-A-T-T-I-S-O-N.

14 Some of you may recognize my  
15 name. Plummer is my hometown. My grandfather  
16 homesteaded here in the 1890s. My parents had  
17 a farm out east of town. My grandfather's  
18 homestead was on the banks of the Clearwater  
19 River. It's in this scenery that I learned to  
20 hunt and fish and enjoy the outdoors.

21 In this very building, in the  
22 basement, where the Plummer Sportsman's Club  
23 used to meet. It's here where I learned about  
24 the outdoors, sports, conservation, and  
25 conservation ethics.

1 I graduated from the school  
2 across the street from here. Came back and  
3 taught high school science here.

4 I owe a lot to this community  
5 because this community supported me through  
6 school and gave me a small scholarship to go on  
7 to college. Encouraged me to -- I studied  
8 science, biology, and chemistry, environmental  
9 science. Got a master's degree, taught in high  
10 school chemistry.

11 And I worked for the Minnesota  
12 Pollution Control Agency for 28 years. Came  
13 back up to Northwestern Minnesota, a place I  
14 love.

15 One of the jobs I had with the  
16 Pollution Control Agency was to respond to  
17 pipeline spills. In 1979, I had the difficult  
18 task of responding to a major leak in a  
19 pipeline now in (indiscernible).

20 An enormous catastrophic rupture  
21 of that pipeline spilled hundreds of thousands  
22 of gallons of crude oil, and for years of  
23 effort and different attempts and different  
24 technology, all kinds of contractors,  
25 consultants.

1 I revisited that site two years  
2 ago and was there with the consultants testing  
3 and monitoring wells. 700 yards downstream of  
4 the spill sat two feet of crude oil on the  
5 groundwater table. It's still there.  
6 Technology will not recover it.

7 Pipelines have risks. And what  
8 this Environmental Impact Statement is supposed  
9 to do is assess those risks and balance those  
10 against the benefits, and not the benefits to  
11 the company. The benefits to the company are  
12 obvious. They make money by shipping oil.

13 No problem with that. Industry  
14 and business thrives on making money by doing  
15 business. But the great pipeline companies,  
16 powers of eminent domain across property, and  
17 we give them permits to imperil our resources  
18 because there's supposed to be some public  
19 benefit that balances that risk.

20 This Environmental Impact  
21 Statement is -- even though it's a couple feet  
22 thick, somewhere in there should be a clear  
23 definitive answer of what are the benefits to  
24 the public that are balanced against the threat  
25 to public resources, such as the groundwater

1 (indiscernible.)

2 We have not seen the last  
3 pipeline leak or spill. I don't care how new  
4 and how great the technology is. I owe my  
5 science background to this school here, Bemidji  
6 State University, and St. Mary's College.

7 I have read this EIS. The  
8 science used in this EIS, if I were still a  
9 teacher, I would give this EIS a failing grade  
10 because of its poor science.

11 It does not portray the risks,  
12 nor does it well describe the potential damage  
13 that will come as a result of that risk against  
14 which we are supposed to balance some public  
15 benefit.

16 I would like to ask publicly  
17 here -- I've asked privately in other venues --  
18 where in the EIS do I find a clear statement  
19 that summarizes that public benefit?

20 I have yet to find it. I'm only  
21 about three-fourths of the way through, so I  
22 may not have come to it, but I could use some  
23 guidance. Because if there's no balancing  
24 public benefit to be derived, it's hard to tell  
25 citizens that we should be putting our

1 environment at risk, especially when it turns  
2 out that our nation, our state, and our  
3 neighboring states don't need this oil.

4 We are up to our gullet in oil.  
5 Yes, it's still expensive, oil, so the price  
6 doesn't come down more than about two dollars,  
7 but when you've got more of something that you  
8 don't need because of fossil fuel and climate  
9 change, it's time to consider the alternative.

10 Line 3 should be removed from  
11 service because it is too risky to continue to  
12 operate, and it should be a part of our scaling  
13 down of the amount of fossil fuel, because  
14 largely the oils are going to satisfy foreign  
15 markets anyway. They are no benefit to us.

