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Subject:	Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Line 3 Replacement CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I believe this is a very important project and the safest way to go.

Sincerely,

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Thank you! I so appreciate your continued support, Hillary, protecting this precious land upon which we reside. I know writing to the DOC takes a fair amount of timeyou stepped forward and did it! Blessings of friendship....Mary

On Jul 9, 2017 10:22 PM, "HILLARY STOLTZ" <<u>hillbob@arvig.net</u>> wrote:

Please consider my concerns as expressed and detailed on the attached document. If you have any difficulty opening the attachment, please contact me at once.

Please note: I am very concerned about the exclusion of SA04 in the Enbridge DEIS.

Sincere regards,

Hillary Stoltz

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The attached file contains my comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Enbridge Energy's proposed oil pipeline - the Line 3 Replacement ("L3R") Project. Docket #s CN-14-916 & PPL-15-137.

Sincerely,

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Re: Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Enbridge Energy's proposed oil pipeline - the Line 3 Replacement ("L3R") Project. Docket #s CN-14-916 & PPL-15-137 (Minnesota Public Utilities Commission [MNPUC] and the Minnesota Dept of Commerce [MNDOC]).

I am Bill Adamski, a resident of Minneapolis. I worked as an environmental specialist for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for 35 years.

My specific comments on the DEIS for the proposed L3R project in Minnesota address issues regarding Enbridge's proposed:

1) Preferred route for the proposed Line 3 from the Enbridge terminal at Clearbrook to Carlton – proposed to veer for approximately 228 miles from the existing Line 3 corridor.

2) Intention to abandon "in place" (i.e., leave in the ground) – the Minnesota portion of its existing Line 3 oil pipeline (length: 288 miles) - in the event that Enbridge receives all Minnesota regulatory approvals for the proposed L3R.

I can reasonably assume that others have already submitted comments on the DEIS that address either of these two topics.

1) Enbridge's preferred route for the proposed Line 3 from the Enbridge terminal at Clearbrook to Carlton – proposed to veer for approximately 228 miles from the existing Line 3 corridor.

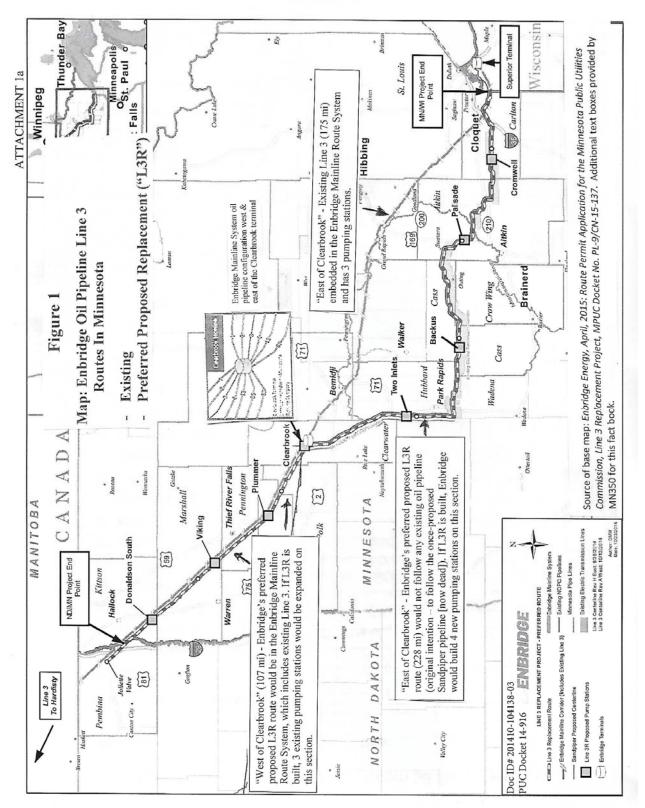
In both Chapters One and Two of the DEIS, Enbridge's preferred L3R route is very briefly described, e.g., on page 2.1:

"..the [L3R] pipeline permanent right-of-way would follow the existing Enbridge Line 67 pipeline in the Enbridge Mainline corridor for approximately 110 miles from North Dakota to the existing Clearbrook terminal in Clearwater County. The right-of-way would diverge from the Mainline corridor at the Clearbrook terminal, routing south and then east for approximately 220 miles, where it would then rejoin the Mainline corridor near Carlton, Minnesota, and extend for approximately 10 miles to the Minnesota-Wisconsin border.

From the Clearbrook terminal to Carlton, the right-of-way would primarily follow thirdparty pipeline, utility, and transportation corridors, although some construction would occur through areas where no third-party utilities are present."

Enbridge's preferred proposed route for Minnesota is mapped in Figure 1.

In my cursory read of the DEIS's table of contents and several selected chapters – I was unable to find any statement on how Enbridge developed its preferred L3R route. Such an explanation may be in the DEIS and that I inadvertently missed it.



Regardless, unique to the preferred route is that from Enbridge's Clearbrook terminal to Carlton – Enbridge wants to diverge the proposed L3R from its mainline corridor (containing about 6 oil pipelines). The favored pathway would travel south, then east for a total of 228 miles before connecting with the Mainline corridor again(Figure 1).

Enbridge, in its L3R routing permit application ¹ - explains how this proposed 228 mile "break" from its mainline corridor came to be. On page 6-33 of its permit application for the proposed L3R route – Enbridge wrote "...the project's preferred route [Clearbrook to Carlton] has the potential to be collocated with and run parallel to the planned pipeline right-of-way of the proposed Sandpiper Pipeline Project if approved by [MNPUC] (Figure 1).

In November 2013, Enbridge, through its North Dakota Pipeline Company subsidiary, applied to the MNPUC for permits to build and operate a new 612 mile oil pipeline ("Sandpiper") from the Bakken Oil Fields near Beaver Lodge Station, North Dakota to Superior Wisconsin². It was intended that the Sandpiper line would be in place and operational when the proposed L3R was to be built ³.

Assuming that the proposed Sandpiper line would have been built on Enbridge's intended timeline – the Company planned to route the proposed L3R from Clearbrook to the Minnesota-Wisconsin border in the same corridor of the hopefully-already operational Sandpiper line⁴.

Of important note is that the proposed Sandpiper line, if permitted and built – would have been the first oil pipeline in this 228 mile Clearbrook-to-Carlton corridor.

However, in September 2016, Enbridge / North Dakota Pipeline Company announced that it was terminating its Sandpiper project ⁵.

Consequently, Enbridge's justification for L3R's proposed 228 mile route divergence from its mainline corridor (including existing Line 3) between Clearbrook and Carlton is severely weakened – since its construction and operation would be on land that had no major human-caused disturbance beforehand.

Whatever arguments that Enbridge have to support the proposed Clearbrook to Carlton route – such environmental impacts from the construction and operation of L3R on previously-undisturbed land would be much greater than simply keeping the entire new L3R in the Company's mainline corridor.

Kathryn Hoffman is the legal director for the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy (MCEA), which represented Friends of the Headwaters ("FOH") in a lawsuit against the proposed Sandpiper project. At the time of Enbridge's decision to end the Sandpiper project - Ms. Hoffman said that the MN PUC should reconsider the new route for Line 3 in light of Enbridge's Sandpiper decision ⁶.

Ms. Hoffman noted that the 2 pipelines were a package deal, with Sandpiper providing a pathway for the proposed L3R⁷. She said. "Now, there is no Sandpiper corridor. This is a different proposal now"⁸.

The Hoffman-litigated Sandpiper lawsuit included her contention that "It [the proposed Sandpiper pipeline] put sensitive natural resources at risk in a corridor where no pipeline should be built"⁹. That assertion would obviously also apply to the L3R in Enbridge's preferred Clearbrook-to-Carlton route.

