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1 FACILITATOR: Good evening,
2 everybody. We would like to start the public
3 comment period, so we ask people to get
4 settled. There are a few scattered chairs at
5 the tables. We're going to try and bring in
6 some chairs around the outside as well.

7 So bear with us one second as we
8 do a little bit of moving things around to
9 accommodate the terrific turnout that we have
10 tonight.

11 Just a few words. As you know,
12 for safety reasons there's exits in the way
13 that you came, of course. There are actually
14 exits here right here, the doors as well
15 there, and those are the exits. The bathrooms
16 are actually out here back towards where you
17 came in and then back down that hallway as
18 well.

19 My name is Patrick Field. I'm
20 working with a consulting team with the State
21 of Minnesota, and I'll be moderating the
22 public comment period tonight, which I'll say
23 a little bit more about in just a bit.

24 But I first want to turn the mic
25 over to Bill Grant, who's the Deputy

1 Commissioner from the Department of Commerce
2 from the State of Minnesota, and he's going to
3 walk a bit through the process of where we've
4 been, where we are, and where we're going with
5 the Draft EIS.

6 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BILL GRANT:
7 Thanks very much, Patrick, and thanks everyone
8 for coming tonight.

9 As Patrick mentioned, this is a
10 great turnout and we really want to try and
11 accommodate everyone who wants to make a
12 public comment tonight.

13 So bear with us both as we make
14 sure that everyone has seating who wants it
15 and that we move through the comment cards
16 just as quickly as we're able to.

17 So to be clear, tonight's
18 meeting is hosted by the State of Minnesota.
19 And we're here today to take your comments on
20 the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for
21 the Line 3 project.

22 The Minnesota Public Utilities
23 Commission will make two decisions.

24 First, whether to issue a
25 Certificate of Need in this matter, and if

1 they do, then they would need to also issue a
2 route permit for the route that they decide to
3 move forward with.

4 Multiple state agencies have
5 been involved in the preparation of the draft
6 Environmental Impact Statement. In addition
7 to the Department of Commerce, the Minnesota
8 Pollution Control Agency and the Department of
9 Natural Resources have played a major role in
10 assisting us in developing the draft.

11 The EIS is not a decision-making
12 document. It is designed to inform
13 decision-makers as they consider environmental
14 impact, socioeconomic impacts, and all the
15 other issues associated with the proposed
16 project.

17 I'm not going to try and go
18 through the whole timeline here, but the
19 process began in 2016, after the submittal of
20 an application by Enbridge Energy for an
21 application to the Minnesota Public Utilities
22 Commission.

23 The Final EIS will be prepared
24 and delivered to the PUC later this summer,
25 and there will be a number of opportunities,

1 both before and after that, to comment on the
2 Certificate of Need and route permit in
3 hearings that will be held in many of the same
4 locations as the public meetings that we're
5 just now wrapping up.

6 And those will be in September
7 and October of this year, and there will be
8 ample notice about the location and timing of
9 those as those dates approach.

10 We're here to seek your
11 substantive comments on the Draft EIS. What
12 we would like to know is is there information
13 that's missing from the document, is the
14 document unclear in any way, and what could be
15 improved about it.

16 Once we've received all of your
17 comments, state agency staff -- I'm sorry,
18 state agency staff are available, as you know
19 already, have been throughout the evening so
20 far to answer questions about specific
21 sections of the draft at the various posters
22 here.

23 Written and oral comments can be
24 submitted in a number of ways and they're all
25 treated equally. And all of those comments

1 will be compiled and shared with the public.

2 We're reviewing comments now and
3 we'll continue to receive comments after
4 tonight in written form until July 10th. So
5 that is your opportunity to comment on the
6 Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

7 As I mentioned, there will be
8 future opportunities as the process moves
9 forward.

10 So with that, I'm going to turn
11 it back to Patrick.

12 FACILITATOR: So just a few words
13 about the comments themselves. There's
14 multiple ways you can comment. You can, of
15 course, make a verbal comment tonight. You can
16 make a written comment. There's boxes
17 scattered over on this side of the room, and
18 there are these two court reporters outside who
19 can take your comment individually all during
20 the evening as well.

21 And as Bill said, you can turn
22 written or emailed comments in by July 10th.
23 And all of those comments, regardless of how
24 you submitted them, are treated the same.

25 Just to let you know, all the

1 comments will be compiled in the transcripts
2 from the 22 meetings. This is 22 of 22. All
3 the transcripts will be compiled, along with
4 all of the public comments written and
5 received.

6 Those will be posted online, and
7 those will be considered by the State as we
8 move from the draft to the Final EIS.

9 A few words about tonight. So
10 one, thank you for coming. We know the room
11 is full. We really appreciate people being
12 patient with the crowded space. Appreciate
13 folks as we came in -- it's a facility
14 requirement that security search bags and
15 backpacks. So we appreciate people's patience
16 as we did that as well.

17 A few words about how we're
18 going to have the public comment. We've got
19 anybody who wants to make a public comment put
20 their name in here. We've got a bundle of
21 folks.

22 Because of the number of people
23 who want to comment, we're going to have to
24 limit it to three minutes. I'll explain that
25 routine in just a bit.

1 If you want to make a longer
2 comment, again, you can write it, talk to the
3 reporter individually as well.

4 If you are reading from a
5 statement, it is very helpful to the court
6 reporter, our terrific court reporter up here
7 in front, Lisa, if she actually has the
8 written comment as well as what is spoken.

9 So if you have the written
10 comment, it would be great if you spoke it.
11 So if you have written comment and are
12 willing, it would be great if you'd hand it to
13 the microphone holder as you finish, just so
14 we can have it for our court reporter.

15 So here's the ground rules for
16 managing the public comment period: One, we
17 want to make sure anybody who wants to
18 comment, we'll do our best to hear the
19 comment. Everybody wants to. We can't
20 promise we can with the numbers, but we're
21 going to do our best with the three-minute
22 time limit.

23 When someone is speaking, we ask
24 the room be quiet. We have some people who
25 are standing. If it gets uncomfortable, we

1 are actually mic'ing the sound out into the
2 lobby.

3 Even though I know you think you
4 may be whispering when someone else is
5 talking, we actually can hear you. So don't
6 whisper. If you need to have a conversation,
7 take it outside, just so we make sure we hear
8 everyone who wants to speak.

9 When the person is speaking, we
10 ask people don't interrupt. It's their three
11 minutes to give their voice and their opinion,
12 whatever it may be. We ask that people
13 listen, be respectful.

14 At the end of that comment, if
15 people wish to be affirmative with applause,
16 that's fine.

17 We ask that people not be
18 negative about other people's comments,
19 whatever they may be. We do ask again that you
20 honor the time limits. So we'll show a clock
21 up here, you'll be able to see as you speak,
22 just to give you a little visual reminder
23 wherever you are.

24 About two minutes, 45 seconds, if
25 you're not finished, I'll stand up. That will

1 be the signal to finish. And then at three
2 I'll say, "Thank you," and ask you to wrap up;
3 only to make sure we provide time for as many
4 people as possible.

5 We recognize there's going to be
6 a range of views about the project, about the
7 EIS in this room, and that's the way it works.
8 And we want to accommodate all of those views.

9 What we do ask, though, is that
10 people be respectful of the various views even
11 if you don't agree with them. And we do ask if
12 people make comments, they make them to
13 organizations, agencies, issues, the document,
14 but not to individuals in the room.

15 We ask people not speak to
16 individuals in the room as it makes people very
17 uncomfortable. So we ask that your comments be
18 generally given to the crowd as a whole, on
19 the issues, on the subjects of the project
20 and/or the EIS.

21 The State agency's role during
22 this period is to listen. So State agency
23 folks, do you want to just raise your hands so
24 people can see the number of folks in the room.

25 Their role tonight and during all

1 of these sessions for public comment is to
2 listen.

3 Again, it will be recorded by the
4 terrific court reporter and that will go into
5 the record and will be considered. Their job
6 is to listen tonight.

7 We do ask that people put their
8 cell phones on do not disturb or vibrate, so we
9 don't interrupt people when they are speaking
10 as well.

11 One other quick note: If you
12 want a copy of the EIS, you don't have to take
13 that home. There's actually flash drives and
14 CDs available at the registration desk.

15 You can grab one on the way out
16 if you want. You can take that home. It has
17 the entire Draft EIS on it, including the map
18 books as well.

19 The way we're going to handle the
20 mics is we're going to bring you -- we've got
21 mic holders. Just raise your hand so we can
22 see you.

23 What we want you to do -- if I
24 call your name, what we want you to do is raise
25 your hand, and I'm going to call two in a row

1 so you know the person who's up next.

2 And then the mic person will
3 bring you the mic. You can sit or stand,
4 whatever makes you comfortable. Actually, if
5 you can stay where you're sitting. This room
6 is crowded, and it will be hard to move around.
7 And just state your name and if you would spell
8 it for the court reporter, and then you can
9 begin your comments and it will start the clock
10 so you can see your three minutes.

11 Why don't we pull up the clock,
12 Andrew. If we can get the clock up and
13 running, that would be good. Nikki's going to
14 hand me two or three cards at once. If I
15 mispronounce names, please forgive me; you can
16 correct it for the record immediately.

17 I've got Debra Topping. I don't
18 see her hand right now. The next is Annette
19 Humphrey.

20 MS. ANNETTE HUMPHREY: Annette
21 Humphrey, A-N-N-E-T-T-E H-U-M-P-H-R-E-Y.

22 I grew up here on Leech Lake, and
23 my comment is about the resources and the
24 effect on tribal land and its people with the
25 expansion of line -- the Alberta Clipper and

1 also the abandonment and reroute of Line 3.

2 We know Line 3 is 63 years old
3 and we know it's not suitable to be
4 transporting oil anymore. So we all agree on
5 that. That's good.

6 I think the detrimental effects
7 on the tribal people on reservations isn't
8 really covered very well in this document.

9 There's this thing called
10 historic trauma, but it's not really historic,
11 because we're starting all over on the new
12 issue, and it's more, as Don Goodwin said, it's
13 temporary trauma.

14 Because I've been thinking about
15 this, I wake up thinking about it, and my kids
16 got to deal with it.

17 And so the effects on our people
18 can't really be put in words anyway. And I
19 know it's hard to understand the importance of
20 these lakes, and you might think it sounds
21 really corny, but we really truly are lake
22 people in Minnesota.

23 There is a lot of water in
24 Minnesota, and my reservation is 50 percent
25 water.

1 And actually the borders of my
2 reservation and the treaty lands aren't just
3 within the boundaries of Leech Lake or White
4 Earth or Red Lake. There's a map here, a
5 Minnesota map that shows the treaty land; which
6 we're on Indian land right now.

7 I am a veteran and I'm a
8 grandmother and I have a college education.
9 I'm a landowner. I pay my taxes and I don't
10 drink. And I feel like I gotta say those
11 things because sometimes people look at me and
12 all you see is the Indian.

13 But I'm here with my grandson,
14 that's a generation. My daughters, that's a
15 generation. I'm a generation, and my mother --
16 mom, raise your hand -- and my mother is
17 here -- our generations, and we've been using
18 these same waters.

19 And we really, really have to
20 have a real guarantee that -- and I'm not going
21 to take any chances on water here. I want to
22 know that we have water for my grandson's
23 needs. And no one in this room can guarantee
24 that. We've talked about technology, but you
25 can't guarantee that.

1 So I feel like our people are --
2 we need to be here and be part of this
3 regulatory process. And I'm here being part of
4 it, as you all are, because it's our right as
5 Americans, right, to say we have freedom of
6 speech here.

7 I'm glad we're all here doing
8 that, and I'm glad we all agree, too, that the
9 oil is going to run out and we have to find
10 other ways. I'm not saying shut the oil faucet
11 off tomorrow. I drive a car. We all drive
12 cars --

13 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

14 MS. ANNETTE HUMPHREY: But we can
15 do better, guys. The sun, earth, and wind --
16 so if we can come together somewhere in the
17 middle, that would be awesome.

18 Thank you. Miigwech.

19 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

20 I have Jane Kettle and then
21 Charlotte Hughes.

22 MS. JANE KETTLE: My name is Jane
23 Kettle. I feel really passionate about
24 protecting our water. It's for our younger
25 generations.

1 All we have to do is, you know,
2 stop the oil, stop the pipelines for our
3 reservations. We're at the reservation now,
4 and it's very important that we look to our
5 younger kids, because they are our future.

6 And we have the water spirits.
7 Everything has a spirit, even the table you're
8 sitting on, the chairs you're sitting on, even
9 this microphone I'm holding. It's very sacred.

10 The waters, the long line for our
11 mother, Mother Earth, is to protect our water.

12 Thank you.

13 FACILITATOR: Charlotte is next
14 and then Andy Pearson.

15 MS. CHARLOTTE HUGHES: My name is
16 Charlotte Hughes, C-H-A-R-L-O-T-T-E,
17 H-U-G-H-E-S. And I'm coming from a younger
18 generation here, and I would like to say that
19 our generation is envisioning a clean, safe
20 energy future.

21 We all want a safe energy future,
22 but I want to say what we can envision that is.
23 We want renewables. We want things that will
24 not leak, that will not spill, that will not
25 create toxins in our environment.

1 So I'd like to say about this
2 Draft EIS, I'd like to say that we would like
3 to see no abandonment. We would like to see a
4 no-build option as a serious consideration
5 here.

6 When I look at these options, I
7 see different options of running the line and
8 different options of abandoning or not
9 abandoning, but I want to be able to see that
10 we need to have these clean energy jobs for
11 sure.

12 And one of those is by cleaning
13 up this pipeline which would create way more
14 jobs than actually building it.

15 And so I would like to see those
16 jobs for all of us, and I would like to see
17 this clean energy future. Because we have to
18 go forward. We cannot go back. We will poison
19 ourselves.

20 Thank you.

21 FACILITATOR: Andy Pearson, and
22 then I have Nancy Beaulieu.

23 MR. ANDY PEARSON: Hello, thank
24 you.

25 My name is Andy Pearson, A-N-D-Y,

1 P-E-A-R-S-O-N. Some of you may know me as the
2 person who offered you a sticker when you
3 walked in about opposing the pipeline project.

4 I have been to all 22 of these
5 meetings, and I think it's important to say
6 that those of us who are opposing this project,
7 even those of us who may have been on the road
8 for a while, are coming from a lot of different
9 places as well.

10 And we were not -- we're not all,
11 you know, just here to say no pipeline and
12 that's what we've been doing all our lives.

13 My own example, I have worked for
14 a union, and I have worked for the Minnesota
15 Chamber of Commerce. Those might be things you
16 didn't expect about somebody standing up here
17 with a sticker. So I wanted to say that first.

18 Now, let's talk about the Draft
19 Environmental Impact Statement. This is a
20 document that was made with a lot of good
21 intentions. I really do believe that. This is
22 also a document that has some deep flaws that
23 need to be addressed, some of which are real
24 tricky to find; others of which maybe aren't
25 that tricky.

1 So I'm going to do a little
2 exercise here. I'm going to ask anybody who's
3 willing to open up the book that you got when
4 you walked in to page 16, and I'm going to
5 refer back to a piece of paper I have over
6 here. It's a big piece of paper; hopefully you
7 all can see it.

8 Now, that's a graph that's on
9 page 16. That's the relative spills of
10 pipeline versus other modes of transportation.
11 It's simply been made wrong, and the proof is
12 in the little blue line for spill size, average
13 spill size for pipeline spills. Thank you --
14 my lovely assistant will hold the sign here.