16 So if you have the time -- and  
17 the document itself is foreboding, if you have  
18 seen it -- how many in this room have or think  
19 they will read that document?

20 I didn't think so. Oh, we have  
21 one. A devoted person over here is going to  
22 read that whole document, but this is supposed  
23 to be your public document to inform you, to  
24 help you advise your decision-makers on making  
25 sound decisions.

1                   And if it's a nonreadable  
2           document, it has failed out of the gate to do  
3           what it's supposed to do. The Department of  
4           Commerce has three agencies, need to go back  
5           and write a readable document that clearly  
6           compares the benefits against the risks. This  
7           document does not do that. They need to go  
8           back and start over.

9                   Thank you very much.

10                  FACILITATOR: Other individuals  
11           who would like to make their public comments?

12                  MR. WADE WESTLAKE: Wade  
13           Westlake, W-A-D-E, W-E-S-T-L-A-K-E.

14                  And I guess I'm here on behalf of  
15           the Plummer Fire Department where I'm currently  
16           assistant chief. And our department has gone  
17           through some oil transportation safety  
18           awareness training that was done in the fall of  
19           2015.

20                  And throughout that training it  
21           was made clear to us that oil transportation by  
22           pipeline is the safest and offers less risks,  
23           particularly to our community here, and I can  
24           speak firsthand.

25                  Our department has a very good

1 working relationship with Enbridge, and I've  
2 seen their safety firsthand. They're very good  
3 to work with. We've got donations on safety  
4 equipment. There's two pickups donated by them  
5 that's in our firehouse currently, which aid in  
6 the response of emergency situations.

7 They're always just a phone call  
8 away. You know, they offer site tours, make us  
9 aware of their plans. So they were very  
10 involved in safety training planning.

11 Also, in this training, you know,  
12 we are going through some stats and stuff, and  
13 in our particular protection area, the pipeline  
14 is away from the population center of Plummer.  
15 We don't have that exposure to -- for loss of  
16 life like what the railroad has.

17 The railroad runs right through  
18 town, and for those of you that don't know,  
19 crude oil has an evacuation blast of half a  
20 mile. If there was a train derailment through  
21 town here with a fire, that would potentially  
22 affect the whole town.

23 We do not have that exposure with  
24 the pipeline. It skirts north of town. It  
25 will not expose the town to the same level of

1 potential loss of life like the railroads  
2 would.

3 And that would be -- the oils  
4 would flow one way or another, and if it isn't  
5 on the pipeline, it would be by train, and that  
6 is the not safe route to go.

7 So I guess on behalf of the  
8 Plummer Fire Department, I would like to pledge  
9 full support to the approval of this project  
10 with the proposed route.

11 FACILITATOR: Thank you, sir.

12 Other folks who want to comment?

13 MS. KATHY HOLLANDER: Hi,  
14 everyone. Kathy Hollander, K-A-T-H-Y,  
15 H-O-L-L-A-N-D-E-R.

16 I have a couple of questions,  
17 and then I know this gentleman mentioned some  
18 of them. The first one is, do we really need  
19 this oil?

20 They're talking about proposing  
21 doubling the capacity, basically, of the  
22 amount of oil that would be flowing on new  
23 Line 3 versus old Line 3. For some reason,  
24 the Environmental Impact Statement does not  
25 address the question of need. Do we need this



1 oil?

2 And I would echo that there's a  
3 glut of oil right now in the world. There's  
4 more oil being taken out of the ground than  
5 what is being used by the world.

6 We have a law in the Minnesota  
7 books that talks about being efficient in our  
8 use of energy resources.

9 And as a person of faith and as a  
10 person who believes we should be following our  
11 law, I do not believe it is efficient to pour  
12 more oil out of the ground than what we need,  
13 especially because we'll have grandkids and  
14 grandkids will have grandkids.

15 And this oil is precious, and I  
16 think we should leave some for generations to  
17 come and use alternative sources of energy when  
18 we can. So that's one question. Do we really  
19 need this oil?