Since Enbridge is still proposing that the L3R pipeline be placed in that 228 mile stretch of the nowdead Sandpiper corridor (i.e., the proposed "East of Clearbrook" segment [Figure 1]) - the same argument could reasonably be made that the proposed L3R should not be built in that environmentallysensitive corridor.

The FOH have constructed a map that shows the locations of lakes in Minnesota that contain wild rice beds (Figure 2). On this same map FOH has also plotted the preferred proposed route of Enbridge's

proposed Line 3. As conveyed in this map, much of the "east of Clearbrook" section of the Enbridge's preferred L3R route would traverse through areas that contain a substantial number of lakes that have wild rice beds. These perennial crops grow in shallow lakes and are quite intolerant to most types of contamination in their waters ¹⁰.

Furthermore, the Anishinaabeg tribe of the Ojibwe Nation, under 1855 treaty rights, are entitled to harvest wild rice from many of these off-reservation lakes as part of their native subsistence living ¹¹.

The US Supreme Court has upheld these treaty rights of native peoples to subsist off the land ¹². If Enbridge's preferred route for Line 3 is built and operated to transport oil - the sensitive wild rice beds would be threatened. And with it - jeopardizing the culture and physical survival of Ojibwe people ¹³.

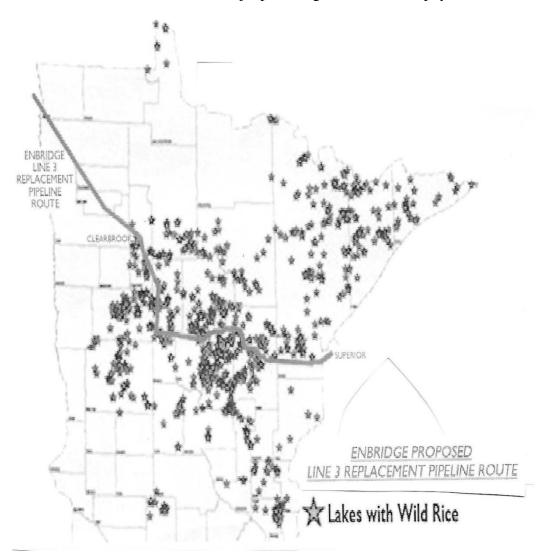


Figure 2: Map of Minnesota: Highlighting the Location of Lakes with Wild Rice and Enbridge's Preferred Route for the Proposed Line 3 Replacement Pipeline Source: Friends of The Headwaters (<u>http://www.friendsoftheheadwaters.org/uploads/3/4/7/4/34740584/l3-wild-rice-72_orig.jpg</u>)

The Minnesota Department of Commerce - Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (DOC-EERA) is the lead governmental unit that prepared this draft EIS, which I understand to be the first DEIS done by the EERA staff. It will consider the comments received on this draft when it prepares a final EIS.

In finalizing its first EIS, the EERA staff must be especially conscious to continually adhere to the purpose and principles of an EIS as outlined in the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). These requirements include "..considering reasonable alternatives, and exploring methods for reducing adverse effects" (chapter 1, page 1 of the L3R DEIS). Many of the worthwhile ideas for reducing adverse effects from this proposed oil pipeline will be called to attention by commenters.

The EIS principle of "reducing adverse effects" is clearly borne out in questioning Enbridge's preferred L3R route. In particular, the massive environmental disruption that would come from constructing, then operating the proposed pipeline in the 228 mile Clearbrook-to-Carlton stretch of previously-undisturbed land (Figure 1). Of extra-special concern is that this proposed pipeline would go through a region that contains numerous lakes that are extremely ecologically sensitive because they hold wild rice beds (Figure 2).

All of this severe environmental disruption could be avoided if Enbridge would simply contain the entire Minnesota portion of its proposed L3R route in its current mainline corridor of oil pipelines, which also holds existing Line 3.

Indeed, Enbridge is proposing to keep both 1) the first approximately 110 miles of the L3R route in Minnesota (Kittson to the Clearbrook terminal) and 2) the several miles from Carlton to the Wisconsin border - in that existing pipeline corridor (Figure 1).

By keeping the L3R in the mainline corridor for the 175 mile stretch from Clearbrook to Carlton -Enbridge would 1) preserve the largely undisturbed environment of the 228 mile currently-proposed deviated route from the corridor, 2) Reduce the environmental impact because the line would be built in an already-existing group of pipelines, 3) make the overall L3R about 50 miles shorter, and 4) help to continue preserving the health of sensitive wild rice beds in lakes, many of which are harvested by the Ojibwe people as part of their subsistence living - as part of their federally-protected treaty rights.

2) Enbridge's intention to abandon "in place" (i.e., leave in the ground) – the Minnesota portion of its existing line 3 pipeline (length: 288 miles) - in the event that Enbridge receives all Minnesota regulatory approvals for the proposed L3R.

In the event that Enbridge is fully permitted to build a new Line 3 - the Company's proposal to both abandon and leave a 50+ year old, deteriorating, leaking existing oil pipeline (1097 miles long) in the ground is highly controversial. This is especially so for many private landowners as well as the Leech Lake and Fond du Lac nations.

Alarmingly, in its L3R DEIS (over 5500 pages) - the DOC-EERA could only muster a paltry 14 page chapter (Ch 8) on the topic of abandonment. Furthermore, it appears that a sizable portion of the chapter's content is derived from Enbridge's application to the MNPUC for a route permit for the proposed L3R¹⁴.

Fortunately, it can be reasonably assured that many people have submitted comments, both orally at public meetings and written, about serious concerns on this very controversial intent by Enbridge.

In general, I will not be replicating what other people have already stated about Enbridge's plan to abandon the old Line 3 if a new one is permitted and built.

First, simply noting that Section 8.2 in the L3R DEIS ("Regulatory Framework And Methodology" [for abandoning an oil pipeline]) briefly outlines the federal and State of Minnesota steps that Enbridge will be required to follow in decommissioning and abandoning in place (leave in the ground) – existing Line 3.

This same section clearly notes that "State and federal pipeline regulations do not specifically regulate the removal of pipelines".

Second, the Canadian National Energy Board (CNEB), in April, 2016 gave its regulatory approval for the Canadian portion of the proposed L3R¹⁵. CNEB's approval does include allowing the existing Line 3 to be abandoned and left in the ground.

However, of important note is that "...CNEB has imposed 89 project-specific conditions that Enbridge must follow to enhance public safety, environmental protection, and consultation between the company and stakeholders" ¹⁶.

In particular, in its detailed assessment and conditional approval of Enbridge's proposed L3R in Canada - the Board's ".. Decommissioning Condition 20 requires Enbridge to file a status report with the [CNEB] every five years during the [existing Line 3] Decommissioned Period" ¹⁷.

This status report must include, among many monitoring concerns, the "...status on Enbridge's ability to complete the remaining steps of the life cycle of the Existing Line 3 Pipeline...a summary of outstanding concerns raised by potentially affected stakeholders and Aboriginal groups regarding the Decommissioned Line 3 Pipeline; and Enbridge's expected timeline for submitting an abandonment application for the Decommissioned Line 3 Pipeline or any part of it."¹⁸.

"This information will help the [CNEB] regularly assess the ongoing status of the corridor, including the continued appropriateness of the Existing Line 3 Pipeline remaining in-place [i.e., abandoned and in the ground]." ¹⁹ (emphasis added by commenter Bill Adamski).

Consequently, the CNEB, in its conditional approval of the L3R project in Canada – reserves the right to require Enbridge to remove at least some portions of existing Line 3 if the Board determines that the Company's adherence to any of the 89 imposed conditions (especially Condition # 20) is deemed sufficiently inadequate.

The CNEB can put this punitive measure (i.e., require pipeline removal) in its conditional approval because it has the authority to do so.