15 For pipeline spills, what the
16 Department of Commerce did, they wrote a line
17 right below that, that that number should be
18 462. That's the number.

19 But they measured it using the
20 scale on the left, not the scale on the right,
21 for purposes of making this graph. So this
22 line is half as tall as it should be.

23 I think any of you with at least
24 a couple of years of any type of education will
25 see that. Anybody who graduated high school

1 should be able to see that right away. As soon
2 as you look at the document, you'll see they
3 made it wrong.

4 I believe there are many places
5 in this document where that level of care was
6 applied. That is what I trust, and I hope,
7 that we will be seeing revised and improved in
8 the next version of the Environmental Impact
9 Statement.

10 The line should be twice as tall,
11 exactly twice as tall. Look at it there. This
12 is the better way to visualize the information.
13 You can see how much pipeline spill compared to
14 rail and truck. I want better visuals, better
15 information.

16 I'm almost out of time, and I'm
17 not a particularly spiritual individual. Not
18 as much anyway as many others in this room.
19 But I want to close by saying that by God, if
20 there ever was a time when future generations
21 were screaming at us to do the right thing, it
22 is now.

23 Thank you.

24 FACILITATOR: I have Nancy
25 Beaulieu and Hannah Smith is next.

1 MS. NANCY BEAULIEU: Nancy
2 Beaulieu, N-A-N-C-Y, B-E-A-U-L-I-E-U.

3 I'm from Leech Lake. I'm
4 actually a returning student. I'm in the
5 nursing program. And just like Andy had
6 mentioned, we have families, we pay taxes.

7 That's our land, and I understand
8 with your alternative routes you guys have two
9 passing through Leech Lake, and I know my tribe
10 said no. So that would be a flaw in your
11 system.

12 And our culture is discussed in
13 the back. We should be first. It's our land.
14 I drove here. Yes, I did, but you know what?
15 I know a lot of things are made from oil, a lot
16 of things, plastic. Our consumerism is killing
17 us.

18 So I gave up body wash in a
19 plastic container. I'm on a bar of soap. I do
20 not use paper towels anymore. I use rags so
21 there's less manufacturing. I use green bags.
22 I travel less, and I'm very conscious about how
23 I spend my money.

24 So instead of following trends,
25 which will smother us in the next 10 to 20

1 years, I decided to live green and clean.

2 It is about the carbon footprint.
3 Oil is old. That's old school. It's time for
4 a renewable revolution. So everybody has to
5 make a conscious decision every time you go out
6 and shop.

7 I just recently gave a speech on
8 climate change for my ethics class. And we're
9 in bad shape. So until we stop coddling
10 ourselves with consumerism and giving in to
11 that demand for oil, we're all in trouble.

12 We have a future to think about.
13 If you loved your grandkids, you would support
14 not buying stuff that's made from oil. Almost
15 a hundred percent of everything is made from
16 oil.

17 So you need to stop coddling
18 yourselves with consumerism. And when they say
19 our economy is going well, well, guess what?
20 Mother Earth is paying. She's paying the
21 price. So it is time to go green and clean.

22 So, yes, I drive, but I gave up a
23 lot of things. I even make my own soap, works
24 great. I save \$65 a month, and I have less
25 plastic. Again, I don't use dryer sheets

1 because my soap doesn't create static. So
2 there are better ways.

3 And you know what, just like at
4 Standing Rock, they let that permit go without
5 the EIS as soon as trucks came in.

6 So is that going to happen here
7 in Minnesota? No, because we're going to
8 resist, and we're going to resist all the way
9 to the end, because we are the green and clean
10 revolution.

11 So if you love your kids and your
12 family enough, you would think about what
13 you're throwing away, about your individual
14 carbon footprint, and realize oil is nothing
15 but our death. It's our slow death.

16 It's time for solar, wind, and
17 water -- a long time ago already. So if you
18 want to think about your children, look them in
19 the eye and tell them you love them, clean up
20 the earth for them.

21 They're going to be here a lot
22 longer than you ever will be. Just because
23 we're getting old doesn't mean we can't care.
24 They have a long time left. So water is life.

25 FACILITATOR: Thank you. Hannah

1 Smith, and then after Hannah it's going to be
2 Corey Masa.

3 MS. HANNAH SMITH: Boozhoo,
4 hello. Hannah Smith, H-A-N-N-A-H, S-M-I-T-H.

5 I really appreciate everyone
6 coming out here and voicing their opinions. I
7 think that's a very good use of your time as
8 citizens, and I believe that some of the
9 processes that we're going through, such as
10 putting out an EIS that is 5,000 pages long and
11 then having a few weeks to look it over as
12 citizens, that's really difficult to do. So
13 that's my first point.

14 The second thing I want to say is
15 that there are a lot of issues going through,
16 and I'm hearing those here today. Some of the
17 little technical problems about the numbers,
18 and I believe that it would be irresponsible
19 for us to use this Environmental Impact
20 Statement as a true analysis of what this
21 pipeline will do to our ecosystem.

22 That's it. Miigwech, that's it.

23 FACILITATOR: Thank you. Corey
24 Masa, and then Natalie Boyd, Natalie?

25 MR. COREY MASA: Hello, my

1 friends. I started this path that I'm on when
2 I kind of realized --

3 FACILITATOR: Corey, can you
4 spell your name for the court reporter?

5 MR. COREY MASA: C-O-R-E-Y,
6 M-A-S-A.

7 Yeah, so I realized how implicit
8 I was in kind of like the world destroying
9 machine, we'll call it, like half the species
10 are dead in the last 30 years.

11 The climate's kind of crazy. My
12 grandparents died early of cancer deaths
13 because of the crazy poisonous extractive
14 lifestyles.

15 And then I -- it kind of made me
16 sick also, and I completely surrendered to
17 Great Spirit or Holy Spirit, and it's been a
18 really magical path. And I've lived in
19 communities that they don't use fossil fuels at
20 all.

21 And yeah, they're really forced
22 to, like, play with the kids and have theater
23 class and grow their own food. And that
24 village, kind of like tribal lifestyle, is
25 really beautiful.

1 And that's only possible --
2 living without fossil fuels is only possible if
3 you come together as a community and organize
4 and really see the water as your grandmother.

5 When you look at the water like
6 that, then you don't want to put pipelines in
7 because they always spill.

8 So to really shift to a creative
9 culture requires a lot of cooperation and
10 ingenuity and creativity, but we definitely
11 don't need anymore oil extraction.

12 And so building a new pipeline
13 doesn't make sense.

14 But I would encourage you to take
15 bold steps towards a regenerative life, you
16 know, for healing and health and happiness.

17 FACILITATOR: Thank you. Natalie
18 Boyd, you're up next, and then it's Debra
19 Topping.

20 MS. NATALIE BOYD: Hello. I've
21 come to understand that people like to hear a
22 specific section mentioned when we're talking
23 about these things.

24 So I'm going to talk first about
25 section 11.2, where they say, "Based on

1 recommendations from the MPCA, low income
2 populations are individuals with income below
3 185 percent of the poverty level."

4 And I just want to say that no
5 matter what metric you use to measure what low
6 income is, we are all low income compared to
7 oil companies. We will never have the
8 resources that these companies have to push
9 through their agenda. That's just one small
10 thing I wanted to say.

11 In section 3.6.3.7, Enbridge will
12 seek a utilities exemption from the Wetland
13 Conservation Act in the wetlands replacement
14 requirements.

15 First of all, I wanted to know by
16 what standards Enbridge and this pipeline are
17 classifying themselves as a utility. And
18 second of all, what does this say about
19 Enbridge's commitment to the environment and
20 clean building; that they would say that they
21 don't have to replace wetlands that they
22 destroy like everybody else is supposed to.

23 In section 3.6.3.4, "Consultation
24 with the Minnesota State Historic Preservation
25 Office encouraged but not required." Likewise,

1 the Applicant is only encouraged to consult
2 with the Minnesota Mississippi Headwaters
3 Board."

4 And I want to know why these
5 organizations don't have the same weight as
6 others. Why is consultation with these
7 organizations not required?

8 In 9.4.2, "Cultural Corridors.
9 The MIAC recommends a survey of the proposed
10 route prior to start of construction to
11 identify areas of historical or spiritual or
12 cultural significance."

13 But this hasn't happened yet. It
14 is still an afterthought rather than an actual
15 factor in the decision-making process.

16 These things will happen, if they
17 happen at all, when the process has already
18 been approved. This illustrates the continued
19 negligence of native communities.

20 While there's a lot of language
21 in the EIS talking about native communities,
22 there is no, virtually no meaningful action
23 proposed.

24 FACILITATOR: Thank you for your
25 comment. Thank you very much.

1 Debra Topping, Debra?

2 Aaron Camacho. After Aaron,
3 it's going to be Phillip Wallace.

4 MS. AARON CAMACHO: My name is
5 Aaron Camacho, A-A-R-O-N, C-A-M-A-C-H-O. I'm
6 part of the Potawatomi. My native name is
7 (indiscernible). It means Returning Thunder
8 Woman. I actually reside in the state of
9 Minnesota -- not Minnesota, but Wisconsin. I
10 actually live -- if you know where Winona is, I
11 live right across the bridge in Wisconsin.

12 I'm in Minnesota every day. And
13 I'm fully aware that this EIS statement does
14 state that the pipeline will go from a certain
15 point in Minnesota to Superior, Wisconsin.

16 That's an issue for me. It's an
17 issue for my family. It's an issue for anybody
18 that drinks water south of where you all live.
19 The privilege that is being manipulated is
20 disturbing.

21 You all have family, right. You
22 all have fellow U.S. citizens south of the
23 state of Minnesota. You're responsible for
24 what happens to them.

25 If you allow this pipeline to

1 come through, you're going to have blood on
2 your hands, children with defects, and
3 genetic -- just anomalies, right.

4 It's not fair. How can you do
5 this to them? How can you do this to the
6 people in Iowa? How can you do this to the
7 people in Missouri and Kansas, all the way to
8 the Gulf? We all know the Gulf is in big
9 trouble. It's sick. It's sick. We are
10 killing our earth.

11 If we think for a minute that we
12 can survive without it, we don't deserve to be
13 here. And I'm fully confident that the earth
14 will continue on, the animals will be here, and
15 the water will recover.

16 But we won't be here. You all
17 are going to have to, for better or for worse,
18 be accountable for what happens to people in
19 the future.

20 Look at what happened in Michigan
21 with Kalamazoo. Look at what happened with all
22 these pipeline spills and what we're seeing.
23 People are sick in Canada. They have sores all
24 over their bodies and lesions.

25 The animals around the pipelines,

1 and the Bakken fields that the pipelines allow,
2 it's just sickening. How can you do that? In
3 your soul, how can you do that? Are you
4 willing to sell it for black water?

5 I say this with love, right. I
6 know it's loud and it's forceful, but it's my
7 heart speaking to you.

8 With the 40 seconds left over, I
9 really need you guys to be aware that in the
10 state of Michigan, people, legislators,
11 lawmakers are facing manslaughter charges,
12 manslaughter charges, because they were
13 neglectful of the population that they were in
14 charge to protect.

15 You have a chance to protect.
16 Really think about it. Miigwech.

17 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

18 Phillip Wallace next. And then
19 I've got Nick Kaneski.

20 MR. PHILLIP WALLACE: Phillip
21 Wallace, P-H-I-L-L-I-P, W-A-L-L-A-C-E, and I'm
22 here today in support of this pipeline project.

23 I represent the UA pipeline,
24 welders, fitters, and helpers that live in
25 Minnesota, and many of them right here in the

1 Bemidji area, that have made their living
2 working on Enbridge pipelines, pump stations,
3 and storage tank farms for many years.

4 Enbridge has committed their
5 construction jobs to highly skilled and trained
6 union craftsmen to build the best and safest
7 pipelines in the world. That is the very
8 reason Enbridge wants to replace the old Line
9 3.

10 This pipeline was built in the
11 early '60s, and it has outlived its life.
12 Public safety is number one priority with union
13 craftsmen and Enbridge.

14 In 1963, the 262-mile pipeline,
15 Line 3 pipeline, was put into service to
16 transport Canadian crude to refineries in
17 Superior and other refineries and put back into
18 the Minnesota markets the gasoline, diesel, jet
19 fuel, and heating oil and many other petroleum
20 products we use every day -- the petroleum
21 products we use every day.

22 Whether you know it or not,
23 Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa and many other
24 states have used Canadian crude for over 60
25 years. It's nothing new.

1 Now Enbridge wants to take the
2 282-mile Line 3 out of service and replace it
3 with 340 miles of new pipeline. The extra 58
4 miles were added to reroute to avoid sensitive
5 areas that the old line is in now.

6 No one wants a Kalamazoo or
7 Yellowstone River disaster. Let's get rid of
8 the old infrastructure and build a new, safer,
9 and more economical energy system.

10 Someday I pray our grandchildren
11 can live without crude, but we are several
12 generations from that coming to pass.

13 A lot of questions have come up
14 about the need for this pipeline. I say yes,
15 we do need this to keep the gas prices down at
16 the pumps where we can afford our energy.

17 Our military uses about
18 150 million barrels of crude a year and
19 everybody knows we need our military to keep
20 this country safe.

21 The decommissioning -- I'm out of
22 time, but the decommissioning of this -- I've
23 worked on many decommissionings. This line
24 will be safely taken out of service.

25 Thank you.

1 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

2 Any clapping is terrific. If
3 people can yell a little bit less.

4 Nick Kaneski. Nick is next and
5 then Akilah Sanders-Reed.

6 MR. NICK KANESKI: Hello, my name
7 is Nick Kaneski. It's N-I-C-K, K-A-N-E-S-K-I.

8 I am here in complete support for
9 the Line 3 replacement project, and I have
10 reviewed the Draft EIS. Probably not as
11 extensive as a lot of people in the room, but I
12 have reviewed it fairly thoroughly and I am a
13 hundred percent in support of how it's written
14 at this point.

15 I have worked in the Duluth area,
16 alongside Enbridge and with Enbridge for the
17 past ten years, and I've also worked with many
18 contractors over the ten years since I
19 graduated from college.

20 And what I can say -- what I've
21 learned in ten years is, hands down, I have
22 never seen a safer company operate their assets
23 like Enbridge has.

24 In regards to their integrity
25 program, how they build their new projects, how

1 they try and keep lines completely safe from
2 everybody, all communities, and more
3 importantly, the environment.

4 This replacement project is a
5 direct example of Enbridge trying to replace an
6 asset that they feel is -- it's time to be
7 replaced. It's not safe.

8 And that's a complete example
9 right there of what kind of values Enbridge
10 has.

11 I have a lot of friends and
12 family that work in Minnesota on the pipeline
13 corridor. And Enbridge has a lot of value it
14 provides to communities. Not just money or
15 volunteer work that they provide, but it
16 provides value to the state, the whole state of
17 Minnesota, in the form of taxes, in the form of
18 jobs created, in the form of essentially safety
19 of our existing pipelines because of their
20 great inspection programs and just everything
21 Enbridge does.

22 And I completely support what
23 they do. And I am very happy. I'm seeing
24 there's a lot of people in the room that feel
25 the same way.

1 It sounds like there's a lot of
2 people who don't feel that same way, but if you
3 look at Enbridge statistics, safety statistics,
4 and what they do for the environment and --
5 there's so many topics that you could go into.

6 Renewables is another item.
7 Enbridge is really a -- it's one of a kind
8 company that you could be extremely proud to
9 have that pipeline in your backyard.