20 People, I'm sure, are aware that  
21 the OPEC nations are voluntarily getting  
22 together now and trying to throttle back  
23 production. Why are they doing that? It's  
24 because they know there's too much oil being  
25 pulled out of the ground.

1                   The price of oil is plummeting.  
2           The last couple of days have been hard on the  
3           price of oil. It's down to \$43 or \$42 a  
4           barrel. Why is that? It's because too much  
5           oil is being taken out of the ground.

6                   Whenever OPEC hops back, then the  
7           Bakken type oil, the Bakken shale, the North  
8           Dakota or the Texas shale is picking up. So  
9           everyone is trying to get the last dollars that  
10          they can out of the ground, and I'm talking now  
11          about excess dollars, excess money, trying to  
12          pull more oil out.

13                  There's reports -- again, we've  
14          mentioned it, another hearing of -- again, they  
15          have tankers in the ocean that are full of oil  
16          with nowhere to go, and they're floating around  
17          the ocean using diesel oil to fuel those  
18          tankers because there's too much oil being  
19          produced.

20                  So I have to ask, do we really  
21          need this oil?

22                  I have to also ask, where's the  
23          oil going? I've mentioned some of it is adrift  
24          at sea. I don't know if people know in general  
25          we're using about 19 million barrels a day in

1 the United States, and do people know that  
2 about 5 million barrels a day is going for  
3 export? This is a chart. The purple shows the  
4 rapid rise in exports of refined products.

5 Our refineries, especially on the  
6 Gulf Coast, are trying to find us oil because  
7 money is to be made in refinery. So people  
8 believe in, you know, domestic should be used.

9 I remind you that this is  
10 Canadian oil, and about 5 of 20, about a fourth  
11 of what we're using is going for exports. So  
12 how is that domestic or keeping what we'd like  
13 to keep in the United States? I don't see it.

14 My third question is, what is the  
15 overall plan for Minnesota? This company is  
16 not being honest in the sense of they're not  
17 sharing with Minnesotans. What are they doing  
18 overall with other pipelines when they become  
19 aged, too, and need replacement?

20 Line 3 is the third oldest  
21 pipeline that Enbridge has. What are they  
22 going to do with their first oldest and their  
23 second oldest, Line 1 and Line 2?

24 And they also have trouble with  
25 Line 4. Line 4 has been running at pressure

1 restrictions, so we know they're having trouble  
2 with that, too.

3 So I think they should be honest  
4 as a company, and if they're really saying they  
5 need a new route, are they planning to put  
6 these older line replacements in that new route  
7 as well?

8 I think people, landowners,  
9 should know that if they're thinking they may  
10 be signing over to this Line 3 replacement.

11 I'd like to say, too, if the oil  
12 is needed, if it's determined through the  
13 Public Utilities Commission that Minnesota  
14 needs this oil, then I think Minnesota has the  
15 right to choose the route.

16 It says in the EIS that the route  
17 permit process is -- determines where it should  
18 be located. That's in chapter 3, Regulatory  
19 Framework, but the way it really works is a  
20 company comes into the Public Utilities  
21 Commission with a route already predetermined.

22 They've already contacted  
23 landowners, even though there's rules and  
24 regulations saying they shouldn't do that until  
25 after there's a route permit. So they've

1 already kind of made up their mind where the  
2 route is going to go.

3 What does Minnesota have to say  
4 about that? This is the first time that  
5 citizens are saying in this decade Minnesota  
6 should have a right to choose the route.

7 There's been comments made about  
8 oil by rail. Oil by rail still (indiscernible)  
9 -- we're talking about loss of life is  
10 certainly very significant, but Bakken North  
11 Dakota oil is extremely volatile. That's what  
12 blew up at Lac-Megantic when 47 people were  
13 killed.

14 The oil coming down from Canada  
15 is a much thicker kind of oil. It's bitumen.  
16 It's used in the making of asphalt. Very  
17 thick. It's as solid as a hockey puck at  
18 55 degrees.