As noted above, the U.S. and State of Minnesota regulators of oil pipelines do not have a similar authority.

Nevertheless, the MNPUC has potential regulatory leverage to force Enbridge to respect the rights of landowners on whose land the abandoned line 3 would be located.

Specifically, the Sierra Club of Minnesota, in its scoping comments to the L3R docket on Sept 30, 2015^{20} – notes that there are many negative consequences resulting from oil pipeline abandonment (e.g., soil and groundwater contamination, soil erosion, creating water conduits, residual hydrocarbons in the pipeline, etc..). Furthermore, the Sierra Club points out that there are costs of mitigating these consequences.

The Sierra Club of Minn further states that the "..foregoing issues put a wide variety private and public financial and natural resources and rights at risk. [These] risk should not be borne by landowners and government agencies." ²¹

Additionally, the Sierra Club of MN makes the case that "Minnesota law provides the [MNPUC] with authority to require mitigation that protects landowners and the public from the financial and environmental risks caused by abandoned pipelines." ²² The Sierra Club cites various MN statutes that give the MNPUC the authority to impose modifications on 1) "applications without express limitation" and 2)" pipeline rights of way", as well as 3) "..require an EIS [environmental impact statement under the MN Environmental Protection Act {MEPA} to] explore methods by which adverse environmental impacts of an action could be mitigated." ²³

The Sierra Club of MN further states "Since the abandonment of the existing Line 3 pipeline would create environmental impacts and such impacts clearly can be mitigated, the [MNPUC] must include consideration of such mitigation in its environmental review." ²⁴

The Sierra Club MN says that "…landowners [should have the right] to determine which mitigation techniques are appropriate on their land, relative to the right of Enbridge or the [MNPUC] to make this decision for them." ²⁵

The Sierra Club MN notes that "Enbridge has asserted that abandonment in place [left in the ground] with ongoing cathodic protection and monitoring is the best abandonment practice for almost all of the existing pipeline route. This being said, Enbridge has a substantial self-interest in minimizing its costs and discounting future adverse impacts and costs to landowners. Therefore, landowners should have the right to evaluate and choose between various mitigation techniques and should be trusted to do what's best for their land."²⁶ (emphasis added by commenter Bill Adamski)

The Sierra Club MN contends that "...If landowners have a reasonable belief that Enbridge's approach would externalize costs and risks onto them that should in fairness be borne by Enbridge and its customers, then the [MNPUC] should carefully analyze the efficacy of Enbridge's abandonment plans as they impact landowner interests." ²⁷ (emphasis added by commenter Bill Adamski)

This suggestion to hold Enbridge accountable so that it does not pass on any mitigation costs associated with the abandoned line to the landowners – is similar to the previously-discussed **CNEB's Condition 20.**²⁸ (emphasis added by commenter Bill Adamski)

The Sierra Club of MN warns that "A [MNPUC] approval of the project that either allows by Enbridge in practice to determine mitigation, or that expressly approves Enbridge's

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i felt the need to submit a comment on this particular project because the history of the State's actions regarding this pipeline, i.e., trying to avoid a full EIS statement is parallel to other efforts to subvert or go around the only set of laws that have been established to try to have some sort of control over projects that can destroy habitat and resources all people are dependent. in addition, these kind of shenanigans are used frequently, even by government agencies that are charged with the mandate of its own citizens, to support the efforts of private companies that stand to gain everything while we, Mr. and Mrs Citizen....lose everything.

and one more in addition: there has been a concerted attack on Native People and their rights to intact and clean land devoid of industrial invasion and pollution, for centuries now. centuries. the latest of attacks have come from resource extractive industries such as natural gas and shale oil, and the pipelines their companies wish to place over Native sovereign land, crossing water sources that are often the primary or only water for a Nation of people, confiscate rights of ways, destroy habitat.....all in ways they would never dream of doing to non-native communities, at least without hearings and compromises and so on.

enough is enough. this environmental racism needs to stop. and it needs to stop here, with this project. now.

thank you for your attention to this matter.

yours,

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Hello,

Given that using railroads for transport would use existing rail lines, meaning that no additional habitat disruption would be necessary, I would like to suggest that the state encourage Enbridge to undertake using railroads versus building a new pipeline (and versus using the existing pipeline, which is deteriorating).

Rail transport of oil is also more easily ceased when society finds other ways to fuel activities currently using fossil fuels by implementing alternatives, which humans as a species must do soon or face almost certain extinction. The railroad will simply be used for other cargo once oil shipments cease. But it the wild areas were to be disturbed for a pipeline construction and operation, it would be very difficult and costly, if even possible at all, to return those areas to their natural state.

The land in Minnesota through which the proposed pipeline routes would pass contains vast valuable freshwater reserves and sensitive environmental areas. Also, the natural hunter-gatherer livelihoods of Indians on the potentially affected reservations easily could be irreparably harmed by the proposed pipeline.

Therefore, please deny the CN (and by extension, the pipeline routes, collectively).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathy Ahlers Columbia Heights, MN

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 Infrastructure replacement: As a maintenance project, the time is now to replace and modernize Line 3.

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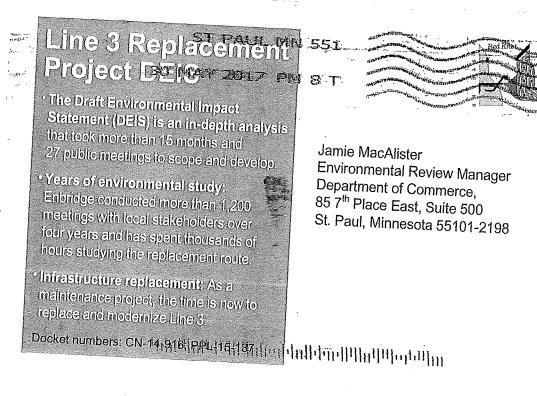
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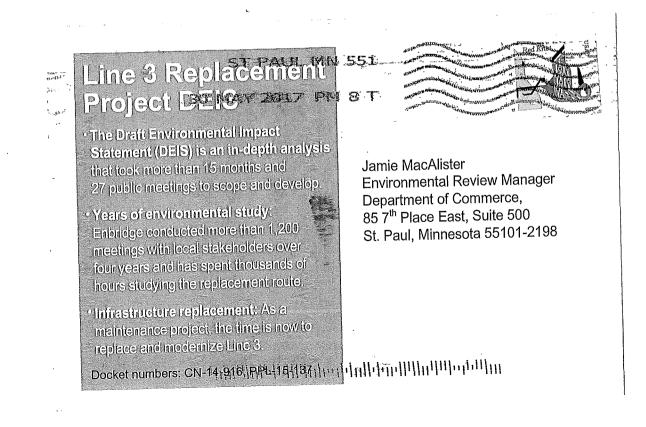
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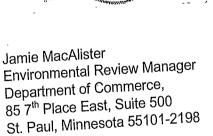


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This response concerns: Docket numbers: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137. Sent July 10, 2017.

My husband, Tom, and I have serious questions about several of the DEIS assertions.

1. Who were the sources who compiled the EIS? Were private contractors included in this important work?

Who hired them - the state of MN or Enbridge? Did the state note any "conflict of interest" in their employment history if there was one?

2. Would someone explain this statement in the Executive Summary on Page 14? "There is no way to measure the general region-wide or state-wide differences

in surface water quality across Minnesota." What measures/methodologies were used?

Does this mean that the TSI used by the MPCA in measuring eutrophication is not a reliable way to measure water quality?

3. "Minnesota's declared environmental policy is "to create and maintain conditions under which human beings and nature can exist in productive harmony, and fulfill the social, economic and other requirements of present and future generations of our state's people".

Then the MN Environmental Policy Act also requires that "Where there is potential for significant environmental effects resulting from a major governmental action, that action

shall be preceded by a detailed environmental impact statement."