10 Thank you.

11 FACILITATOR: I ask that people
12 be affirmative, but please keep negative
13 comments to a minimum. Akilah Sanders-Reed and
14 then Pat Tobin is after that.

15 MS. AKILAH SANDERS-REED: Hi, my
16 name is Akilah Sanders-Reed, A-K-I-L-A-H, last
17 name S-A-N-D-E-R-S dash R-E-E-D. Thank you all
18 for being here and thank you for listening.
19 I'm going to read off my handwritten notes.

20 I spent two years researching the
21 impacts of climate on severe weather patterns
22 in St. Paul. I spent three years following the
23 pipe processes here in Minnesota. I spent
24 seven years involved in climate and clean
25 energy work, and I've spent a grand total of 23

1 years on this earth.

2 I'm really glad that Minnesota
3 is, at long last, requiring an Environmental
4 Impact Statement on the construction of oil
5 pipelines. It is long overdue. But this
6 document is woefully inadequate.

7 As a young person looking at this
8 analysis, I feel utterly forgotten. First,
9 Enbridge claims the cost of removing the
10 current Line 3 pipeline is \$1.28 billion and
11 that that's cost prohibitive.

12 If that's true, why on earth is
13 \$287 billion an acceptable cost to society in
14 climate impacts?

15 And those climate impacts don't
16 just come in dollars. They come in
17 destruction, health impact, and loss of life.
18 That's the number in the DEIS, \$287 billion.

19 But even that astronomical figure
20 is only over the next 30 years. Do you know
21 how old I'll be in 30 years? I'll be 53. I
22 sure hope in 30 years I have decades ahead of
23 me.

24 And the DEIS also states that 30
25 years is the minimum expected operating

1 lifetime for this pipeline. Any analysis under
2 60 years is clearly and offensively inadequate.

3 In addition, the long-term
4 monitoring of the abandoned Line 3 is entirely
5 up to Enbridge's discretion in the DEIS, and
6 their spill history and business practice gives
7 me no desire to leave any oversight over my
8 future in their hands. One moment.

9 Second, as a recent college
10 graduate, I can tell you my professors would
11 never have accepted work of this quality. The
12 titration lakes are broken, the basic numbers
13 on the current oil flowing through certain
14 pipelines are outdated, the conversion of
15 product volume from pipeline to rail cars is
16 wrong. And the alternative section is
17 laughable.

18 Everyone keeps saying this
19 pipeline is needed because it's better than the
20 alternatives. I don't see how it's better than
21 removing the current decrepit pipeline and
22 building a renewable energy economy, but for
23 some reason, that alternative hasn't been
24 studied.

25 Whether or not you believe this

1 is the right choice compared to that, that
2 should be in the analysis and it is not.

3 What is included is an illogical
4 scenario in which a pipeline is built on either
5 side of Minnesota and 4,000 trucks are used to
6 carry the oil across the state, 4,000 trucks.

7 If I wanted to write stand-up
8 comedy about government studies, that's the
9 kind of thing I'd come up with.

10 Finally, I want to uplift and
11 emphasize the treaty rights and EJ issues,
12 environmental justice issues, brought up today
13 by community members here today. Those deserve
14 far more space in this DEIS than they have been
15 given.

16 In conclusion, this DEIS is
17 seriously lacking in its scope and is a direct
18 insult to anyone hoping to see more than 30
19 years on this planet.

20 We can do so much better.

21 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

22 MS. AKILAH SANDERS-REED: I
23 moved here five years ago because I thought
24 Minnesota could be a leader in climate
25 justice, sound science, and a renewable energy

1 economy.

2 Prove me right.

3 FACILITATOR: So I have Pat
4 Tobin. And then I have Erika Bailey-Johnson
5 next.

6 MR. PATRICK TOBIN: My name is
7 Patrick Tobin, P-A-T-R-I-C-K, T-O-B-I-N.

8 I'm in support of the Line 3
9 project. This line will ensure a continued
10 supply of reliable energy we all need every
11 day, utilizing the safest means of
12 transportation.

13 As a Minnesotan, I appreciate the
14 effort Enbridge has taken to protect the
15 environment and be a responsible corporate
16 citizen.

17 This project is needed and will
18 benefit the people of Minnesota.

19 Thank you.

20 FACILITATOR: I've got Erika
21 next, and then I've got Brandy Larson.

22 MS. ERIKA BAILEY-JOHNSON:
23 Boozhoo. Erika, E-R-I-K-A, Bailey-Johnson,
24 B-A-I-L-E-Y - J-O-H-N-S-O-N.

25 I would like to point out a

1 couple of things first before I begin. One is
2 on this chart. One of the questions says the
3 Certificate of Need determination is whether
4 the project is in the best interests of the
5 people of Minnesota.

6 And I would like to say no. I
7 definitely think that we can do better, that we
8 have a lot of options for how to take out the
9 old pipeline and not build the new one.

10 The second point I want to make
11 is about the abandonment and removal, and I
12 feel that abandonment -- Canada actually has a
13 really great abatement policy, and that we
14 should be examining that because there's some
15 places where it makes sense to remove the
16 pipeline and some places where it makes sense
17 to actually leave it in and cap it.

18 We do not need anymore pipelines
19 running through Mother Earth, risking soil and
20 water quality and climate stability for future
21 generations.

22 It is not a question of whether
23 there will be a spill, but when. Minnesota and
24 the tribal nations residing within its borders
25 pride itself on our lakes, our rivers, our safe

1 water.

2 Small pipeline leaks are
3 difficult to detect and clean soil and water
4 are infinitely more valuable than oil.

5 Broader arguments exist about the
6 impacts pipelines have on treaty territory, the
7 degradation of habitat, and what to do with
8 pipelines when they are decommissioned.

9 Our energy, transportation, and
10 agricultural infrastructures are based on a
11 finite resource. We need to figure out how to
12 transition, and the sooner the better, as
13 fossil fuels have resulted in negative impacts
14 and tremendous risk on our quality of life and
15 our interconnected web which we depend.

16 There is no perfect solution to
17 facilitate the transition, but we can certainly
18 do better. We can certainly increase
19 conservation, efficiency, and renewable energy
20 projects. We can certainly work to change our
21 default settings and not allow more fossil fuel
22 infrastructure to become established.

23 Currently, we waste nearly
24 50 percent of our energy at this point.

25 Instead of building more or

1 bigger pipelines, we should be working to
2 create less demand for this limited resource,
3 and in fact removing pipelines.

4 Conservation and efficiency
5 measures, more fuel efficient vehicles as well
6 as sensible renewable energy installations can
7 go a long way to slow the demand for oil.

8 And yes, I do drive an electric
9 car. And yes, I do have solar panels on my
10 house that charge it.

11 Currently there are no
12 substitutes for many products made from oil.
13 In fact, it takes oil to make non-oil
14 technologies like solar panels and wind
15 turbines.

16 We know we must transition to a
17 new fossil fuel free era, so using oil
18 responsibly to produce systems that eliminate
19 the need for oil makes good sense.

20 This line risks clean air and
21 water, healthy soil, and a stable climate for
22 several generations, all worth more than any
23 drop of oil.

24 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

25 MS. ERIKA BAILEY-JOHNSON:

1 Miigwech -- thank you.

2 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

3 So Brandy Larson. Brandy, are
4 you in the room? We're going to go next then
5 to Erica Harmson, Erica? Okay, we'll keep
6 going then.

7 Kathy Hollander.

8 MS. KATHY HOLLANDER: Hi. Kathy
9 Hollander, K-A-T-H-Y, H-O-L-L-A-N-D-E-R.

10 As I walked here today, I noticed
11 the wind and the sun outside made a powerful
12 testimony today. They show us the true
13 alternative sources of power.

14 When I look about new pipelines
15 or I hear about new pipelines, I hear that
16 Keystone won, which isn't all that old and has
17 had 14 leaks. I hear there are many integrity
18 digs on the brand new Flanagan south.

19 I would request that the
20 Environmental Impact Statement address also the
21 need for this additional oil that would be
22 brought through a new Line 3.

23 Demand for refined petroleum
24 products is down 19 percent since 2004,
25 according to EIA statistics. This can be

1 verified. It's down in the region. It's down
2 across the USA.

3 I would like to note that even
4 the Wall Street Journal mentioned in February
5 of this year that we've had the highest amount
6 of storage -- of refined gasoline in storage in
7 27 years. We have a lot of oil in storage. We
8 are producing more worldwide than we are using.

9 I'd like to note that in 2016,
10 China sold more electric cars than the entire
11 world did two years earlier. India has
12 announced a goal of all electric cars by 2030.
13 Norway, one-third of the cars are electric.

14 The future of electric
15 transportation is before us, achingly close.
16 This is not addressed in the EIS.

17 I would also like to see the EIS
18 address likely related impacts. What is
19 Enbridge's plan for pipelines even older than
20 Line 3 -- like Lines 1 and 2? What is the plan
21 for Line 4 that has a capacity restrictions?

22 What about in Wisconsin? What is
23 the plan for additional pipelines that would be
24 needed to transport additional oil if Line 3 is
25 expanded?

1 It is often said that this oil
2 will move regardless of whether or not this
3 pipeline is built. But I notice when Keystone
4 XL was denied, we didn't see 4,000 trucks
5 crossing North Dakota or Minnesota. We didn't
6 see rail increased.

7 And when Exxon Mobile had to
8 disclose financial information to the Security
9 Exchange Commission, they had to admit that
10 \$3.4 billion assets, \$3.4 billion assets will
11 be stranded if the price of oil does not rise
12 above \$60.

13 We all know that right now the
14 price of oil is in trouble. This Line 3
15 replacement will have a huge impact on
16 Minnesota. 172 new roads, over 5,000 affected
17 acres. 192 surface water crossings, in
18 addition to the 199 that are already
19 constructed.

20 I think Minnesota deserves this
21 EIS and it should be a good EIS.

22 Thank you.

23 FACILITATOR: Thank you. So just
24 to note for folks in the lobby, we actually can
25 hear a little bit of noise and it makes it hard

1 for people to hear.

2 Next is Kristin Neises, and then
3 Scott Russell.

4 MS. KRISTIN NEISES: Kristin
5 Neises, K-R-I-S-T-I-N, N-E-I-S-E-S.

6 I'm working with a friend who is
7 passionate beyond belief for the water.

8 So I'm going to start with old
9 Line 3. I grew up in Cass Lake. Obviously, I
10 haven't been tuned in all my life, but I am
11 now, and I actually walked on one of those
12 pipelines. And it's breaking apart, and it's
13 gross on top, and it's sticking up. And
14 there's beautiful foliage and plants right
15 underneath it and I'm sad.

16 I don't trust Enbridge to clean,
17 take out, and plot the old pipelines. Enbridge
18 has never been completely honest with people.
19 They've been proven to lack integrity at other
20 times.

21 There are leaks in Cass Lake.

22 So the MPCA needs to monitor and
23 report the pipelines to a much greater extent;
24 hold them to their word, actually verify the
25 amount of spills, et cetera.

1 There should be scientific
2 studies done regarding soil samples and water
3 samples. Enbridge should be forced to clean
4 those up before they think about new projects;
5 wouldn't that be novel?

6 The old corroded leaking pipes
7 should be totally removed. If Enbridge doesn't
8 want to pay \$1.2 million to clean it up, who
9 will?

10 Removal will create many
11 temporary jobs as well. The jobs created by a
12 new Line 3 will disappear to zero, will be down
13 to zero.

14 Yes, it will create jobs but
15 they're temporary after proposed Line 3 is
16 finished.

17 Proposed new Line 3 is most
18 impactful to disturbing wild rice beds and
19 other areas of biodiversity. It goes right
20 under the beginning of the Mississippi River.

21 I cannot believe that is even an
22 option. One of Minnesota's claims to fame is
23 we're the headwaters of the Mississippi.

24 And we're going to put a
25 pipeline. One leak will ruin the river and

1 potentially all the way down to the Gulf of
2 Mexico. The 30-year social cost of carbon,
3 something, something, is greater than
4 \$670 million.

5 Instead of pumping dirty oil, why
6 doesn't Enbridge pump money into further
7 sustainable world and clean energy?

8 There are several broken links in
9 the DEIS, including a link regarding impact to
10 natives. There's a disproportionately negative
11 impact to native Americans.

12 This is my part of the speech and
13 it's coming from my heart.

14 I'm a true believer that I'm a
15 water child and I know this is killing us.
16 It's literally killing us. I like my wild
17 rice. It's the only place in the world real
18 wild rice is grown, and we're going to put a
19 pipeline right through it.

20 Miigwech.

21 FACILITATOR: Thank you. And if
22 you could have your written comments for the
23 court reporter, that is most helpful, if that's
24 possible.

25 So I've got Scott and then

1 Joanne Panther.

2 MR. SCOTT RUSSELL. Thank you.

3 Scott Russell, S-C-O-T-T, R-U-S-S-E-L-L.

4 The most important thing for me
5 to comment on today is treaty rights. If you
6 look in sections 9 and 11, there is language
7 that says that, "The pipeline," quote, unquote,
8 "crosses treaty lands, or," quote, unquote,
9 "has impacts on treaty lands."

10 It is not explicit as to whether
11 in the view of the Department of Commerce Line
12 3 proposal violates treaty rights, and you need
13 to be explicit about that.

14 In section 11, page 7, the Draft
15 EIS appears to leave wiggle room. It says,
16 "All routes, including the Applicant's
17 preferred route, would cross treaty lands that
18 are off-reservation; these lands may be used
19 for traditional tribal uses such as fishing,
20 hunting and trapping, and/or agricultural
21 activities."

22 And then it goes on to say that,
23 "These treaty rights and tribal resources are
24 important to the Indian tribes as both natural
25 and cultural resources."

1 So my commentary is if the EIS
2 says treaty rights are, quote, unquote,
3 important to Indian tribes and that kind of
4 phrasing trivializes really what treaty rights
5 are and gives an inadequate assessment for what
6 is required.

7 Treaties are not just important
8 to Indian tribes, they're important to me,
9 they're important to the state of Minnesota,
10 and they are the law of the land.

11 This makes it sound like treaty
12 rights are optional, something that's important
13 but not required by federal law. So either the
14 state of Minnesota nor Enbridge can
15 unilaterally break treaty rights by offering
16 some form of mitigation if they deem
17 appropriate.

18 So the EIS does not -- what the
19 EIS really needs is a leak look-in and a clear
20 answer on what your view is on how Line 3
21 impacts treaty rights.

22 If you're not clear on that,
23 you're, again, putting the burden on the
24 Anishinaabe people to go to court to defend
25 their rights, a cost they should not have to

1 bear.

2 If your conclusion is that Line 3
3 violates treaty rights, that should be the end
4 of the story.

5 Second, I'd like to say that I
6 would like to ask the EIS include direct quotes
7 from Anishinaabe people, not just summaries of
8 what has been gleaned from interviews. It's
9 really important how this narrative style
10 works. If there are no personal stories, no
11 direct quotes, it really robs people of the
12 power of their voice.

13 And I'll give one example, this
14 is from section 11, page 11 of the EIS:
15 "American Indian communities and individuals
16 have unique health issues associated with
17 historical trauma and structural racism. Data
18 from the Minnesota Department of Health
19 indicate that American Indians in Minnesota
20 have greater health disparities and poorer
21 health outcomes compared to other racial and
22 ethnic groups.

23 "The impacts associated with the
24 proposed Line 3 and its alternatives would be
25 an additional health stressor on tribal

1 communities that already face overwhelming
2 health disparities and inequalities."

3 So my common sense is words like
4 historical trauma and health stressors are kind
5 of bureaucratic terms that really don't get to
6 the point of the pain that's been suffered. So
7 please add the voice of the Anishinaabe people
8 to your report.