19 We've already had a derailment in  
20 Parkers Prairie, Minnesota, in 2013, where I  
21 think three rail cars spilled this bitumen.

22 I went and talked to the  
23 Pollution Control Agency when I first started  
24 getting interested in pipelines and crude oil  
25 and what's happened to our country, and the

1       Pollution Control Agency told me it was winter,  
2       the oil was so stiff that they could roll it up  
3       like carpeting.

4               This is not the volatile oils  
5       that we're seeing out of North Dakota, so it's  
6       not a risk a human life like that oil is.

7               I'd just like to say this oil is  
8       harming people. We're seeing increased rates  
9       of asthma along freeways where kids are living,  
10      and we know that fossil fuels are causing harm  
11      with our atmosphere.

12              So I'm up here asking us not to  
13      build a cigarette factory, too, or a string of  
14      cigarette factories across Minnesota, because  
15      we know cigarettes hurt our lungs. And I don't  
16      want our kids smoking, if at all possible. I  
17      don't really want them smoking diesel fuel  
18      either.

19              Thank you for listening, and  
20      those are some of my questions.

21              FACILITATOR: Thank you.

22              Other individuals who haven't  
23      commented who would like to make a comment.  
24      Name and spelling.

25              MS. NICOLETTE SLAGLE: Hi,

1 Nicolette Slagle, N-I-C-O-L-E-T-T-E,  
2 S-L-A-G-L-E.

3 I'm with Honor the Earth. I'm  
4 the research director, and I wanted to add a  
5 little bit to Kathy's statement, and again,  
6 reflect on something that should be included  
7 in this Impact Statement.

8 And that is the impact of the  
9 tar sands oil, the extraction and what this  
10 oil is doing to the people in the Athabaskan  
11 region, and that it could potentially do to  
12 the planet as a whole.

13 What you guys may or may not know  
14 is that this is oil coming from the tar sands,  
15 this is the dirtiest oil, the most expensive  
16 oil, and the least return on investment oil.

17 So when this project -- when  
18 Enbridge first started looking at the  
19 Sandpiper, when Enbridge first started looking  
20 at their new expanded Line 3, oil prices were  
21 somewhere around \$80 to \$100 a barrel, and  
22 they're currently trending at about \$40 a  
23 barrel. And the cost to produce a barrel of  
24 tar sands oil hovers around \$74 a barrel.

25 So what we are seeing is an

1 atmosphere where even economically it does not  
2 make sense to continue to extract oil from the  
3 Canadian tar sands area. In fact, in the last  
4 several years, we have seen a number of  
5 international oil corporations that were  
6 invested in that era pulling out.

7 The Norwegian government has done  
8 it. Shell Oil has done it. I believe Exxon  
9 has done it or is in the process of negotiating  
10 it now.

11 So the only companies that are  
12 currently still invested in that area are the  
13 Canadian companies, because, kind of, they're  
14 like betting their last buck on this, and like  
15 a few Chinese corporations, which don't  
16 generally have the best environmental ethics.

17 Maybe not somebody that you want  
18 to look at as a model of industry that we want  
19 to invest in.

20 About the energy that's used,  
21 they use an extreme amount of natural gas also  
22 to power the extraction process. And at the  
23 end of the day, the amount of energy produced  
24 that we get out of the tar sands once it's  
25 extracted, upgraded, pushed through the



1 pipelines, refined, and finally combusted --  
2 and are very inefficient internal combustion  
3 engines -- the amount of energy that we have  
4 yielded is microscopic in terms of the amount  
5 of energy that we put into it.

6 So that's two things about the  
7 tar sands.

8 The third thing about the tar  
9 sands is that it's kind of like new oil, okay.  
10 A lot of the oil that is conventionally  
11 produced oil is much cheaper, and it has gone  
12 through many more geologic eras than the tar  
13 sands oil which is Boreal Forest. It's  
14 basically oil on its way to becoming oil.

15 And so because of that, it's very  
16 carbon intensive oil. It's about 122 percent  
17 higher than -- that chart is not very clear.