In this case, the "governmental action" are two separate by related decisions by the MPUC (MN Public Utilities Commission)

1. Whether to issue a certificate of need

2. Whether to issue a route permit for the project and if so, with what conditions

"Enbridge submitted a CN application to the Commission on April 24, 2015. After accepting the application as complete, the Commission ordered the Dept. of Commerce,

Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (DOC-EERA) to prepare a combined EIS that addressed both the CN and routing permit dockets in accordance with Minnesota

Administrative Rule Chapter 4410."

"This EIS Evaluates Impacts and Alternatives for the CN Decision Using Applicable Criteria"

"Under these criteria, the Commission would first consider the underlying economic drivers for the proposed pipeline."

4. We want to know why there is no examination of corrosion from co-location of pipelines with high voltage transmission lines? There was information about a

4 yr. old pipeline (Keystone 1)which suffered leaks from accelerated corrosion due to stray voltage from powerlines. How many pipelines are leaking right now

as you read our questions?

5. Would you please provide contractor firms and names responsible for the groundwater hydrogeology assessments?

All of the above questions have been discussed in our family and neighborhoods. . . We expect that our MN Department of Commerce will contact us with answers

as this comment period ends tonight, July 10th, 2017. Again, the docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137 are our concern.

Sandra Ahlstrom sandy.earth350@gmail.com

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From:	drsuzy@comcast.net
Sent:	Monday, July 10, 2017 5:31 PM
То:	MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject:	Enbridge Pipeline Comments

To Whom It May Concern at the Mn Dept of Commerce,

The following are some of the many reasons I oppose the current Enbridge pipeline proposal:

1. I think Enbridge should not be allowed to simply cap, clean, then leave their current pipeline in place. I realize that it would be more costly for the company to dismantle the line, but that is the cost of doing buisness. It will continue to decay and be an eyesore for decades. If the company is allowed to simply abandon it, the state will ultimately have to pay the cost of removing it if/when we finally decide to restore the land or use it for some other purpose. Seems like a very bad deal for the state to me.

2. I believe the new pipeline corridor near native american wild rice beds is a very bad and unnecessary idea. Wild rice fields are very environmentally sensitive and likely would not survive any sort of oil spill. Enbridge should be required to utilize the exhisting corridor for their new line.

3. Oil is a diminishing non-renewable resource. The state of Mn should be focusing on promoting wind and solar companies, not oil pipeline companies.

4. Enbridge is not working in the best interests of our state, but for their bottom line. They are being disingenuous regarding their concern for the process. They have already started building the new line in Canada and likely will use this as an excuse for why we should allow this new proposal. We should not be in the buisness of aiding any company to the detriment of our state.

Thank you for reading my comments. I hope you will require Enbridge to dismantle it's exhisting pipeline and build a new one along the current corridor (if it is allowed to rebuild at all). Please remember that your priorities are to protect and serve the people of MN, not a pipeline company.

Sincerely, Suzy Ahrens St Paul

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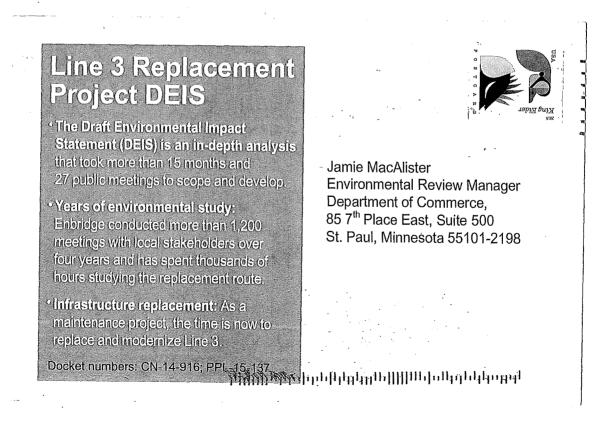
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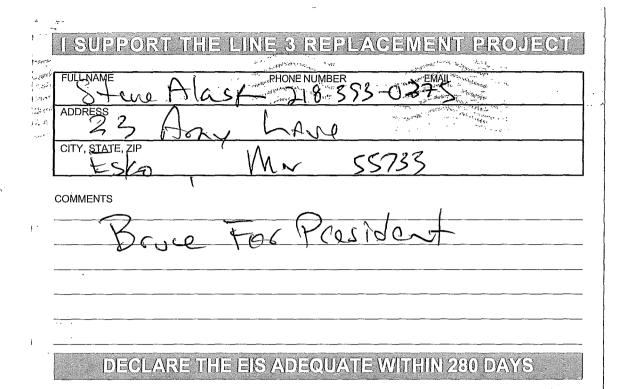
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 From:
 kalbright36@aol.com

 To:
 MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments

 Date:
 Tuesday, May 30, 2017 9:46:14 PM

Re: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137 To Whom it May Concern: I wish to join many Native Americans in expressing my objection to the proposed tar sands pipeline. Please listen to them with respect. Why take this risk of polluting the water? Please find some other way to transport the oil. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Sincerely, Karen Albright Greenwood, MS

From:	Brian Allen
To:	MN COMM Pipeline Comments
Subject:	Line 3 comments from Allen Forestry
Date:	Thursday, June 08, 2017 10:00:26 AM

The main concern I have from a forestry perspective is the inability of logging and forestry equipment to cross more new pipeline. Most likely this new pipeline will create additional expense and burdens on foresters, loggers, and forest landowners. Pipeline companies have required loggers in the past to install "air bridges" to cross pipelines with equipment even when the ground is frozen. I have seen this extra expense kill some smaller or marginal timber sales on private land . . . basically taking these forest lands out of timber production. Pipelines create more fragmentation of forests causing more difficulty for forest managers.

If this line is to built, any parcel of productive private forest land (at least lands that are enrolled in SFIA or 2C) that is traversed should have a harden forestry crossing installed by the pipeline company that is capable of supporting logging equipment year round. Also, when the old line is closed forestry and logging equipment should be allowed to cross it without restrictions.

The oil and natural gas industry should not be allowed to restrict access to productive forest lands by forest mangers and loggers. This is an impact of pipelines that never seems to be addressed.

--Brian Allen Allen Forestry 218-724-8799 218-348-5252 (cell)

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We urge the Department of Commerce to maintain the statutory deadline of 280 days and approve the Line 3 Replacement EIS without further delay.

Sincerely,

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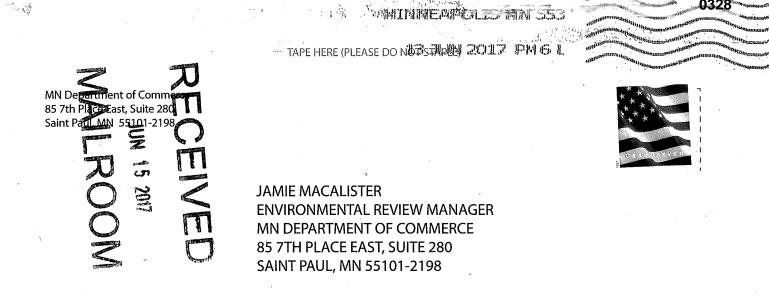
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Thank you for participating in the Draft EIS public review process! By commenting you are helping inform the Minnesota Public Utility Commission's decisions regarding this project.

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For project information visit: http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/line3.

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From:	Erin Roth <rothe@api.org></rothe@api.org>
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То:	MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject:	"Public Comment: Line 3 Project (CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137"
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Please find attached our comments on the Enbridge Line 3 Draft EIS.