9 Thank you very much.

10 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

11 I've got Joanne Panther, and
12 then I've got John Swanson.

13 MS. JOANNE PANTHER: Joanne
14 Panther. Hello, my name is Joanne,
15 J-O-A-N-N-E, Panther, P-A-N-T-H-E-R.

16 And I'm here because I'm an old
17 lady that doesn't want to give up, okay. I'm
18 reading from a portion of the Honor the Earth
19 Line 3 DEIS highlight reel, and in Chapter 11,
20 it talks about environmental justice, and one
21 of the paragraphs says, "The DEIS concludes
22 that disproportionate and adverse impacts
23 would occur to American Indian populations in
24 the vicinity of the proposed project." That's
25 in quotes, 11.5.

1 But it also states that this is
2 not a reason to deny the project. And then on
3 the next page it continues and -- in the same
4 area of concern, environmental justice, the
5 DEIS acknowledges that, "The addition of a
6 temporary cash-rich workforce increases the
7 likelihood that sex trafficking or sexual abuse
8 will occur," and that these challenges hit
9 native communities the hardest.

10 But the DEIS dismisses the
11 problem quickly saying that, "Enbridge can
12 prepare -- can prepare and implement an
13 educational plan for awareness campaign around
14 this issue."

15 How do we know they'll do that?
16 And whatever happened to human rights? Think
17 about it.

18 Thank you very much.

19 FACILITATOR: So we've got John
20 Swanson.

21 MR. JOHN SWANSON: John Swanson,
22 J-O-H-N, S-W-A-N-S-O-N, and I'll be reading
23 prepared comments.

24 I want to thank our supporters
25 and Enbridge employees and contractors who are

1 here to demonstrate the importance of this
2 project to the health and well being of
3 northern Minnesota and North America.

4 It is also important to recognize
5 and thank employees and agents of the Minnesota
6 Department of Commerce and collaborating
7 agencies who have labored the past few weeks to
8 hold these meetings and allow interested
9 parties to have a voice and share their views.

10 Line 3 replacement is not a new
11 pipeline. We are replacing the current 1960
12 Line 3 with a new modern pipeline.

13 What's more, it's not in the
14 corridor from North Dakota to Clearbrook; we
15 collate with 98 percent of our existing
16 right-of-way.

17 From Clearbrook to Superior we
18 follow existing pipelines, high voltage
19 transmission lines and railroad lines for
20 approximately 75 percent of the route.

21 We chose this route for several
22 reasons. One, the Leech Lake Band has made
23 their desires clear. The corridor across the
24 reservation is too full. Accordingly, an
25 alternative route was developed.

1 We believe the preferred route
2 provides the best balance, avoids sensitive
3 resources, and minimizes potential impacts to
4 both people, environmental resources, while
5 also factoring in LLB's sovereign authority.

6 The existing corridor between
7 Clearbrook and Superior has become congested
8 with pipelines, railroads, power lines,
9 highways, all closely located, and communities
10 such as Bemidji, Cass Lake, and Park Rapids has
11 grown around the corridors the past 50 years.
12 It simply makes little sense to construct
13 another line on the current corridor.

14 Currently, fossil fuels provide
15 about 80 percent of the primary energy supply
16 we use every day for electricity, heating,
17 cooling, cooking, and transportation. Even
18 with accelerated investment in renewable
19 generation, of which we have invested about
20 \$5 million to date, it will take a huge
21 investment and time to move solar and wind to
22 major load centers.

23 To fuel our society, there
24 continues to be a demand for oil. Not only for
25 transportation and heating, as well as the many

1 products we have to make life better, from the
2 clothes we wear to the food we grow to houses
3 and buildings we occupy to the medicines we
4 take to the phones we use. It is, as we say,
5 part of the fabric of our life.

6 A lot of times the Marshall spill
7 is used against us. I've personally been to
8 the Kalamazoo River and witnessed the results
9 of the cleanup and can truthfully say the river
10 is better off than before. Nobody is getting
11 sick, either.

12 That's the one commitment to the
13 integrity of the pipeline system we operate;
14 makes me proud to be an Enbridge employee. I
15 invite everyone to go see the Kalamazoo.

16 It is a commitment to safety and
17 integrity that drives Enbridge to replace Line
18 3.

19 To safely operate the current
20 Line 3 would require thousands of integrity
21 digs as well as other operational safeguards
22 over the next 10 to 15 years, requiring
23 numerous disruptions to communities,
24 landowners, and other stakeholders.

25 It simply makes more sense to

1 replace it with a modern system and allow
2 everyone to have peace of mind with regard to
3 safe transportation of oil in Northern
4 Minnesota.

5 With regard to the Draft EIS --

6 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

7 Just a few reminders. Again, if
8 you want to be affirmative at the end, that is
9 welcome. We ask people not be negative about
10 comments, and each person has three minutes,
11 whatever the viewpoint, so we ask that you
12 respect that, if you could. Thank you so
13 much.

14 Paul Meneghini is next, and
15 then, where's our next person Lowell
16 Schellack.

17 MR. PAUL MENEGHINI: Thank you
18 for the opportunity to present my comments.
19 My name is Paul Meneghini, P-A-U-L,
20 M-E-N-E-G-H-I-N-I, and I'm an employee of
21 Enbridge.

22 My following comments are solely
23 my personal views based on my education and
24 professional experience.

25 I'm a licensed professional

1 engineer in the state of Minnesota and have
2 earned an MBA with a concentration in
3 environmental management.

4 Although I'm not currently
5 working on the Line 3 replacement project, my
6 position at Enbridge over the past ten years
7 has primarily been working on other large
8 pipeline expansion projects.

9 As correctly noted in the DEIS,
10 projects like this, either directly or
11 indirectly, employ thousands of people before,
12 during, and long after construction is
13 completed.

14 This North American produced oil
15 clearly has the least socioeconomic impacts to
16 the U.S. and Canadian policies on
17 humanitarianism. This could be addressed or
18 noted in the final EIS.

19 Today I'd like to focus my
20 comments based on my experience prior to being
21 employed by Enbridge. I used to be an
22 environmental consultant and dealt primarily
23 with various clients during Brownsfield's
24 redevelopment and distressed property cleanup.

25 Most of these sites were

1 unfortunately impacted by petroleum
2 contamination. Based on a quick search of the
3 MPC's online leak site database, over 20,000
4 petroleum leaks have been reported in the state
5 of Minnesota since the early 1980s when
6 reporting requirements were implemented.

7 A large majority of these leaks
8 were at retail gasoline service stations. What
9 many may not know is that gasoline is much more
10 hazardous, more volatile, immobile, in soil and
11 groundwater than crude oil if leaked in the
12 environment.

13 In addition, most gas stations
14 tend to be located in urban areas, naturally
15 where their customers, you and I, live, which
16 can create additional human exposure pathways.

17 My point of referencing this
18 information is to request the Final EIS further
19 attempt to explain to the general public that
20 petroleum releases do not mean widespread
21 devastation and loss of land use forever.

22 Below ground impacts from
23 petroleum releases typically travel only a few
24 hundred feet maximum in soil or water. From
25 there, naturally occurring reactions take place

1 and the impacts cease to migrate further and
2 reduction occurs.

3 In addition, with today's
4 reporting, cleanup standards, and risk-based
5 management approaches, petroleum releases
6 typically cause very little long-term damage to
7 the public or the environment. The notion
8 conveyed by many as part of these comment
9 meetings that even a small crude oil leak
10 threatens water quality and drinking water
11 quality to millions of people downstream is
12 simply false, based on science.

13 In conclusion, risks are
14 associated with anything we do in our lives.
15 One purpose of the EIS process is to evaluate
16 the potential human and environmental affects
17 of approving the project. In other words, what
18 are the risks?

19 We all took a risk by coming here
20 tonight, whether driving, biking, or even
21 walking. Something could have happened along
22 the way outside of our control which could have
23 had a bad outcome on our health, the
24 environment or our general wellbeing.

25 If we had stayed home, we could

1 have avoided these risks, but in order to live
2 our lives and express our opinions tonight, we
3 successfully managed those risks by using our
4 seat belts, obeying traffic signs, following
5 the speed limit, and even wearing a helmet if
6 we biked.

7 Pipelines in general, even more
8 specifically, the route proposed by Enbridge as
9 assessed in the DEIS, indicates that it's the
10 best route by balancing and controlling the
11 risks presented.

12 FACILITATOR: Thank you, and you
13 can your handwritten comments to --

14 We have Lowell next, and then we
15 have David Manuel.

16 MR. LOWELL SCHELLACK: My name
17 is Lowell Schellack, and I do have written
18 comments and I've already turned one in to the
19 comment box. My name is spelled L-O-W-E-L-L,
20 last name is Schellack, S-C-H-E-L-L-A-C-K.

21 I've had an opportunity to
22 review the DEIS for the Line 3 replacement
23 project as proposed by Enbridge and I have the
24 following observations and comments: I'm
25 extremely disappointed that two system

1 alternatives were not considered in the DEIS.

2 They are SA-03, as proposed by
3 Minnesota DNR and PCA during the Sandpiper
4 review process, and SA-04.

5 I find all the routes considered
6 in the DEIS are unacceptable, namely, RA-06,
7 RA-07, RA-08, RA-03N, and the Applicant's
8 preferred route. They all cross water
9 influenced areas of Minnesota and impact
10 pristine waterways.

11 SA-03 circumvents many of the
12 clearest lake areas and still delivers oil to
13 Superior. It must be considered in the Final
14 EIS.

15 The DEIS recognizes there are
16 0.03 incidences of catastrophic failure per
17 1,000 miles annually. A catastrophic failure
18 of over 420,000 gallons is therefore
19 predictable over the estimated 30-year life of
20 the pipeline.

21 If that failure happens in our
22 lake country, it would be totally unacceptable.
23 Just ask the people in Marshall, Michigan when
24 in 2010, over 800,000 gallons of tar sands were
25 spilled into the Kalamazoo River. It never has

1 been totally cleaned up.

2 SA-04 must be considered as a
3 system alternative. It has been dismissed
4 because of the slate and greater chance of
5 spill incidents. But the number of spill
6 incidents alone cannot be the sole criteria in
7 route selection. It must be recognized that
8 the affects of spills differ greatly, depending
9 on the spill location. Spills in
10 water-influenced regions are transported and
11 dispersed much more rapidly than in nonwater
12 influenced regions.

13 Also, the ability to access spill
14 sites is much easier and faster in
15 nonwater-influenced regions. Many potential
16 spill sites along the studied routes are 1,000
17 feet or more from any road access.

18 Building access roads to the
19 spill sites would cause environmental damage as
20 well as the damage from the spill itself and
21 subsequent cleanup activities.

22 SA-04, according to the DEIS,
23 would not cross any aquifers designated by
24 the -- and sole source aquifers.

25 FACILITATOR: Thank you. You can

1 hand your written comments to the person there.
2 We'll have the complete set for the court
3 reporter.

4 We're going to go next to
5 Richard Smith.

6 MR. RICHARD SMITH: My name is
7 Richard Smith, R-I-C-H-A-R-D, S-M-I-T-H, and I
8 am a president of an organization, which is
9 the reason why we're all sitting here this
10 evening. I am with Friends of the Headwaters.
11 We are a northern Minnesota group, Hubbard
12 County primarily, Becker County, and -- up
13 here.

14 From the very beginning of this
15 process in 2014, we urged this state to do an
16 environmental impact study on this large
17 industrial scale project. When we realized
18 that it wasn't going to happen, we took the
19 state to court and we won the first ever EIS
20 on an oil pipeline project in the state of
21 Minnesota.

22 We asked from the very beginning
23 for a robust, competent, comprehensive, and
24 independent EIS. I want to commend the DOC for
25 getting a good start. We've never done one in

1 this state before, so they worked very, very
2 hard.

3 But we're not done yet, and
4 that's why we're having this conversation
5 tonight to make sure that we all do this right.

6 Friends of the Headwaters is not
7 an anti-pipeline group. I support your
8 T-shirt, we want safe energy transportation,
9 too. We just want it to be in the safest place
10 across this state.

11 That's why Friends of the
12 Headwaters came up with SA-04 for the Sandpiper
13 route and also for Line 3. It gives you more
14 work, if you're a pipeline worker. And it also
15 protects our water resources, which are the
16 most valuable thing.

17 One critical flaw in the DEIS is
18 a flaw that's being created by Enbridge.
19 25 percent of this report is about oil spills.
20 The data that went into this report on oil
21 spills came from Enbridge.

22 I can't do an effective analysis
23 of the oil spill data in this thing because
24 Enbridge is withholding information from us,
25 the public.

1 The public version of the DEIS
2 oil volumes were redacted from that form. Is
3 that the right way to do an EIS? I don't think
4 so. That means it's not comprehensive. It
5 means it's not competent.

6 One other factor, the two
7 companies that did most of the oil spill work
8 on this thing have previous working
9 relationships with Enbridge.

10 I think that brings into question
11 the independent nature of the information in
12 this project. That's the most critical flaw in
13 the DEIS, and we are hoping to get that fixed.

14 Thank you very much.

15 FACILITATOR: So we'll go to
16 Heidi Mave. Is Heidi in the room?

17 MR. ALLEN RICHARDSON: My name
18 is Allen Richardson, A-L-L-E-N,
19 R-I-C-H-A-R-D-S-O-N. I'm going to read the
20 comment on behalf of Robert and Heidi Mave
21 from Bemidji and so these are your --

22 FACILITATOR: Can you please
23 spell the last name?

24 MR. ALLEN RICHARDSON:
25 Certainly, it's M-A-V-E.

1 Directed at the state: Question
2 one, our 70-foot deep well is about a hundred
3 feet from your leaking pipe. We are very
4 concerned that we are drinking contaminated
5 water. With half of our neighborhood families
6 getting cancer, we question if there's a
7 connection. Could you test anyone's water to
8 ensure that the water isn't contaminated?

9 Question two, why should we have
10 to pay to test our water?

11 In the interest of time, I'm
12 going to move to my own comments here. I'm
13 with an organization called Minnesotans for
14 Pipeline Cleanup. The core question is this:
15 If a property owner, private property owner,
16 who has generously hosted the old Line 3
17 pipeline for decades, if they want that
18 pipeline removed in the face of
19 decommissioning or abandonment, one, is that a
20 reasonable request if it's technically
21 feasible to do so?

22 Assuming that it is, who should
23 be on the hook for that financially? Should
24 it be the property owner, or should it be
25 Enbridge?

1 I've spoken to people out there
2 who have all sorts of views on this question,
3 but thus far, no one has suggested that it be
4 the property owner who should pay for such a
5 thing.

6 That leads to the question of is
7 it technically feasible to do? The
8 environmental review documents say that in
9 general, the pipelines are 10 to 15 feet
10 apart. We took the liberty of walking the
11 distance between the pipelines on public
12 thoroughfares between Wawina and Grand Rapids,
13 and I found quite a bit more space there.

14 Namely, there's an average of
15 30 feet between Line 3 and 4.

16 And now, just last night in
17 Plummer, it was observed that Line 13 has been
18 nestled snugly between Lines 2 and 3 with 12
19 feet on either side, which tells me if you can
20 get a pipeline between two hot pipelines, our
21 qualified labor brothers and sisters here
22 should be able to remove an abandoned pipeline
23 from between a couple of hot lines.