18 But it is the most carbon  
19 intensive source of oil there is, also.

20 And this Impact Statement needs  
21 to look at those facts, that this investment,  
22 this allowance of this company, Enbridge, to  
23 come through here and put in this new pipeline  
24 is investing in a dying, outdated process,  
25 outdated system.

1                   Also, what you guys may not be  
2                   aware of is this is not the only big tar sands  
3                   pipeline project on the table.

4                   Keystone XL, which you may or may  
5                   not have heard of, TransCanada, Trans Mountain  
6                   Pipeline; there is three to four major pipeline  
7                   projects coming out of Canada that both the CEO  
8                   of Enbridge and the CEO of TransCanada have  
9                   stated that if all of those pipeline projects  
10                  get built, there will be one pipeline too many.

11                  If there's that amount of  
12                  backstabbing between those companies saying  
13                  there's going to be one too many, you can  
14                  almost kind of guarantee that there's probably  
15                  two too many and probably four too many.

16                  And also, Al Monaco, the CEO of  
17                  Enbridge, has stated that Enbridge needs to  
18                  transition away from fossil fuels. So he has  
19                  said that Enbridge needs to transition away  
20                  from fossil fuels, and there will be too many  
21                  pipelines if all these pipelines get built.

22                  So what I want to know is why  
23                  should the people of Minnesota and the native  
24                  people in the 1855 Treaty area bear the burden  
25                  of risk for Enbridge to get their last and

1 final petroleum pipeline put through?

2 Thank you.

3 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

4 Other comments individuals want  
5 to make tonight?

6 There's a gentleman right here,  
7 so we'll bring you the mic. Name and  
8 spelling.

9 MR. JOHN LEROHL: Hi, my name is  
10 John Lerohl.

11 I'm the county commissioner here  
12 in Red Lake County, and I think we're mixing  
13 apples and oranges here. It seems to me what  
14 we're here talking about is a replacement  
15 line.

16 There already is a line in the  
17 ground that is already pumping oil. It's just  
18 that it's not in good shape. So they want to  
19 replace it with a new one, and better.

20 I think the oil that's coming in  
21 through here is going to keep coming. It's  
22 coming now and it'll come next week and next  
23 month, next year. We can just make it a  
24 little safer if we go with the replacement  
25 line.

1                   To me, the pipeline is still the  
2                   best way to ship oil. It's the safest and  
3                   most economic.

4                   That's all I have to say.

5                   FACILITATOR: Could you spell  
6                   your name for the reporter.

7                   MR. JOHN LEROHL: L-E-R-O-H-L,  
8                   John.

9                   FACILITATOR: Next.

10                  MR. CHUCK SIMPSON: I'm Chuck  
11                  Simpson. I'm also a Red Lake county  
12                  commissioner.

13                  I didn't see any bicycles when I  
14                  pulled up here today. That tells me that we  
15                  all need this oil. As far as we're concerned,  
16                  in Red Lake County it helps us taxpayers.

17                  That's all I got to say. And  
18                  I'm in support of the pipeline. Thank you.

19                  FACILITATOR: Commissioner, can  
20                  you spell your last name, please.

21                  MR. CHUCK SIMPSON:  
22                  S-I-M-P-S-O-N.

23                  FACILITATOR: Other people who  
24                  would like to comment tonight?

25                  Anyone else who would like to

1 comment tonight?

2 Again, there's gonna be -- people  
3 can write down written comments. They can go  
4 right into the box there.

5 Janet, raise your hand. She will  
6 take comments directly.

7 Again, as Jamie said, the public  
8 comments, and then you can send written  
9 comments in. There's actually an email address  
10 on the back of the brochure that you were  
11 handed out as you came in.

12 They're due by July 10th.

13 People will be here tonight,  
14 posters, folks will be here; ask questions,  
15 have a conversation.

16 There's plenty of food in the  
17 back.

18 Thanks for coming out tonight.  
19 We appreciate everyone's comments, and we'll be  
20 here for a bit. Thank you.

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