Mr. Erin T. Roth

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July 9, 2017 Ms. Jamie MacAlister, Environmental Review Manager Minnesota Department of Commerce 85 7th Place East, Ste. 500 St. Paul, MN 55101

Dockets CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137 Enbridge Line 3 Crude Oil Replacement Pipeline Project

The Minnesota/Wisconsin Petroleum Council is a state office for the American Petroleum Institute (API) based in Washington, D.C. API is the only trade association representing all facets of the oil and natural gas industry that supports 9.8 million U.S. jobs and 8 percent of the U.S. economy. API's more than 625 members include large integrated companies, as well as exploration, production, refining, marketing, pipeline operations, marine businesses, and services and supply firms.

API would like to commend the Department's staff for conducting a thorough and comprehensive Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on Enbridge Energy Partners, LLC's proposed Line 3 replacement pipeline project in northern Minnesota. We believe that the current regulatory timeline for the project should remain on schedule.

API strongly supports the company's application for a certificate of need permit and a routing permit. The project will utilize some of most advanced pipeline materials, state of the art inspection and monitoring equipment, and technologies to further enhance the pipeline safety and protection of our State's valuable environment and natural resources. The project will also enable Enbridge to operate more efficiently to supply continued reliable crude oil deliveries to Minnesota refiners.

The proposed project is estimated to be a \$2.1 billion dollar investment for the Minnesota portion of the design, permit and construction of Line 3. In the state, the replacement pipeline will use existing utility corridors for more than 98 percent of the route West of Clearbrook, and 75 percent East of Clearbrook. Replacing the pipeline will help restore historical operating capabilities to move 760,000 barrels of crude oil per day. This is the equivalent of more than 10,000 rail cars per day or 24,000 tanker trucks per day if it is not replaced.

The pipeline replacement project will create thousands of family-sustaining jobs and provide a significant economic boost to an area that often experiences higher rates of unemployment than the rest of the state. It will also provide much needed long-term property tax revenues to local governments in the counties along the preferred route.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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Erin Roth, Executive Director API Minnesota/Wisconsin Petroleum Council

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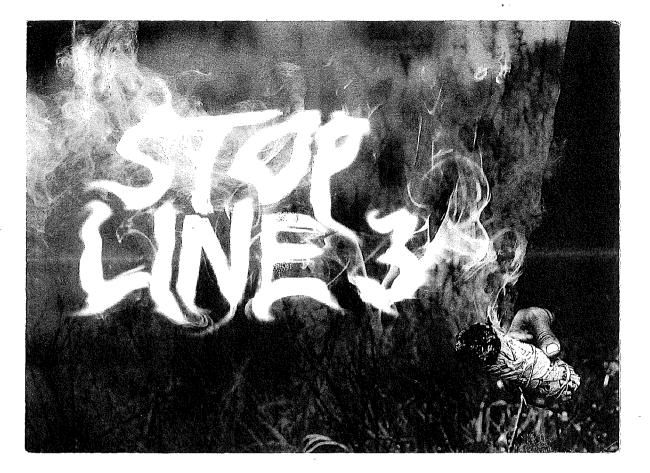
I am in agreement that Line 3 should be installed along the new corridor going through Aitkin County. I appreciate the high tech provisions that are in place: to safe guard against any and all potential leaks, to get the oil off the highways and train cars. This would also help the local MN Power and Light company get there coal for electricity in a more timely manner and not make either the oil companies or the electric companies have to have a waiting period in taking care of supply and demand. In other words it would alleviate the congestion on the railways.

Furthermore, it would be beneficial to the struggling economy in Aitkin and surrounding areas.

Thank you for your time and consideration to my thoughts and opinions. I hope you pass this effort soon. Susan Amundson

Sincerely,

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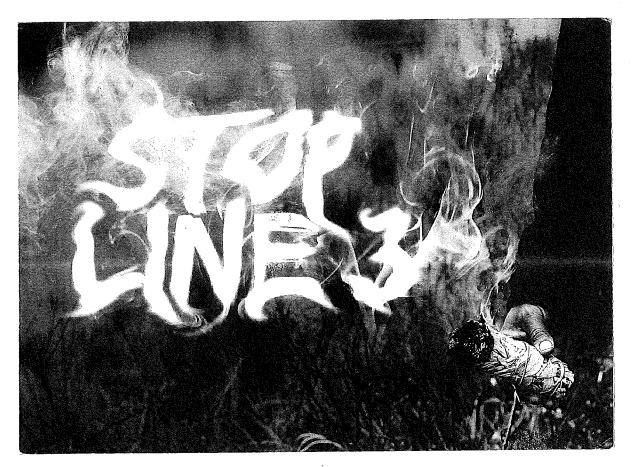
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PLEASE CONSIDER THIS PIPELINE CAREFULLY, THE PLAN TO LEAVE AN EXISTING PORTION OF THE FAILING PIPELINE IN THE GROUND IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, LETTING AN ENERGY COMPANY LEAVE CHARBAGE/WASTE IS NOT A GOOD PLAN AND IS IRRESPONSIBLE AND NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF PEOPLE. SINCERELY.

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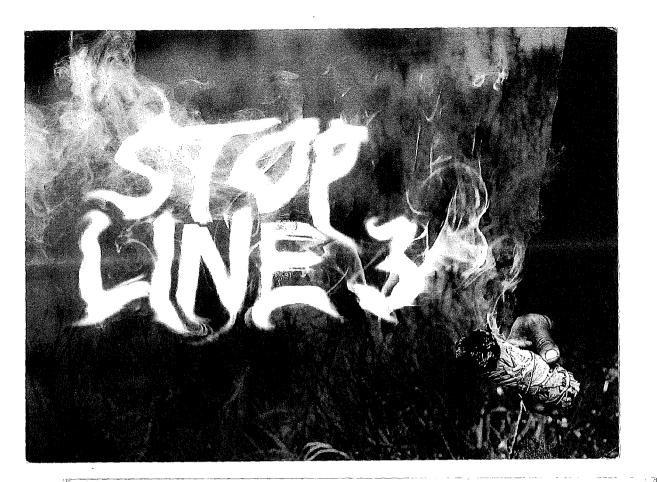
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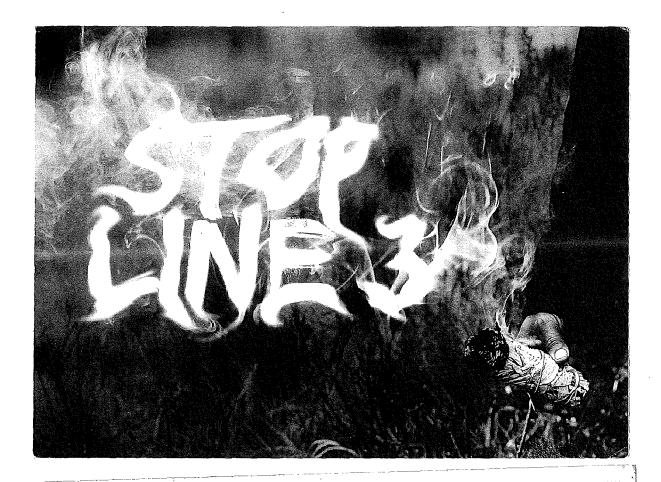
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Re: Docket # CN-14-916 Docket # PPL-15-137

Dear Mr./Ms. Mac Alister:

Please let this serve as my comment on the DEIS for Line 3. Although I do not live in your beautiful water rich state, I have visited my cousin in Bemidji many times and have taken wonderful side trips. I feel that I have a sense of Minnesota's many natural treasures.

I have read the DEIS for Line 3 and feel that it is contradictory in its implicit recommendation that the project be able to move forward in light of its own findings.

On the one hand, it fully acknowledges that the pipeline would have adverse and disproportional consequences on tribal lifeways in addition to that community's current inequities on many other levels. Then on the other hand it states that this is not enough of a reason to deny the permit. I would like to know, then, what exactly would or might cause the permit to be denied?