24 And I wanted to correct
25 something that one of the other speakers said.

1 I believe she cited the figure as
2 \$1.28 million. It's actually billion with a
3 B. So my question would be, how many jobs can
4 you make for \$1.28 billion, a figure which
5 has, in all likelihood, been lowballed.

6 So this is a property rights
7 question.

8 I want to refer to section 8.4.1
9 of the DEIS on the question of environmental
10 justice, that the removal of existing Line 3
11 would do right by tribal communities by
12 removing the stress or anxiety related to the
13 presence of the abandoned pipeline and ongoing
14 risks related to --

15 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

16 MR. ALLEN RICHARDSON: Do right
17 by those communities and get billions of
18 dollars --

19 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

20 MR. ALLEN RICHARDSON: Thank you
21 for your time.

22 FACILITATOR: Mary Adams next,
23 Mary?

24 After Mary is Kristine
25 Janiksela, if i said that right.

1 MS. MARY ADAMS: Mary, M-A-R-Y,
2 Adams, A-D-A-M-S.

3 I came in here this evening and
4 I sat at this table and I was looking at these
5 folks that I hadn't met before, with these
6 fantastic green T-shirts, and I said, "I agree
7 with that. I do support safe energy in
8 transportation." And so they generously said,
9 "Do you want one?" Which I said, "Then people
10 would see me wherever I am and wherever I go."

11 I'm concerned. Yes, this
12 document someone else had mentioned is 6,500
13 pages.

14 I have been in my public library
15 in Park Rapids hour after hour trying to
16 decipher it. And when I leave, I feel dizzy
17 and I can't see the forest for the trees. But
18 I would go back and I would go back and I will
19 go back, because there are some discrepancies
20 in that, quite a few, but I have no time.

21 I'm concerned about the Cardinal
22 who was hired by Enbridge to do the Draft EIS.
23 And you wonder, "Why is she concerned about
24 that?" I know they have been employed by
25 Enbridge. I would like to know how they were

1 employed. Why were they chosen for this? Were
2 they totally independent of mind when they did
3 this?

4 In the Draft EIS, also, there was
5 a blank page, a little bit on the top, a couple
6 lines saying Cardinal did this EIS, blah, blah,
7 blah, blah, blah. Above that, it said, "DNR
8 and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency,
9 assisted."

10 Well, I would like to know, if
11 they assisted -- when I think of DNR and I
12 think of Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, I
13 think they are there to protect fisheries, and
14 forests, and wildlife, et cetera, to present,
15 make possible recreational opportunities, but
16 what does that mean, assisted?

17 Because when I read through this
18 stuff, piles and piles of stuff, there it is.
19 Did they -- how much time did the Minnesota
20 Pollution Control Agency spend putting this
21 together; 10 percent, 5 percent, 60 percent?
22 How about DNR, 80 percent, 3 percent,
23 4 percent?

24 I expect DNR and Minnesota
25 Pollution Control Agency to look out for our

1 surroundings.

2 I'm concerned about this
3 pipeline, and I say, "Why am I here, I should
4 be home with my feet up, watching Netflix or
5 something." But I am here again. It's because
6 I treasure these wetlands, I treasure these
7 forests, I treasure these waters. I want it
8 for my kids, I want it for my grandkids.

9 I want you guys to have a
10 pipeline. I want you guys to have jobs, and
11 gals to have jobs.

12 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

13 MS. MARY ADAMS: Please consider
14 route 4, alternative route 4.

15 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

16 MS. MARY ADAMS: It's a longer
17 route and you work longer. Jobs will be
18 great.

19 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

20 FACILITATOR: Kristine is next
21 and then Debra Topping is after Kristine.

22 MS. KRISTINE JANIKSELA: Hello,
23 my name is Kristine, K-R-I-S-T-I-N-E, last
24 name Janiksela, J-A-N-I-K-S-E-L-A.

25 I'm a young Minnesota

1 middle-class resident. I enjoy the outdoors
2 and the Minnesota environment, and I support
3 pipelines.

4 Pipelines are the safest mode of
5 transportation for oil, and the preferred route
6 offers the lowest level of emissions to any
7 other alternatives, as noted in the booklet you
8 received tonight on page 22.

9 I support the Line 3 replacement
10 project, the preferred route, and the
11 Certificate of Need in the Draft EIS as
12 written.

13 Thank you.

14 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

15 So Debra Topping is next and
16 then Susan Kedzie.

17 MS. DEBRA TOPPING: Boozhoo,
18 Debra Topping, D-E-B-R-A, T-O-P-P-I-N-G.

19 I only have a few things to say,
20 if you can imagine that.

21 So everybody is talking about
22 progress, progress, you know, we need more
23 jobs. We need -- but this is a draft
24 environmental, right? Environmental, what's
25 environmental? Water, wild rice, air, right?

1 So I get that we all need jobs, which is
2 economic and not environmental.

3 Adding pollution to our water is
4 not progress, right? And maybe we should all
5 say that together. Adding pollution to our
6 water is not progress.

7 I would also like to see the
8 decision makers, the policy makers, attend and
9 go out and walk this line so you can have a
10 visual, a hearing, a touching, a smelling.
11 That's what you need to do. That's where that
12 comes from.

13 Publicize, this is supposed to
14 be for all Minnesotans to be here. I don't
15 know how many have we had at all of these
16 meetings, 1,500, maybe 2,000. So nobody else
17 cares about the water? It's just 2,000
18 people?

19 I know a deaf gentleman who
20 loves his water. But he is not here because
21 he didn't know about it. So whose job is it
22 to tell the deaf people about this issue? So
23 can we add that in there, too?

24 Why isn't this live-streamed to
25 all public broadcasting, to all radios, so the

1 deaf people also can hear this?

2 So, miigwech.

3 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

4 Susan Kedzie.

5 After Susan is Brian Meier.

6 MS. SUSAN KEDZIE: My name is
7 Susan, S-U-S-A-N, Kedzie, K-E-D-Z-I-E. I live
8 in Bemidji, Minnesota. I'm a plant ecologist
9 and have been for over 20 years. I once
10 worked at the Leech Lake division of research
11 management as a plant ecologist during the
12 Alberta Clipper project era.

13 I'm speaking today on behalf of
14 my daughter who's 14. She will be inheriting
15 this earth long after I'm gone.

16 I'm here on behalf of my partner
17 who's working, and he is a strong advocate for
18 fishing in unpolluted waters. He's working and
19 he can't come.

20 I'm here also on behalf of tribal
21 members that I have known as a previous
22 employer at Leech Lake and are unable to make
23 it here because of transportation issues.

24 I'm not representing an agency or
25 an organization or a corporation. I will be

1 speaking using science as my foundation, not
2 opinions.

3 I'm opposed to Line 3 on moral
4 and scientific grounds. I believe that we have
5 a moral obligation to reject this project and
6 others like it due to the numerous direct,
7 immediate negative impacts to people, plants,
8 wildlife, and water directly along the route,
9 as well as the direct, indirect, and long-term
10 negative impact to people, plants, wildlife,
11 and water adjacent to the route in areas of --
12 the other areas of Minnesota, the region, and
13 the planet.

14 Morally, I believe we have a
15 responsibility to listen to climate change
16 scientists. 95 to 97 percent of them are in
17 agreement, climate change is occurring. It's
18 anthropogenic; that means we're causing it.

19 Anybody who tells you otherwise
20 is being paid and has been deceived by those
21 being paid.

22 To address climate change, we
23 need to keep the oil in the ground and we need
24 to transition now to green renewable energy by
25 2030. We can do it. We can. That's where the

1 jobs are.

2 Speaking of jobs, according to
3 the DEIS, Line 3 will create 13,600 jobs,
4 probably really well paying jobs. But they're
5 short term, most of them.

6 And there's a huge cost to
7 9 billion other people, okay, 9 billion,
8 including my daughter.

9 The largest profits for this
10 project will be going to the millionaires and
11 billionaires, the 1 percent of society who
12 already have a livelihood that's very, very
13 secure. They might have even bought you a
14 shirt.

15 Well, the jobs, where are they
16 going? They're going to green renewable
17 energy, and it's outgrowing the fossil fuel
18 section. Why not jump onboard, provide some
19 sustainable long-term opportunities with
20 high-quality pay? We can do it now.

21 I got three hours of sleep last
22 night so I hope this is cohesive.

23 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

24 MS. SUSAN KEDZIE: One more
25 thing.

1 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

2 MS. SUSAN KEDZIE: As an
3 ecologist --

4 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

5 MS. SUSAN KEDZIE: -- there are
6 many ecological services that we rely on.

7 FACILITATOR: Thank you. You can
8 hand the written comments to the person there
9 and we'll be able to get them all to the court
10 reporter.

11 MS. SUSAN KEDZIE: We all depend
12 on those ecological services every day for
13 clean water and air, food, resources,
14 attenuating --

15 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

16 MS. SUSAN KEDZIE: I just want
17 to let you know the list is long and I
18 appreciate you listening. Thank you.

19 FACILITATOR: Thank you. I've
20 got Brian Meier, Brian, and then I've got
21 Jordan Morgan.

22 MR. BRIAN MEIER: Brian Meier,
23 B-R-I-A-N; Meier is M-E-I-E-R.

24 I get the privilege of working
25 on the right-of-way with a lot of folks here

1 in this room and it is a great thing to see.
2 When I come on the right-of-way, the first
3 thing we're talking about is safety. Right
4 behind that, we're going to talk about the
5 environment, how are things going, making sure
6 everything is well.

7 For the people that you see
8 here, the gentleman that spoke earlier, we all
9 very much care about what's happening on the
10 right-of-way as it's going through all the
11 landowners' property.

12 We want to make sure that we're
13 respectful of the landowners and make sure
14 that as we go in, we return the site to as
15 good or better than -- when we leave.

16 And so I realize when the draft
17 statement came out, it talks a lot about the
18 environment impact, et cetera. I can tell you
19 from everyone that I work with, we care very
20 much about the environment.

21 We care very much about the
22 landowners whose land we go through, and we
23 intend -- people that I work with intend to
24 keep it that way.

25 And so this involves contractors,

1 engineers, people in the office, people in the
2 field. I do want to tell you I believe in
3 Enbridge. I believe in what we're doing for
4 the community, and I believe that we'll
5 continue to do that.

6 Thank you.

7 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

8 Jordan, and then I have John
9 Munter after Jordan.

10 MR. JORDAN MORGAN: Hello, my
11 name is Jordan Morgan, J-O-R-D-A-N,
12 M-O-R-G-A-N, and I'm a resident of Bemidji,
13 Minnesota.

14 The point of this DEIS is to
15 determine Certificate of Need. Well, I'm here
16 today to tell you that we don't need this
17 project and we don't need this pipeline, and
18 the fact of the matter is, the DEIS states
19 very clearly that this project will create
20 zero permanent jobs. Let that sink in, folks.
21 Zero jobs are going to be permanently created
22 by this project.

23 And yet, if we do this project,
24 we will see none of those jobs. What we will
25 see is long-term environmental and social

1 liabilities that are coupled with the impacts
2 of pipelines.

3 So the economic impact has a
4 longevity, what the pollution and the
5 environmental impacts do. I think that's an
6 important thing to realize.

7 Also, I want to note that here in
8 Minnesota we virtually have no fossil fuel
9 reserves. So every time, if we are paying the
10 utilities, we turn on a light switch, we're
11 sending that money over the border; we're
12 sending it to North Dakota or Canada, wherever
13 it's coming from. It's not coming from here.

14 We're not getting the fossil
15 fuels from our own economy. We're importing
16 it. We're buying it instead of continuing this
17 perpetual investment in a research that we
18 don't have.

19 We should support and invest in
20 clean renewable technologies. It's great for
21 our economy. It's great for the environment,
22 and it's great for our energy independence.

23 I'm sick and tired of throwing my
24 money across the border when we could build the
25 infrastructure right here, give our

1 hard-working Minnesota jobs, and it would be
2 great for the economy and the environment at
3 the same time. This is the future I envision.

4 I want to take a moment to talk
5 about climate change. As a young person, I
6 care a lot about climate change. I'm 24 years
7 old. My birthday was on Friday.

8 I always like to point out that
9 the tar sands, which would be transported to
10 Line 3, is the most carbon intensive oil out
11 there. It is the worst option with the climate
12 perspective that we could choose, and that all
13 those carbon emissions from burning those
14 fossil fuels will go into the atmosphere.

15 I want to remind everyone, we
16 think the atmosphere is a huge place. We look
17 outside, it looks so big. It is ten miles,
18 folks. If you get into your Prius or electric
19 car or when you get into your truck and you
20 drive ten miles, you just drove the entire
21 length of our atmosphere.

22 We've been filling that up for
23 over a hundred years with our carbon emissions.
24 The DEIS states that there is \$673,365,150 of
25 social cost of carbon over 30 years.

1 That's inadequate because the
2 pipeline's pacing is over 60 years old, so I
3 don't think that's an accurate representation
4 of the actuals we can expect.

5 Additionally, climate impacts are
6 exponential, not linear. The longer we wait to
7 act on this, the impacts of the carbon are
8 going to be more and more every year. It's not
9 going to be the same. The longer we wait, the
10 harder it is going to be to fix this mess and
11 the less of a chance my grandchildren are going
12 to have an opportunity to live, thrive, and
13 survive on this planet.

14 Thank you.

15 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

16 Just to let you know, we're
17 going to do our very best to get through the
18 comments we have. We may not be able to get
19 to everybody, so if you want to be assured
20 your verbal comments got through today, there
21 are court reporters out there. You can go
22 talk to them directly, they'll capture the
23 comment.

24 If your name comes up and you're
25 out there, we'll keep it, we'll call it a

1 little bit later in case your name does come
2 up.

3 So I've got John Munter next,
4 and then Jim Reents after that.

5 MR. JOHN MUNTER: My name is
6 John Munter, J-O-H-N, M-U-N-T-E-R.

7 I'm a retired guy from Warba,
8 and the Public Utilities Commission needs to
9 render a judgment of no build on this project
10 because the PCA and the DNR both submitted
11 letters January 23rd, 2015, into these past
12 dockets saying if the pipeline is to be built,
13 it should be built (indiscernible) of I-94,
14 should be what they called SA-03, now it's
15 SA-04, which currently goes down the North
16 Dakota border and then cuts through southern
17 Minnesota and goes to Joliet, Illinois.

18 The current project has to be
19 rejected before they can resubmit for that
20 one, but they have done some analysis. By
21 comparison, this is the DEIS here, part of it,
22 the executive summary, is very deceptive by
23 comparison.

24 You see here, this graph, red
25 means bad and green means good, and so

1 Enbridge's project is here on this green side.
2 SA-04 is two over. It's got some red in it,
3 some orange in it.

4 If you look at it more in a
5 detailed manner, it's drinking water areas of
6 interest, which is bad, SA-04. And drinking
7 water sources, well, yes, they have a lot more
8 wells in SA-04 because they have a lot more
9 people, two and a half times more people, and
10 they have a lot more farmland, so of course.

11 But if you look farther down to
12 biological areas of interest under preferred
13 route of Enbridge, through the lake country,
14 you see 102,000 biological areas of interest as
15 opposed to 369 system alternative SA-04.

16 So that means there's one-third
17 of one percent, so the biological areas of
18 interest in the system alternative, SA-04, and
19 that should be weighted a whole lot more.

20 In fact, there's a whole lot of
21 commodity production areas of interest or
22 37,000, and in the -- which is, I would assume,
23 wild rice there, but only 191 acres in the
24 system alternative. So It's a very deceptive
25 section.