The spill risk assessment in the DEIS is non-representative in its modeling sites which do not reflect areas whose resources are at most risk. For example, it contains no spill analysis or risk assessment for tributaries of the St. Louis or Nemadji Rivers where a spill would impact Lake Superior and its main harbors.

Language in the statement is vague about compliance and reporting. Independent reporting indicates a dismal history of violations by this company. The DEIS should also address the risk of non-compliance by Enbridge on the environment.

It does not specify a management plan for dealing with the contamination that will occur when the existing Line 3 is eventually either shut down or abandoned. In fact, it states up front that the existing line will continue, as if in perpetuity, but then later on states that it would be risk adverse to remove and clean it. We are left to assume that Enbridge has no plan. The DEIS doesn't address the other aging lines that will need to be decommissioned in the near future, either. In school and in life I was taught to clean up one mess before making another.

If the so-called restoration plans in this DEIS are any indication of how it intends to deal with the decommissioning of these lines, God help you all, downstream. Wetlands take years to be fully reestablished even with the best of plans.

Speaking of downstream, what does Enbridge plan to do with all the oil arriving in Superior, WI from both new and old Line 3's? I would think that each state involved in the transport of oil needs to know

the answer to that question. Shouldn't this be addressed in the DEIS for a product Enbridge plans to produce, especially since it crosses state lines?

The DEIS doesn't adequately address the fact that the new Line 3 will follow an existing utility corridor without cathodic protection for an entire year. It is by now established knowledge that this is exactly what caused the pinhole leaks in the Keystone pipeline. This project should not proceed without cathodic protection at the time of construction.

In terms of local economics, the DEIS states there will be no permanent jobs created by this project and whatever construction jobs are created will go to workers outside Minnesota. That means we will see yet another seedy mantown created overnight by temporary, newly rich, lonely, sex starved men who prey on already marginalized women and children.

Regarding local taxes, what effect will the eventual abandonment or removal of the existing Line 3 have on property values? Also, will Enbridge continue to pay taxes to the communities along its mainline route when this same Line 3 is shut down? These questions deserve answers, not promises or even pledges.

I would have thought any of these reasons, let alone in combination, would be cause for rejecting this DEIS, but perhaps the most basic reason for rejecting it is that worldwide the demand for oil is going down, not up. And for good reason. The havoc that extracting, transporting and refining fossil fuels wreaks simply can't be kept under wraps anymore and folks all over the world are connecting the dots. The question for each of us becomes do we want to be part of the long-term, collective solution or do we want to sabotage the viability of that solution for short term personal gain?

I don't know if you are old enough to remember, but I am reminded of the early days of fuel efficient cars. Our Big 3 automakers refused to embrace or even envision the future that the best and brightest minds of the day (dare I say scientists?) warned us to prepare for. Only today, the stakes are much higher, according to a new generation of great minds with new and improved tools of measurement. And according to the DEIS itself when it acknowledges that Line 3 would contribute to climate change!

So I say to Enbridge, "There will be life after oil. It served us well for many years. But it is time to invest in the future. We can break the habit together. Indeed, we must." And I say to you, please have the courage to embrace a new way forward and cause Minnesota to lead on this important issue. This DEIS essentially begs for rejection. I respectfully ask you to do just that.

Sincerely,

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Sent:	Tuesday, June 27, 2017 2:58 PM
То:	MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject:	Comment CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

Enbridge has worked dilligently to minimize impacts to natural resources and the public. They performed many repairs to verify the integrity of the existing Line 3, but delaying this review and approval process would likely lead to more unnecessary repairs putting the natural resources and public at unnecessary risk. Replacing the line seems like it would minimize the risk and impact to critical resources. Not exposing the existing line more, and removing crude oil from it would keep us out of those areas almost completely where the line is going to be de-activated.

I think we just need to focus on the facts of what will lead to the lowest potential risk and let that dictate the decisions that are made. We cant allow emotions that have no alternative solutions backing them up dictate what is done.

Sincerely,

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From:	Gary Anderson <gw.anderson@comcast.net></gw.anderson@comcast.net>
Sent:	Monday, July 10, 2017 10:56 PM
То:	MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject:	Public Comment: Line 3 Project (CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137)

Dear Jamie Macalister, Environmental Review Manager,

There is nothing in the DEIS for Line 3 about the general economic picture for Minnesota if this project is approved as Enbridge prefers. Minnesota's 10,000+ lakes are the source of revenue for fishing, water recreation, fisheries, and tourism in general. Where is the analysis of how a pipeline through some of the best lake country in Minnesota will affect the fishing, tourism, and recreation industries (and others) in Minnesota? How would towns along the route be affected (positively or negatively)? Does this pipeline provide enough benefits for Minnesota to balance the risk? I don't see anything about this in the DEIS. There must be an economical analysis for the DEIS to be complete.

Big Sandy watershed covers 406 square miles not counting the fact that it flows into the Mississippi River. Should a spill occur like pipe ruptured in Marshall, Michigan in 2010 and Mayflower, Arkansas in 2013, a spill in this watershed could economically be devastating. A worst case scenario should be described in the DEIS so the economic impact could evaluated.

Please respond to my questions and comments and keep me informed as this potential project is evaluated.

Sincerely,

Gary W Anderson gw.anderson@comcast.net

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Please share your comments on the Line 3 Project Draft EIS. What could be improved in the EIS? What is missing?
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The commission Must consider if a denial of the proposal
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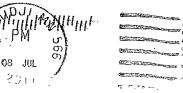
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То:	MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject:	Enbridge Pipeline Upgrade in Minnesota

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I am in favor of this pipeline upgrade as it will increase overall pipeline safety and reliability with newer technology. There are other ways of delivering petro products and I see trains all the time and they scare the hell out of me. They are pulled through populated areas where they could overturn and burn like the accident in Quebec. Since I live and use the roads in Minnesota, I would still like access to petro for my car and this will help!

Thanks,

John

Sincerely,

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From:MacAlister, Jamie (COMM)Sent:Monday, July 10, 2017 12:52 PMTo:MN_COMM_Pipeline CommentsSubject:FW: Line 3 Draft EISAttachments:K Anderson Comment on EIS Docket Numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137.pdf

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Cc: Kirsten Anderson <kkandersonvan@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Line 3 Draft EIS

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

Please find attached my comments to the EIS.

Kind regards,

Kirsten Anderson

On Thu, Jun 8, 2017 at 2:35 PM, MacAlister, Jamie (COMM) <<u>jamie.macalister@state.mn.us</u>> wrote:

Dear Interested Party:

Attached is the public notice and the summary of the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Line 3 Pipeline Project. We have provided the DEIS summary because you previously submitted comments regarding the scope of this EIS.

Hard copies of the draft EIS are available in your county library, and the electronic version is available on the Department of Commerce web site here:

www.mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/line3

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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July 9, 2017

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Re: Docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137.

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I am writing to object to granting the Proposed Line 3 Pipeline a Certificate of Need. I also object to Enbridge's proposed pipeline route and to the alternative SA-04.

I was born and raised in Minnesota and much of my family still lives there. I remember camping, in northern Minnesota. I swam and canoed in the clean lakes and rivers. I am proud to be from Minnesota, Land of 10,000 Lakes. While I live do not live in Minnesota now, I still return to Minnesota for family visits and to enjoy its lakes and rivers.

Minnesota's clearest lakes area and freshwater are threatened by Enbridge's Proposed Route. The new route for the Proposed Line 3 Pipeline threatens Minnesota's clearest lakes - - some of the most important freshwater in the United States. The proposed pipeline would establish a new pipeline corridor just south of Park Rapids, MN all the way to Superior, crossing the Mississippi River in multiple spots. Just one oil spill could pollute and endanger these freshwaters for drinking, recreation, and wildlife during the project's lifetime of 50 years.