1 Two pages over, under, "Ground
2 waters," the second paragraph, SA-04 is the
3 only Certificate of Need alternative that
4 crosses vulnerable karst topography, which they
5 call fractures, joints, sinkholes, cavities,
6 caves.

7 Well, they neglect to mention
8 it's a limited area that can't be gone around
9 very easily with exceptions as they are
10 planning to do in the lake country corridor.

11 And by comparison, there's no
12 discussion of a glacial marine in SA-04, which
13 PCA makes a big deal about, that you can't tell
14 where the water is going, the oil is going to
15 flow.

16 There's more topographical
17 distances. So you see a lot more fast water
18 flow, and so you have pollution of bigger
19 bodies of water like lakes and aquifers instead
20 of a well.

21 So thank you.

22 FACILITATOR: Thank you, John.

23 I have Jim Reents, and then I've
24 got Dan Sauve after that. Jim.

25 MR. JIM REENTS: Jim, J-I-M,

1 Reents, R-E-E-N-T-S. I'm with the Northern
2 Water Alliance of Minnesota's Pipeline working
3 group.

4 I have four points to make
5 today.

6 FACILITATOR: Jim, sorry to
7 interrupt. Could you please move closer to the
8 mic.

9 MR. JIM REENTS: I have four
10 points to make today. The seven spill sites
11 addressed in the draft do not adequately
12 represent the very sensitive and biodiverse
13 lands and waters of this route.

14 Additionally, with Enbridge
15 withholding much of the information, as
16 Richard said, it can't be analyzed. They did
17 not address wild rice wetlands, the St. Louis
18 River tributaries of Lake Superior, the
19 Nemadji River tributaries, the Mississippi
20 River. All will be impacted by inevitable
21 spills, leaks, or anomalies.

22 One thing we know for sure,
23 pipelines spill. It's not if, it's when. And
24 the product proposed for this Line 3 primarily
25 dealing with tar sands oil cannot currently be

1 cleaned up, and in fact, according to the
2 National Science Foundation, there is no
3 current technology to clean up this type of
4 oil in a water environment.

5 Expand the modeling for water
6 spill sites, and I would recommend that the
7 ten-mile impact range for the analysis should
8 at least be doubled to match the analysis that
9 was done for Line 67 by the State Department.

10 The Enbridge permit application
11 cites what they would do to minimize
12 environmental impact. Nowhere does the draft
13 identify what outside entity or agency will
14 monitor these commitments, supervise the
15 permits, and what regulations are in place
16 that these promises become contractual.

17 Name the outside entities that
18 we can look to and show contracts for this
19 critical process.

20 In Chapter 11 of the EIS,
21 Environmental Justice, the draft acknowledges
22 that any of the alternative routes would be
23 detrimental in the long term for tribal
24 impact.

25 FACILITATOR: Thank you. If you

1 have written comments, you can hand them in.
2 That would be very helpful. Thank you.

3 We have Dan, and then we have
4 Mary Ackerman, Mary.

5 MR. DAN SAUVE: Hello, my name
6 is Dan Sauve, and I just want to comment in
7 support of the Enbridge Line 3 replacement
8 project. I'm a professional engineer, and I
9 am the Clearwater County engineer.

10 I have been the Clearwater
11 County engineer for the past 20 years. Prior
12 to that, I worked as an environmental engineer
13 in hazardous waste-site investigations and
14 cleanup.

15 I live in Beltrami County, work
16 in Clearwater County. I've seen at least
17 three new pipeline installation projects come
18 through Clearwater County during my term as
19 county engineer. I've been in this area most
20 of my life.

21 I support transporting oil by
22 pipeline because it is the safest, most
23 environmentally friendly way to transport the
24 oil into market. I hate to see all this oil
25 being transported by truck or train.

1 Transporting oil by truck or
2 train would have a great safety impact to our
3 community, would increase the train/truck
4 traffic, and increase spill potential.

5 I hear comments from a few people
6 that say we should quit using oil. At this
7 time it's simply not possible to quit using
8 oil. It is used in so many products.

9 I'd like to give an example of
10 our little county highway department. We use,
11 on average, 800,000 gallons of oil products
12 each year. About 70 percent of that consists
13 of bituminous material that we use in our
14 roads. We mix it at about 5.8 percent with
15 sand and gravel to make an asphalt surface we
16 all drive on. It's out in the parking lot if
17 you want to see what it looks like.

18 I hear comments -- I'm sorry, oil
19 spills are a concern, but from what I witness,
20 Enbridge has always taken the responsibility to
21 restore the environment.

22 Recently, I've been made aware of
23 a large spill that has occurred in our area, in
24 1979, where over 440,000 gallons of crude oil
25 spilled from a pipeline. I've driven by this

1 site and never knew it existed.

2 Cleanup activities resulted in
3 removal of more than 75 percent of the oil,
4 meeting the environmental standards in place at
5 the time. The environmental standards today
6 are much stricter.

7 After further evaluation,
8 Enbridge is going to clean up the site further,
9 but the regulatory agencies, in cooperation
10 with Enbridge, wanted to use it as a research
11 site.

12 The research site has greatly
13 expanded the understanding of continuation of
14 biodegradation of crude oil in the environment.

15 They also found that the oil
16 impacted groundwater plume, moved much less
17 than expected, and a greater degree of that
18 continuation biodegradation was occurring.

19 There's a large spill in our area
20 that most of the people do not know about and
21 it does not have a wide detrimental effect.

22 Point is that all modes of
23 transportation can cause a spill, spill can be
24 remediated, and Enbridge has shown response to
25 clean it up.

1 Enbridge has been very supportive
2 of our community and they pay a large share of
3 our property taxes.

4 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

5 We have Mary next, and Vicki
6 Bibeau, Vicki.

7 MS. MARY ACKERMAN: I'm Mary
8 Ackerman, and I'm part of the Northern Water
9 Alliance of Minnesota.

10 I want to make a couple of
11 comments about the Draft EIS, not about
12 necessarily the company, not necessarily about
13 pipelines in general, how much we all depend
14 on oil, we know that. This is about the Draft
15 EIS.

16 I do want you to expand the
17 modeling for the water spill sites. They
18 don't include many of the sensitive areas that
19 need to be included.

20 I want you to name the outside
21 entities that we can look to so we can show
22 that the promises made by the company creating
23 this line will be kept. There's nothing in the
24 draft that ensures that to the public.

25 In chapter 11, I want to talk

1 about "Environmental Justice." That's the
2 title of the chapter. The draft acknowledges
3 that any of the alternative routes, any, would
4 be detrimental to the long term for the tribes
5 impacted. This is .9.6. It says, "There will
6 be profound cultural consequences." That's a
7 quote.

8 If this route went through a town
9 or a city of ours, would we still be sitting
10 here talking as we are? "Disproportionate and
11 adverse impacts," that's the language in the
12 Draft EIS for the consequences to tribes.

13 Think about it, guys. We don't
14 want this on our consciences. Choose a route
15 that does not have detrimental impact on the
16 tribes of our state of Minnesota.

17 The preferred route also impacts,
18 quoting again, "more wild rice lakes and areas
19 of rich biodiversity than any of the other
20 routes." I'm quoting. Really? Why would
21 Minnesota risk that for a Canadian company's
22 profit?

23 And I'm quoting again, Chapter 5,
24 3.4, "All workers to construct the line would
25 be relocating to Minnesota," quoting again,

1 "There will be no measurable impact on local
2 employment per capita household income, median
3 household income or unemployment." I'm
4 quoting.

5 The jobs' argument put forth by
6 Enbridge does not hold for short or long-term
7 employment for our unions.

8 I'm a union supporter, guys. I
9 want you guys to get jobs. Get a different
10 route. It's longer, more jobs, that's better,
11 and then look to some of the renewable energy
12 stuff. They're employing lots of people, and
13 they're good jobs.

14 Thanks.

15 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

16 We have Vicki next, and then we
17 have Jerry Perkins, Jerry.

18 MS. VICKI BIBEAU: My name is
19 Vicki Bibeau, V-I-C-K-I, B-I-B-E-A-U.

20 I drove here today, I didn't
21 come by bus or from somewhere else because I
22 live here. I lived half my life bordering the
23 Chippewa National Forest. I'm a block away
24 from the Mississippi River and a block from
25 the original Line 3 that runs along Highway 2

1 to Duluth.

2 I have seen the Enbridge fires
3 in Cohasset burning off the oil spill with
4 huge black smoke for days floating west in the
5 sky. I'm aware of the oil spill in the
6 Prairie River in Grand Rapids. That was a
7 major disaster and still is.

8 We should all know about the
9 recent oil spill near Clearbrook while there
10 was still snow on the ground.

11 I'm sorry, but I, too, have been
12 to the Kalamazoo River, and I don't believe a
13 lot of things that were said today, and when I
14 looked up and looked at my Enbridge friends,
15 they refused to look me in the eye after
16 somebody spoke tonight.

17 It is a known fact that Enbridge
18 and the Department of Commerce have no answers
19 on how they plan to restore the many wild rice
20 beds when an oil spill or a leak occurs.

21 Do you understand that wild rice
22 is harvested by two people in a canoe in our
23 lakes and rivers with long sticks to knock each
24 single grain into the canoe? You know that,
25 right?

1 And you know the people that live
2 up here eat that rice several times a week, if
3 not daily, to supplement their existence. It
4 is one of the oldest and most traditional foods
5 known on this continent, and it grows here in
6 Minnesota in our lakes and rivers, totally
7 natural. We don't plant it.

8 You cannot drink or eat oil or
9 money. Water will get you through times of no
10 oil, but oil will not get you through times of
11 no water.

12 Certificate of Need sounds more
13 like certificate of greed. The Department of
14 Commerce has a long-standing role in protection
15 of life and property from environmental hazards
16 and in the stewardship of natural resources.
17 It's up north.

18 We live up north. Even Bemidji,
19 with its 60,000 residents and university, we
20 have clear lakes, we have pristine rivers. We
21 have natural hand harvested wild rice, not the
22 black rice you find in the Twin Cities. We
23 want to keep it clean. We plan on keeping it
24 clean and we will fight to keep it clean
25 forever.

1 There are eight pipelines in the
2 ground up here. When is enough enough?
3 Greedy, anyone?

4 The list of spills and accidents
5 by Enbridge is overwhelming. I suggest you
6 Google it. There are so many. I beg you to
7 look it up and check it out. Especially the
8 cleanups.

9 There's plenty of maps and
10 there's plenty of information so you don't have
11 to rely on anybody in this room. You can find
12 out this information yourself.

13 It's pretty outrageous when you
14 think about the water in Minnesota. The value
15 of water and rivers in Minnesota is
16 unmeasurable. Especially the wildlife on
17 both --

18 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

19 MS. VICKI BIBEAU: Both Lines 3
20 needs to go and be cleaned up.

21 FACILITATOR: Thank you. If you
22 can hand in the written comments, that would be
23 great.

24 Next we have Pam -- okay, Pam
25 will be next.

1 MR. JERRY PERKINS: I'm Jerry
2 Perkins, J-E-R-R-Y, P-E-R-K-I-N-S. No
3 relation to Glenn, unfortunately.

4 In the interest of full
5 disclosure, I will say that my brother and I
6 own property on a lake very close to the
7 proposed preferred Enbridge route. We are
8 not -- although we pay property taxes to
9 Minnesota, we are not legal residents. We
10 live in Baja, Minnesota; that you might know
11 as Iowa. We're summer Minnesotans. We've
12 been coming up here since we were both babies.

13 We love it up here. We love the
14 water. In fact, I can't tell you how much I'd
15 much rather be out on my lake right now than
16 talking to you.

17 But I've got a point of view that
18 I haven't heard tonight, and that is those of
19 us who aren't legal residents of Minnesota, you
20 want to be very, very proud of your state
21 government for what it's doing.

22 I saw the Dakota Access pipeline
23 rammed down the throats of Iowans because our
24 state government isn't as responsive as your
25 state government. You ought to be very proud

1 of these folks and all the work they're going
2 through.

3 The EIS -- I'll just speak my
4 peace real quick and then I'm going to sit
5 down. The EIS is flawed in many ways. When
6 the Public Utilities Commission gets ready to
7 discover it or to look at the Certificate of
8 Need, it ought to consider the fact that this
9 pipeline is not needed.

10 Enbridge wants to build a
11 pipeline, I suggest they build the pipeline,
12 provide all the jobs, moving ethanol from
13 Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, and Illinois to the
14 East and West Coast where it's needed more than
15 in the Midwest. That's a Certificate of Need.

16 Secondly, on the routing permit,
17 putting a pipeline of this size through the
18 Mississippi headwaters is just insane. It
19 can't -- it can't be done, folks.

20 If it does -- and it inevitably
21 will spill -- you're looking at people like me
22 who will go back to Iowa, and say, "Sorry,
23 Minnesota, we've got our own polluted water in
24 Iowa that I can drink and try to boat in."

25 I much prefer your pristine

1 waters. You have got a beautiful, beautiful
2 system up here. Please keep it pristine.

3 Thank you.

4 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

5 So we have Pam Lemm next.

6 MS. PAM LEMM: Hi, thanks for
7 letting me speak. I'm Pam Lemm, P-A-M,
8 L-E-M-M.

9 I am a grandma, that's my
10 favorite title. I'm also a teacher. I teach
11 in Cass Lake-Bena, elementary kids, and
12 children are so important to me. Now, I'm
13 speaking from the heart because my friend Kris
14 already read what I wrote.

15 So my grandchildren are so
16 important to me. I grew up in the Cass Lake
17 area. I ran around in the woods. I swam in
18 the lakes and the rivers. I went fishing. I
19 went hunting. I'm a native of this area.

20 And it was clean, and it still
21 is. I want my grandchildren to be able to grow
22 up and show their children the same childhood
23 that I saw as a child.

24 I went on a pipeline walk. I
25 went and saw different areas of the pipelines,

1 and I walked on this old corroded pipeline
2 that's sticking up out of the ground in this
3 beautiful bog, and it's next to pitcher plants
4 and lady slippers. And if that old corroded
5 pipeline bursts, what's going to happen to that
6 bog? The lady slippers won't grow back.

7 There are also pipelines, I don't
8 know if you people know this, but they're right
9 on the bottom of Cass Lake. They go right
10 across Cass Lake. They were put in probably
11 the same year I was born back in the 1960s.

12 And if one of those bursts,
13 what's going to happen? It's going to kill our
14 lake. I just -- I'm speaking from the heart.
15 I'm not speaking facts about the DEIS, but I
16 just want you all to know I haven't heard
17 anybody mention those pipelines.

18 If you go on a boat on Cass Lake,
19 you can use your depth finder and find those
20 pipes that are -- you can see them from the
21 air. If you look on geo maps, you can see the
22 pipelines going across the lake.

23 I just think it's ridiculous that
24 they want to put pipelines under the
25 Mississippi River, under the mouth of the

1 Mississippi River.

2 We need to move more towards
3 sustainable energy. I know a lot of people
4 have said that, and I know we can't do it all
5 at once. I also drove my car here.

6 But we need to start somewhere,
7 and somewhere isn't building new and bigger
8 pipelines. Somewhere is cleaning up the old
9 pipelines, getting them out of the ground.
10 That's how you can provide your temporary jobs.
11 Get those pipelines out of the ground and
12 restore the area the way it was.

13 And don't put in the new
14 pipelines. I just -- we need to do something
15 different. We need to go forward, not
16 backwards.

17 I guess that's all I have to say.
18 Thank you.

19 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

20 After Lindsey it's going to be
21 Andrew Struss. Also, just to let you know
22 it's about ten to 9:00. We were officially
23 scheduled to finish at 9:00. I checked in
24 with Bill, the facility will allow us to stay
25 until 9:30.