The Mississippi River provides drinking water for St. Cloud, Minneapolis and St. Paul. In the Yellowstone River 2015 Pipeline Spill under the ice near Glendive, Montana, the drinking water had to be replaced with truckloads of fresh water brought into Glendive. The United States Geological Service Nov 2010 National Research Program document "Water Security – National and Global Issues" https://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2010/3106/pdf/FS10-3106.pdf references the United Nations Environment Programme (1999) projects that:

- By 2025, global freshwater stress, owing to increasing population, on water use will increase significantly, especially in northern Africa, Eurasia, the Middle East and even the Unites States, and by 2050, nearly 5 billion people will be affected by freshwater scarcity.
- By 2025, across the United States the water withdrawal as percentage of total available is projected to be 20 to 40 percent.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the Great Lakes, including Lake Superior, provide 84% of North America's surface freshwater and about 21% of the world's supply of surface freshwater. See <u>https://www.epa.gov/greatlakes/great-lakes-facts-and-figures</u>.

Given the projections listed above about water scarcity combined with the Environmental Protection Agency's facts and figures about the Great Lakes, it is clear that the potential damage to society of an oil spill in Minnesota is dire for Minnesota residents and to the citizens of other U.S. states and Canada who rely on the Mississippi as well as the Great Lakes for their water supply.

There has been an incredible growth in wind and solar energy in the last few years. Volvo just announced that it will start using only electric and hybrid engines in its vehicles. Given this, it is clear that safer alternatives than building oil pipelines, which will endanger drinking water, surface water, ground water and food supplies. It is the Minnesota Department of Commerce's duty to seriously consider these other alternatives for its society when looking at the request for the Certificate of Need for this new pipeline project. The EIS does not address the need for the Enbridge Pipeline.

The Department of Commerce also must conduct in independent analysis and consider alternatives to bringing more oil into Minnesota. It cannot rely solely upon information provided by Enbridge or other oil companies or it will be abandoning its duty to conduct an independent review considering the risks and benefits for residents of Minnesota. The Department of Commerce should provide the information on the independent contractors that compiled the EIS. Did the Department of Commerce confirm that there was no conflict of interest when it hired the private contractors to conduct the EIS? Was there an open, public procurement? Where did the Department of Commerce obtain the money to pay the fees for the private contractor who prepared the EIS?

Minnesota residents are counting on the Minnesota Department of Commerce to make responsible choices for the current citizens of Minnesota, future generations of Minnesotans and for Minnesota tourism. This means the Department must consider whether the economic benefits of this pipeline project are necessary and compelling enough to risk clean drinking water as well as the fishing, food and recreational industries that depend on clean surface and groundwater.

The Department of Commerce must deny Enbridge a Certificate of Need for the Proposed Pipeline and Enbridge's proposed pipeline route. Moreover, alternative route SA-04, which may have less clear impact on surface water, fails to account for the damage an oil spill will do to groundwater in along that route and also should be rejected.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Anderson 861 Elizabeth Street, San Francisco, CA 94114

From:	laurelanderson@frontiernet.net
Sent:	Monday, July 10, 2017 10:56 PM
То:	MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject:	Enbridge Line 3 (CN 14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear MN Department of Commerce:

I have grave concerns about the proposed Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline (CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137) because of environmental risks for essential bodies of water, dangers to public health, and violations of treaty rights. The Enbridge Line 3 Draft Environmental Impact Statement utterly fails to address basic conditions for safety and environmental justice. It violates MN Statute 103F.305 Scenic River Protection Policy and MN Statute 116D.02 Declaration of State Environmental Policy.

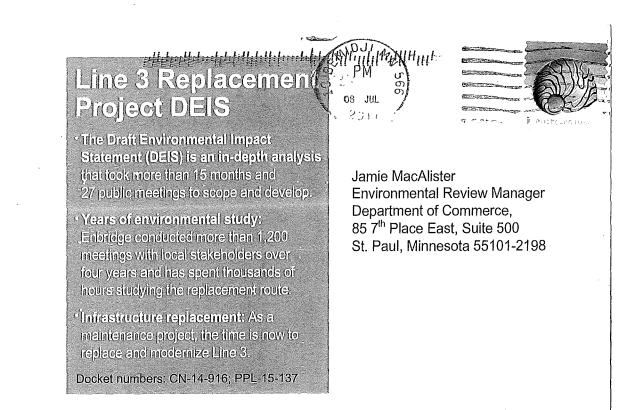
There has been no free, prior, and informed consent of Tribal Nations. I am deeply concerned about the impact of this proposed project on the health of tribal communities, their sacred sites, and the basic sovereignty of treaty rights.

How can our state approve a project that is guaranteed to spill? Why should our state agree to allow further poisoning of communities and degradation of precious resources, with a company that has a history of major permit violations, and without meaningful accountability? There should be NO consideration of new construction while we await plans for cleaning up the contamination from the countless spills that have already occurred along Line 3.

The "NO BUILD" option needs to be seriously considered. The DEIS poses unacceptable risks to Minnesota waters (for example DEIS Chapters 5.2.1.4; 5.2.1.2.4; 10.2.4.1.1; and 10.4.1). And again, this proposal violates fundamental Tribal Sovereignty. The rights of Tribal Nations as well as the rights of all Minnesotans take precedence over the purported benefits of this project.

Thank you for considering these important concerns.

Sincerely, Laurel Anderson and David Morris



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Sent:	Friday, July 07, 2017 6:25 PM	
То:	MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments	
Subject:	Opposition to Enbridge Proposed New Line 3 Pipeline	

Jamie MacAlister Environmental Review Manager Minnesota Department of Commerce 85 7th Place East, Suite 280 St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

We are submitting comments in opposition to the Enbridge Proposed New Line 3 Pipeline. This concerns docket numbers (CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137). This proposal would cross many Native American sovereign Indian reservation lands, and threaten wild rice crops in pristine bio-diverse habitats in many Minnesota lakes. As property owners of two parcels in Aiken County, Minnesota we have a vested interest in protecting Minnesota's pristine environment and honoring Native American lifeways in their respective communities. These Native communities have already experienced overwhelming health inequities and hardships that include poverty, disruption of their natural diet which has led to a diabetes epidemic, depression and suicide, and gang violence.

The United Nations asserts any project that impacts Indigenous People and their life ways must protect their freedom and rights to prior and informed consent. Since this project has already been proposed without prior and informed consent of the Ashinawbe peoples it does not meet the United Nations criteria. In addition, the state of Minnesota has treaty responsibilities with tribal members it is charged to uphold.

The proposed document is misleading in that it segregates any discussion of Native American rights and potential impacts of this misguided pipeline to a mere chapter which attempts to provide an American Indian perspective. By doing this, Enbridge avoids thinking about and making any conclusions about the impacts of this pipeline on tribal people. (Chapter 9). This in immoral and unconscionable since the proposed Enbridge New Line 3 Pipeline cuts through many sovereign Native American reservations which have rich wild beds and bio diverse environments and archeological remains. This discussion should have been integrated into the entire document. If it were, it would be obvious that the proposal is detrimental and racist towards Indigenous life ways. A 2014 study by the MN Department of Health, established that American Indian communities who already faced huge and seemingly insurmountable inequities would experience additional health stressors with the pipeline construction. Why did this proposal not consider their needs? We are not living in the 1850's when white European greed decimated Native American culture.