1 And we have about 15 to 18 cards
2 left, and, Bill, is it okay if we go until
3 9:30, which I know we have to finish, have a
4 hard stop then because of the facility
5 requirements.

6 So, Lindsey, you're next, and
7 then, Andrew, you're after that --

8 MS. LINDSEY KETCHEL: My name is
9 Lindsey Ketchel, L-I-N-D-S-E-Y, last name is
10 Ketchel, K-E-T-C-H-E-L. And I live in Woodrow
11 township in Cass County.

12 I live about 15 miles from where
13 the preferred route is being proposed. I also
14 get the distinct honor to serve as the
15 executive director of the Leech Lake Area
16 Watershed Foundation.

17 And for 21 years we have
18 actively been a part of helping to preserve
19 our critical lake, hunting and fishing and
20 deep appreciation for these amazing lakes up
21 north. I'm very proud of what my organization
22 does. We have lots of folks from Iowa who
23 come up, I promise you.

24 I know all of us collectively,
25 in green shirts or not in green shirts, we do

1 care about our lakes, we understand how
2 important it is to this rural economy, and
3 this is a very poor rural economy. I try to
4 make a living. It's almost impossible.

5 I can't imagine how difficult it
6 is for everybody else here, so I am completely
7 sympathetic to all of us who are trying to
8 find a solution.

9 I am not necessarily an
10 anti-pipeline person, but I aggressively want
11 to transition to better renewable energy in the
12 long term.

13 What I'm deeply concerned about
14 is this flawed Draft EIS. I've had the honor
15 to evaluate and work with EISs in Vermont and
16 Alaska and now in Minnesota. And I will tell
17 you, this is probably one of the most worst,
18 most convoluted, difficult processes to
19 participate in, track, and honestly find your
20 voice, and provide thoughtful feedback to the
21 DOC.

22 I was a part of the scoping of an
23 EI for Sandpiper many, many years ago. And for
24 all of you in green who want this decision to
25 be made quickly, if all you had done is just

1 asked for an EIS at that moment, we would have
2 had a decision.

3 And then we could have focused on
4 more important things that we need to do to
5 create a viable, thoughtful rural economy up
6 here.

7 Please understand, my concern is
8 also because of my livelihood. My little rural
9 economy, if there is a spill, as the gentleman
10 from Iowa said -- and I didn't stage this --
11 they are going to leave.

12 If you can imagine what it's
13 going to feel like to not have the second
14 homeowners here, to not have people want to
15 come up here to do the best hunting and fishing
16 in this region, we're crazy to take this risk,
17 folks.

18 Now, I will also say, my
19 experience in Alaska where there's a tendency
20 to believe that any spill can get fixed or any
21 wrong can get righted, I was involved in
22 providing comments for a mine that was going to
23 annihilate wild salmon spawning areas -- and if
24 anybody knows anything about spawning wild
25 salmon, it is one of the most magical parts of

1 a stream.

2 Every part requires enormous
3 delicacy to keep it going. And they said, "No
4 problem, in 20 years, we can completely
5 recreate it."

6 Some things can't get recreated,
7 they have to be protected.

8 Thank you.

9 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

10 Next up after Andrew is Maria
11 Swenson.

12 Maria is next.

13 MR. ANDREW STRUSS: My name is
14 Andrew Struss, A-N-D-R-E-W, S-T-R-U-S-S.

15 I'm a United States Air Force
16 veteran of eight years. I've traveled on five
17 different continents, over a half a dozen
18 different countries. I've traveled around the
19 world.

20 And I've noticed there is an
21 ongoing theme from pipelines in Minnesota to
22 pipelines in Afghanistan, that this is all
23 being pushed with violence, with greed. And
24 anyone -- maybe some of you here were in North
25 Dakota at Standing Rock and understand the

1 great lengths that these evil people, greedy
2 people, will go to in order to obtain their
3 goals. They go through unethical
4 transgressions in order to obtain this.

5 Now, let's think about the
6 objectivity within this DEIS. There is no
7 objective third party reviewing any of this.
8 They're providing their own biased data. This
9 cannot honestly go forward as being rushed
10 through. There's not enough information being
11 provided.

12 Even in their own Certificate of
13 Need they say this pipeline will not provide
14 the supply to meet the demands that they
15 require.

16 So replacing this, and for the
17 least invasive route which they proposed is
18 their preferred route, I don't understand how
19 that is least invasive when you are now
20 affecting a number of new property owners.

21 And it involves our state
22 rights, it involves our property rights, our
23 private property rights, and you do not have
24 the authority -- no Public Utilities
25 Commission can take our sovereignty away and

1 make the decision on behalf of all
2 Minnesotans.

3 I want to speak to the
4 Minnesotans here, not the people from out of
5 state, but I want to encourage you, those that
6 are visiting our state, to look at our flag,
7 all right. We have a Native American on
8 horseback. We have a farmer tilling the land.

9 And as a good steward of the
10 land, we should take care of our natural
11 resources and take care of the earth. We must
12 honor the earth and protect its waters for our
13 future generation sons and daughters.

14 There are seven generations that
15 will pay for this. And just because we cannot
16 think of a better way, this is the most
17 expedient or the most cost effective way?

18 You're not looking at the
19 long-term effects here. It's so short-sighted
20 of you to take our livelihood and forsake it
21 for your own personal gain, for your own greed,
22 right, to sell your services, right, for money,
23 right. You're selling out your fellow human
24 beings.

25 This is our state. It's called

1 Minnesota, and its sky-colored water, and it's
2 my intention to keep it that way.

3 I don't want to see anyone here
4 say the solar or wind is not a viable option,
5 right. If you say the sun doesn't shine every
6 day, you do not understand how the solar system
7 works.

8 So let's think about this.
9 There's hemp. There's renewable, sustainable
10 things. We can plant hemp everywhere. We
11 plant seeds for our future generations of
12 prosperity. I say, "Hemp, hemp, hurray," and
13 we should plant (indiscernible) remediate the
14 existing damage you've done to our soil.

15 There's over 900 anomalies that
16 are leaking constantly. Fix what's existing
17 now before you try to propose something. Why
18 don't you fix the leaking pipeline and then
19 come back to the table, right, because we have
20 alternatives.

21 We have so many more creative
22 minds here that can be inspired to -- for
23 future needs, so I'm talking -- seven
24 generations' safety.

25 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

1 Maria, and after Maria is
2 Jake --

3 MS. MARIA SWENSON: Hi. I had
4 an argument with a horse and I lost so that's
5 why it's hard for me to stand and walk around,
6 but I wanted to talk about --

7 FACILITATOR: Maria, sorry, could
8 you spell your last name?

9 MS. MARIA SWENSON: Oh, I'm
10 sorry, I thought that was easy, S-W-E-N-S-O-N.
11 There's only about 10,000 of us in the state.

12 Anyway, I'm a landlord and a
13 property owner. And they say if you want to
14 get to know someone really well, live with
15 them.

16 And I lived with seven pipeliners
17 of various jobs on that pipeline. And I've
18 never met such wonderful men that were so
19 job-oriented, and their bosses above them were
20 just wonderful.

21 And they had an epic, and they
22 took me out to show me the welding scenes, and
23 they said, "This is not going to go away
24 easily. We may have a little spill here and
25 there but we're right on it."

1 And the new one that they're
2 proposing now for Sandpiper -- and they're even
3 more rule-orientated than ever before.

4 Now, if Enbridge was spelled
5 Hershey and chocolate was flowing through these
6 pipes, you'd have protestors hollering because
7 their water tastes like chocolate, and their
8 power tasted like chocolate, and it was all
9 because of the spills, even in areas where
10 there wasn't any.

11 There's some hidden agendas that
12 I heard tonight that are overpowering your
13 thinking. And all of these things are not
14 going to -- they're proposed. They probably
15 will never happen.

16 In the meantime what they want,
17 you can't put ketchup on that. These jobs are
18 needed, especially around Bemidji, and I saw,
19 firsthand, grown men cry when the pipeline
20 left, because the business that they did were
21 cars and tires and -- the restaurants literally
22 cried.

23 We are the most poor county,
24 other than Appalachia, and we don't even make
25 good quilts to sell. So we don't have that to

1 rely on. But you can't put ketchup on what
2 might be.

3 And believe me, these people from
4 the top bosses down, they're on it, and I've
5 never had one complaint about their ethics at
6 all.

7 FACILITATOR: Thank you very
8 much.

9 So again, real quick, we're
10 going to try to get everybody. We may not.
11 If you want to ensure you get your verbal
12 comment in tonight, the court reporters are
13 outside to reinforce that.

14 So Jake --

15 We go next to Marty Cobenais.
16 Marty? Name and spelling for the record.

17 MR. MARTY COBENAIS: Marty
18 Cobenais, M-A-R-T-Y, C-O-B-E-N-A-I-S.

19 I am an excom member with the
20 Minnesota Sierra Club. I am with the
21 (indiscernible) County Soil and Water. I
22 think that's most of them. I've worked
23 against pipelines for probably about the last
24 ten years, so I kind of know a thing or two
25 about pipelines and Enbridge and everything

1 else.

2 First off, I want to say that I
3 say no to the pipeline.

4 But this DEIS is about a
5 replacement, so if you look in the dictionary
6 or anything, it says replacement. You put it
7 back in where you got it, not reroute it. That
8 is not replacing. You also don't replace with
9 a bigger pipeline; you replace with the same
10 size pipeline.

11 So if you guys with the 49ers are
12 thinking about it, wouldn't it make more sense
13 for you to put it back in the same hole? You
14 don't get paid more. And Enbridge, I would
15 think you'd want to do that anyways because
16 it's a shorter route. So it doesn't make any
17 sense to me that you guys are telling us that
18 we can't do that.

19 As a soil and water officer or
20 supervisor, AIS is very important to us,
21 aquatic invasive species. I know that there is
22 a comment put into the DEIS about it. Sounds
23 like you have to wash off the machines.

24 When in -- in fact, when I was
25 talking with one of the DNR ladies today, she

1 said that a transmission line company had to do
2 it, and when they came out of the water, they
3 had to hose it down and their equipment had to
4 sit for up to a week to dry off.

5 Anyone who's a boater, you have
6 to do all this with your boat. Why can't this
7 company also do that with their equipment?

8 One of the other things that I
9 talked about in one of the other hearings is
10 directional bore. You should be able to
11 directionally bore under all waterways:
12 Swamps, rivers, lakes.

13 Yes, it's going to cost more. It
14 should be 15 to 20 feet below the bottom of any
15 lake or waterway and at least triple-lined to
16 prevent any damages.

17 In talking with an Enbridge
18 official tonight, he said that that couldn't
19 happen because damming would sometimes be more
20 environmentally friendly. Well, I say no
21 pipeline would actually be more environmentally
22 friendly.

23 Some people have talked about the
24 taxes. I know how many of you guys are
25 Minnesotans or live in Beltrami County or

1 Clearwater County, but Enbridge wants to sue us
2 basically through tax court to reclaim their
3 money.

4 If they're really a good friend,
5 they should actually just say, "We're not going
6 to do this and we're going to try to proceed
7 with this pipe anyways."

8 FACILITATOR: Thank you very
9 much.

10 Bali Humphrey, Bali Humphrey?

11 Okay, we'll go on to the next,
12 Sarah Stahelin. No -- all right. We'll go to
13 the next, Rita Chamblin. Name and spelling
14 for the record.

15 MS. RITA CHAMBLIN: My name is
16 Rita Chamblin, R-I-T-A, C-H-A-M-B-L-I-N. I
17 live in Bemidji, Minnesota.

18 To begin, the spill response
19 information in chapter 10 is inadequate. It
20 doesn't have any examples for the wetland areas
21 in Enbridge's preferred route.

22 The Commission should identify
23 for the public the portions of the DEIS that
24 have been independently verified versus the
25 portions that have been reviewed versus the

1 portions that have been incorporated directly
2 from Enbridge. For example, see tables in
3 10.4.

4 The Kalamazoo oil spill, aka the
5 Dilbet disaster, spilled over a million gallons
6 of tar sands oil into a creek that flowed into
7 the Kalamazoo River.

8 Enbridge made commitments to the
9 State of Michigan about the conditions, spill
10 response, and cleanup, but did not live up to
11 those commitments. We need a chapter to
12 address how and why we should be confident that
13 Enbridge will fulfill its promises to our
14 communities, given its past history.

15 The Commission should make all of
16 the input public, as they said, but also
17 include the Commission's answers and responses
18 to the questions and comments that have been
19 posed at these public meetings when they
20 publish the EIS.

21 For example, in the Park Rapids'
22 meeting, I was shocked to learn that the
23 Department of Natural Resources and Minnesota
24 Pollution Control Agency were not fully
25 consulted and included on this project.

1 Comments and input from DNR & PCA need to be
2 fully incorporated in the EIS.

3 As a unitarian universalist, as a
4 person of faith, I'm called to act in support
5 of environmental justice for the protection of
6 natural systems and the health of people and
7 communities.

8 Chapter 1 says the EIS doesn't
9 determine either the need for this project or
10 the need for fossil fuels, which is confusing
11 on its face.

12 Then in chapter 3, one of the
13 criteria for granting the Certificate of Need
14 is, are the consequences to society of granting
15 the Certificate of Need more favorable than the
16 consequences of denying the certificate?

17 The DEIS acknowledges Line 3
18 would contribute to climate change. Clearly,
19 the consequences to society of granting the
20 Certificate of Need are not favorable.

21 We are being asked to sacrifice
22 the future of northern Minnesota for pipeline
23 leaks and the future of our life on this planet
24 from climate change. We are being asked to be
25 complicit in exploiting creation. That is

1 immoral.

2 While our state's use of
3 renewable energy is climbing, it would climb
4 even faster if we didn't provide so many
5 subsidies to the fossil fuel industry.

6 Abandonment is one of those
7 fossil subsidies allowing old infrastructure
8 cleanup and remediation costs to fall back on
9 the landowners and local and state governments
10 long after profits have been upstreamed out of
11 the communities.

12 How can we consider a new
13 pipeline when Enbridge isn't even willing
14 and/or able to remove the old pipeline?

15 Further, chapter 12.2 leads me to
16 expect Enbridge to move all of their pipelines
17 now in the main line corridor to their
18 preferred new route.

19 We need to journey together and
20 have -- we have a holy obligation, as we do so,
21 to choose a just and moral path so that all may
22 thrive.

23 Thank you.

24 FACILITATOR: Thank you. If you
25 do have written comments --

1 So we have Bali, and then Matt
2 Johnson, Matt Johnson is next. Bali and then
3 Matt.

4 MS. BALI HUMPHREY: My name is
5 Bali Humphrey, B-A-L-I, H-U-M-P-H-R-E-Y. So I
6 don't know all the facts about the pipeline.
7 I'm not an expert on them, but I do have a
8 little bit of common sense.

9 I am 17 years old and I want to
10 go on record, I am in opposition of the
11 replacement of Line 3. I'm in opposition of
12 the abandonment of the current Line 3, and I'm
13 in opposition of oil pipelines in general.

14 One of the numbers that I always
15 like to throw out is that the current Line 3
16 that is in the ground, in 1991, the largest
17 inland oil spill occurred in Grand Rapids,
18 Minnesota.

19 In seven minutes, 1.7 million
20 gallons of oil were spilled right on the campus
21 that I go to college at. The response time,
22 according to the firefighters who was there, it
23 was a seven-minute response time.

24 So this pipeline that you're
25 trying to put next to the Mississippi

1 headwaters, you're trying to put next to Lake
2 Superior, can you imagine if in seven minutes
3 1.7 million gallons spilt there? That would
4 ruin the land. I don't understand why anyone
5 would think that's okay.

6 Another thing that I read, which
7 I thought was kind of interesting, we call
8 earth our Mother Earth because we're connected
9 to her and she provides for us. She is our
10 mother.

11 This is directed to Enbridge. I
12 would like you to look at our Mother Earth as
13 unborn baby earth. Would you be okay with
14 pumping chemicals into an unborn baby earth?
15 Would you be okay with raping your unborn baby
16 earth? Because what you're doing when you're
17 putting in these pipelines is you're raping our
18 mother. You know it's not okay.

19 So I guess I would hope that you
20 wouldn't be okay with that. And by putting in
21 these pipelines, the ones you've already put
22 in, you've taken away my voice for a clean
23 environment, and you're continuing to take away
24 my voice for a clean environment.

25 And you're also taking away the

1 voice of animals by putting these lines in. We
2 speak for them, and you take that away from
3 them.

4 I've also heard multiple comments
5 that we need this oil. I don't know if anyone
6 has read the EIS, but from my understanding,
7 the majority of the oil that's being extracted
8 is also being exported out. We do not get this
9 oil. It's being sent out.

10 So why do we need this oil if we
11 don't even use it? It's not for us sitting in
12 this room, doesn't go into our cars. So get
13 with the program.

14 Lastly, the EIS clearly states
15 multiple times that the indigenous people will
16 face detrimental long-term repercussions from
17 this proposed line. How in the hell is this
18 okay? Like it doesn't make any sense to me.

19 To me, it sounds a little bit
20 like maybe some systematical genocide, because,
21 as you can see, all of the proposed other
22 lines -- or other routes for this line still go
23 through treaty territory, still go through
24 indigenous lands, still affect indigenous
25 people.

1 Does that make any sense to
2 anybody in this room? This all affects
3 indigenous people. Are you okay with that?

4 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

5 MS. BALI HUMPHREY: I am in
6 opposition of all lines.

7 FACILITATOR: We have Matt
8 Johnson next.

9 MR. MATT JOHNSON: Good evening.
10 My name is Matt Johnson, M-A-T-T,
11 J-O-H-N-S-O-N.

12 I'm the general manager and
13 director of risk management for JR Jensen
14 Construction. I'm a graduate of Bemidji State
15 University, and I've been working in the
16 industrial and energy industry for the past 14
17 years.

18 Throughout this time I have
19 completed numerous projects with Enbridge
20 across the Midwest, and I can say they're the
21 most professional environmentally conscious
22 and safety driven company we work for.

23 Enbridge practices and promotes
24 industry leading safety and environmental
25 policies and procedures. They proactively

1 work to eliminate hazards to people, property,
2 and the environment on all of their sites.

3 Lessons learned are communicated
4 throughout North America to ensure
5 opportunities for improvement and hazard
6 corrections are implemented immediately.
7 Enbridge truly practices what they preach and
8 strongly enforces their policies and
9 procedures.

10 The replacement of Line 3 is
11 needed for two main reasons. One, there is
12 still a huge public need for oil and
13 petroleum-based products in our communities
14 today.

15 Regardless if you don't consume a
16 drop of gasoline, you are still a consumer of
17 oil. Everyday items we take for granted such
18 as clothing, footwear, eyeglasses, contacts,
19 hunting and fishing equipment, carpeting,
20 appliances, building materials, all require
21 oil.

22 Renewable energy sources such as
23 solar and wind have come a long way, but they
24 are still not self-sustained. We need oil. If
25 we don't utilize oil for North America, we are

1 liable to purchase it from countries overseas
2 where it is extracted, refined, and transported
3 with much lower standards for safety and
4 environmental regulations.

5 If we truly care about the
6 environment, we need to think about the world
7 environment.

8 Number two, pipelines are
9 currently the safest and most efficient way to
10 transport oil. They utilize the latest
11 technology to move, monitor, and attain oil
12 throughout their transportation system. Once
13 installed, their use poses no direct safety
14 hazard to the public.

15 In comparison, tanker trucks put
16 a direct and unnecessary risk to public
17 motorists. They cause significant damage to
18 our roadways resulting in increased maintenance
19 costs to taxpayers of our state.

20 Numerous accidents were caused in
21 North Dakota by increased container truck
22 traffic due to overbooked rail lines, public
23 demand for oil, and a lack of pipelines for
24 structure.

25 Rail traffic also puts the public

1 at risk. Railways often are directed through
2 towns, residential neighborhoods, cross
3 hundreds of roads, waterways, and travel across
4 old bridges, and increases in rail traffic also
5 affect the transportation costs of other
6 consumable goods.

7 When oil transport out of North
8 Dakota increased, the cost of availability --
9 availability of items typically shipped by rail
10 were affected. This directly affected the
11 average consumer and negatively impacted the
12 local economy.

13 In the safety industry there are
14 two ways to handle risk. The first has
15 historically been that of reactivity. Learn
16 from past mistakes so as to not repeat them.

17 Recently, corrective thought
18 process has been area focused. Correct all
19 known or potential hazards before they have an
20 opportunity to become an incident.

21 In my opinion, Enbridge is taking
22 a proactive approach through their plant to
23 replace Line 3 with a new line built to today's
24 standards.

25 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

1 Next I have Sarah and then I
2 have Bob Schoneberger.

3 MS. SARAH STAHELIN: My name is
4 Sarah Stahelin, S-A-R-A-H, S-T-A-H-E-L-I-N.

5 I wasn't really intending to put
6 my comments verbally today but my daughter
7 forced me to stay and do this.

8 And I think that's an apt thing
9 because she's one of the main reasons I'm here
10 doing this. My daughter Phoebe, she's an
11 enrolled member of the Leech Lake Band of
12 Ojibwe, and she's very proud of that and I'm
13 very proud of that for her.

14 I care very much for the native
15 neighbors that we have, the native communities,
16 and that's my main concern.

17 I have a lot of concerns for the
18 Draft EIS as written. I'm concerned that the
19 no build alternative was not given due
20 consideration.

21 I'm concerned that the shutdown
22 of Line 3 completely was not considered.

23 I am very concerned that the life
24 span of impact on -- of the project is too
25 short. My daughter is six years old.

1 You look in 30 years, she'll be
2 younger than I am today. That's not long
3 enough.

4 I'm concerned, of course, of the
5 increased effect on climate change, and I'm
6 also, of course, concerned with spills and the
7 effect on water and wildlife.

8 As I said, my main concern is
9 social justice. I don't understand how the
10 Draft EIS can say that it will have a disparate
11 impact on native communities that will affect
12 wild rice beds, the most wild rice beds, this
13 alternative, and I don't understand why that
14 didn't just close the door on this project.

15 I think it's about time that we
16 as a society stop putting our progress and our
17 economic comfort on the backs of native
18 communities and people of color.

19 I think we have to make the
20 conscious choice to do it differently, and I
21 think this is where we start, and I think we
22 can.

23 I think jobs are important, but
24 to hear that none of the jobs are permanent
25 jobs, and to also know that none of the jobs

1 are coming to these native communities that are
2 disproportionally affected by poverty and
3 unemployment, I don't understand why we are
4 proposing projects that bring no benefit and
5 only greater and greater and greater harm,
6 adding to harm.

7 So they talk about how the
8 effects of climate change are exponential, and
9 they grow upon, grow with carbon in the
10 atmosphere, but I feel the effect on native
11 communities also do the same thing.

12 Every little decision that is
13 unjust and risks the future of my child and all
14 other children and the people that are here
15 now, that that grows, historic trauma, which is
16 actually current trauma, grows upon trauma.

17 It's time we stop, not only for
18 our own selves to be proud of who we are and
19 stand by our neighbors, but for these children
20 that look for us to lead, for these waters that
21 don't have a voice and for the animals, like
22 the 17-year-old said, not -- but they don't
23 have a voice, and that's what we're doing here.

24 So that's all I have to say.

25 Thank you.

1 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

2 So we have Bob S., and then
3 Brandy Larson. Is there a Brandy Larson in
4 the room?

5 MR. BOB SCHONEBERGER: I'm Bob
6 Schoneberger, B-O-B, S-C-H-O-N-E-B-E-R-G-E-R.

7 I support the Line 3 replacement
8 and the preferred route as it's laid out by
9 Enbridge for a litany of environmental
10 reasons.

11 First of all, crossing anywhere
12 in northern Minnesota with any sort of
13 transportation project, you will impact water
14 in some form. Doing so in a sound and safe
15 way is important to me. I know that
16 countermeasures exist that will minimize those
17 impacts, too.

18 I know that moving oil by
19 pipeline is the cleanest, safest way when
20 preparing like statistics to any other mode of
21 transportation. I know that transporting
22 petroleum products of any kind by pipeline
23 leaves the smallest carbon footprint of any
24 mode of transportation, and I like that.

25 Regardless of what you may hear

1 or read, the transportation industry is an
2 extremely responsible industry. Their efforts
3 ultimately touch every American in a positive
4 way, whether it be providing fuel to get to
5 their jobs, heat for their homes, put bread on
6 their tables; everyone's affected in a
7 positive way by the work the pipelines do.

8 Coal will not get delivered to
9 our power plants if it were not for the fuel
10 for the locomotives. Factories would not
11 produce if it were not for the fuel to keep
12 them going. Farmers would not farm if it were
13 not for the fuel for their tractors.

14 Pipelines are the safest mode,
15 commodity of transportation, and there is no
16 debate on that point. Not only as it pertains
17 to our personal safety but safety for our
18 environment as well.

19 When pipelines are built, you do
20 not see them and maybe that adds to the
21 mystery. I don't know. They do not leave
22 towering structures along the horizon.
23 They're out of sight.

24 They do not cover acres and
25 acres of ground and work only at certain times

1 of the day or year. They work around the
2 clock, 24/7, 365 days a year without a break
3 and provide the energy we all need to live.

4 Wind cannot do that. Solar
5 cannot do that. The combination of these two
6 cannot do that.

7 You never read in the news,
8 daily, about 18 million barrels of oil that
9 were successfully delivered to you that day,
10 but when a gasket leaks and 20 gallons hit the
11 ground, all hell breaks loose.

12 A lot has been said here about
13 the no build option. I might say that is not
14 an option. The recent Federal Department of
15 Justice consent decree to Enbridge requires the
16 replacement of Line 3 by law.

17 To those who oppose them, you may
18 want to direct your attention to the Department
19 of Justice and become familiar with the consent
20 order drafted under the previous
21 administration.

22 All this is done to keep the
23 environment clean.

24 I also might add that the
25 no-build option to replace Line 3 with trucks

1 between oil fields of western Canada and
2 Superior and back would put another 25,000
3 tanker trucks on the road to do that today. Or
4 it would put fifty 100-car trains on the tracks
5 that do not exist today.

6 The oil will move, and here we
7 have an opportunity to have a say in how it's
8 moved. Highway traffic, we have no say. Rail
9 traffic, we have no say. I think Line 3
10 replacement is a better option.

11 Thank you.

12 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

13 Brandy Larson, Brandy? Next
14 I've got Erica Harmson, Erica?

15 Next we've got Dawn Goodwin,
16 Dawn?

17 MS. DAWN GOODWIN: (Ojibwe).
18 One thing about the DEIS, you forgot wolf plan
19 in there. We are leaders and we care about
20 our people. I'm part of that (Ojibwe).

21 I'm here today representing the
22 White Earth Counsel of Elders. They could not
23 be here tonight. I also represent
24 (indiscernible). We are a group of gatherers
25 in the White Earth area. I also represent the

1 1855 Treaty Authority, Wild Rice Committee,
2 and I represent myself and my family and my
3 friends. I speak for both lines.

4 We are against the relocation of
5 Line 3, we'll call it. It's not a
6 replacement. It's a relocation. It's near my
7 reservation. It could affect our watershed
8 because the water comes towards us.

9 I live on the lake that is
10 connected directly to the river that -- an area
11 that it would cross under. We have a spring, a
12 flowing well right near that lake that we use
13 every day. I actually go and bring water to my
14 family in Bagley because their water is no
15 good.

16 So this is just in Bagley, and I
17 live 20 miles from Bagley. I bring them water.
18 My sister came from Staples and said, "Wow,
19 this water's good." I said, "Yeah, I just
20 brought it to mom. Got some extra, you can
21 take some home." She said, "Yeah." So here
22 she is, happy as can be, loading this water up,
23 bringing it to Staples for her to drink.

24 I want you to really think about
25 the importance of water and how you've used it

1 today and how important it is for us to keep it
2 clean.

3 We're in the greatest fresh water
4 area you could ever dream of, and I want you to
5 think, our elders have approved a resolution
6 that they will present via mail before
7 July 10th.

8 We do not want this line to go
9 through our area, through Bagley. It's the
10 1855 Treaty area. We prohibit any new
11 pipelines in our area. Line 3, we want it out.
12 We want it -- a study in that area, and then
13 what goes forth from there, I guess that would
14 be a new plan.

15 So we are very much so against
16 this, and my time's running out.

17 Thank you.

18 FACILITATOR: Thank you.

19 So we have time for one more,
20 and we're not going to get to everybody so
21 just reminding folks of the court reporters
22 out in the hall.

23 And our last person up is Lea
24 Foushee. Lea, are you here?

25 MS. LEA FOUSHEE: I am. My name

1 is L-E-A; F, like Frank, O-U-S, like Sam,
2 H-E-E.

3 I'm the environmental justice
4 director for the North American Water Office.
5 I'm also on Commissioner John Linc Stine's
6 Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
7 Environmental Justice and Advisory Group.

8 My degree from the University of
9 Minnesota, graduated summa cum laude, was in
10 environmental justice before the words were
11 coined, so I know something about
12 environmental justice.

13 And so I will talk about Chapter
14 11, Chapter 11, bankrupt justice. Bankrupt
15 justice, get that.

16 This is not justice. This is
17 racism. This is genocide. And this is the
18 corporate right coming for the people, and
19 we're not going to stand for it. Not going to
20 stand for it.

21 You have declared war on
22 indigenous people. You have declared war on
23 the rights, on every traditional gatherer,
24 medicine person alive. Alive.

25 You want more? You've got it.

1 You've got it. But, you know, you men, you
2 men, you like Indian women a whole lot. I know
3 because we've got numbers of the rapes, the
4 abuse, and what you do to us. You kill us, and
5 you lay us in a ditch to die.

6 You don't do that. You do that,
7 you will get something that you won't like. So
8 you going to educate these men? I want to know
9 who is that, that is going to write that
10 curriculum? Who gets to decide it? Who? I
11 want the name. I want the data on what that
12 is, because you don't know what you're doing.

13 And Enbridge cannot write it.
14 Enbridge cannot write it. And neither can the
15 DNR, the Pollution Control Agency, or any other
16 state government agency.

17 The people suffering from that
18 need to write it. The women need to write it,
19 the women.

20 You got some other really nasty
21 things in here, but what it is is 525 more
22 years of genocide. You have never stopped.
23 You've never stopped trying to eliminate
24 indigenous people, because you want the land,
25 you want the water, you want the natural

1 resources, you want the oil, you want the gas,
2 you want everything. You want the copper, you
3 want the rare metals.

4 And you're going to try to get it
5 all, and you will just have to suck it up.

6 Thank you.

7 FACILITATOR: I just want to
8 remind folks that if you want to submit any
9 written comments, it's by July 10th.

10 Thank you very much for your
11 comments and your participation.

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