Any of the routes proposed along Line 3 would have serious, long term and detrimental effects on tribal members and their resources, since it is only a matter of time until any pipeline leaks. The DEIS concludes that a "disproportionate and adverse impacts would occur to Native American populations in the vicinity of the proposed project which increases the likelihood that sex trafficking and sexual abuse would occur." Yet, goes on to say "that this is not a reason to deny the project." What kind of logic is this? This is greed and racism speaking. We are opposed to this vicious undermining of Native American rights. All of our rights matter. Pipeline construction means bringing in a temporary, cash-rich workforce increasing the likelihood of a thriving camp like wild west culture. The DEIS proposal dismisses this problem, saying they would create an educational campaign regarding this issue. (11.4.1) Does this mean some signage and a short training program

would address such a complex and challenging issue which NGO's tackle? How would a pipeline company be competent in this area?

This "proposal" is irresponsible as it contains no information about spill possibilities for the St. Louis River or the Nemadji River tributaries where spills could decimate the harbors of the Twin Ports and Lake Superior, affecting a much larger area, and impacting tourism in the area.

Other pressing questions that the DEIS fails to address:

- Enbridge has a long history of violating permit conditions so why would the public think Enbridge would suddenly be responsible in this endeavor?
- What is the plan for how the oil would leave Superior, Wisconsin? Is their a plan to build pipeline 66 through Ojibwey territory in Wisconsin? Why does Enbridge refuse to answer this question?
- Where is the discussion of pipeline leaks when it is common knowledge that all pipelines leak overtime?
- What about abandonment of Enbridge's existing mainline corridor (Lines 1, 2, 4) and discussion of the abandonment of new Line 3?
- Why does the DEIS state that it will be very risky to remove the existing Line 3, given that the pipelines are close together?
- Why has the plan to develop a contaminated sites management procedure not been shared? Do they even have one?
- Why does the DEIS not discuss the tax loss when the existing Line 3 shuts down? Enbridge will stop paying taxes to the MN counties along the mainline corridor in the north. For many of these poor counties in the north, revenue from Enbridge's property tax makes up a significant portion of the county budget. There is also the issue that Enbridge is now in the process of appealing years of back taxes, burdening two of the poorest counties in Minnesota with over \$10 million due.

There are too many unanswered questions in this proposal. This is irresponsible planning. The No-Build option needs to be explored, along with shutting down and cleaning up Line 3.

Enbridge should be pursuing renewable energy, conservation, the rapid development of electric car infrastructure as fossil oil sales are already on the decline. Climate change is upon us, as climate scientists are now saying we may only have a few years (2-3) to turn things around before irrefutable damage is done. Around the world their is a growing realization that fossil fuels need to be left in the ground. especially since Indigenous and poor people are disproportionately impacted.

The negative impacts far outweigh anything positive. The priority is to shut down line 3, clean up existing lines, and develop renewable energy infrastructure in Minnesota instead.

Lynn and Tom Anderson Tamarack, MN

From:	Mark Dennis Anderson <marcobell78@gmail.com></marcobell78@gmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, July 10, 2017 5:59 PM
То:	MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject:	Re: Engbridge's plans???

Dear Environmental Review Manager:

I would like to know, in the final EIS for Line 3, what Enbridge's plans are if their preferred route is approved.

Will it be just the one pipeline, or will they eventually move all six pipelines to the new corridor?

This would have a huge effect on how people feel about Enbridge's preferred pipeline route.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Anderson

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From:	Scott Anderson <jscottgms@gmail.com></jscottgms@gmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, June 26, 2017 4:24 PM
То:	MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject:	Enbridge should be denied

The last thing we need are more pipelines. Running through wetlands, sensitive environments and in remote areas difficult to monitor and respond to.

Enbridges' track record is not stellar and to continue our dependence on oil, let alone tar sands oil, is living in the twentieth century thinking. What I've learned around this issue is the lack of up keep/replacement of their equipment. Do you then give them more capacity? Show a commitment to what's installed and I don't believe we need or want more.

Sent from my iPad

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From:	Suzanne Anderson <szmha@live.com></szmha@live.com>
Sent:	Friday, July 07, 2017 11:23 AM
То:	MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Cc:	Suzanne Anderson
Subject:	Public Comment: Line 3 Project (CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

7-7-17

My comment letter on the MN Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline Expansion.

Public Comment: Line 3 Project

Docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Environmental Review Manager,

Thank you to the Department of Commerce for giving the public in Minnesota this important opportunity to express our views.

This is the first time I have taken part as an observer in a public meeting, which I did on June 13, 2017. It is also the first time I have submitted my written comments. I have been a citizen of Minnesota my whole life. My family has owned land for over 90 years just south of the current Line 3 and just north of the proposed Alternate Route. This land is uniquely pristine, vulnerable and crucial as part of the Mississippi Headwaters watershed to keep clean and healthy for all beings living anywhere along the Mississippi River. It is at this crucial time that I feel a moral duty to speak up.

It's our sacred covenant: We are our brothers' keeper, we are the stewards of the earth. As such, producing and using fossil fuels is every bit as immoral and unacceptable as slavery. The time has come for society to abolish its production and use of fossil fuels and products, not expand them. Especially not in this way. Approving Enbridge's plan would set a very bad precedent for the removal (or lack thereof) future pipelines as well.

As with slavery, we have allowed ourselves and our leaders to become dependent upon petroleum products and fossil fuels. That will never make it right, no matter how much we cling to denial and rationalization. Especially now when we know we are capable of transitioning to clean, renewable energy and non-petroleum products. We are at a pivotal moment in history. Do we use our courage to cast off this scourge of fossil fuels, petroleum products and our dependency upon them? Or do we betray our moral obligations to future generations by continuing to accept and allow the poisoning of our water, land, air and people through the process of feeding our dependency on them?

Our grandchildren will look back upon this time and judge us accordingly. We all know that, by our habit of producing and using these products, we are jeopardizing the earth's ability to sustain us. The damage inflicted to ecosystems and communities alike through the construction process, spills, and emissions alone is permanent. There is no moral justification for this.

For goodness sake, just this once, can't we listen to what our native peoples have been telling us all along and do the right thing? For our earth, for our kids, for ourselves? It shouldn't take yet another catastrophe or war to prod us into doing what's right.

With the tremendous rights I have been lucky enough to be gifted as a natural-born US citizen, I understand I have tremendous responsibilities to do what's right including doing all I can to end my dependency on fossil fuels and products. Similarly, each of us, including our leaders, has tremendous power to choose what's right and consequently, to

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be looked upon as a hero for many generations to come. I am asking that both our citizens and our leaders make that choice and, together, do all we can to lead us in transitioning our society away from fossil fuels and toward a clean, renewable and sustainable future.

So, what should we do about the Enbridge Line 3 pipeline?

My family's beautiful beachfront property has been a source of healing and rejuvenation for us for over 90 years. That's a mere blink of an eye compared to the amount of time the Native American community has been inhabiting this land and trying to keep it sustainable for us all. They can't do it alone. Enbridge has to do its fair share.

First and foremost, Enbridge needs to be held responsible for completely cleaning up their tremendous mess along Line 3 NO MATTER WHAT. Since they were the ones who created it and profited from it, they are the ones responsible for it. PERIOD. Why haven't they replaced the decaying, cracked Line with new pipe in the same location LONG before now?? Abandonment is NOT an acceptable option. They need to REMOVE the faulty line and ACTUALLY do the cleaning up. Just paying a fine, or doing nothing at all is UTTERLY unacceptable. Who else would be allowed to get away with that? And have they no shame about how they will be remembered throughout our future?

The DEIS needs to further address how other countries, like Canada, effectively regulate and hold pipeline companies accountable for ensuring cleanup and removal procedures that are safe, sufficient and followed for old pipelines like Line 3. It also needs to include a much more rigorous analysis of LONG-TERM effects of cumulative poisons in our waters and land from these tar sands oil poisons due to the numerous spills that have already happened, and based on this the high probability that spills will continue to happen in all Enbridge lines.

Second, the DEIS should have included an alternative plan to step down the amount of oil flowing through this pipeline to zero no later than 10 years from now. This plan should also include the requirement that, once Line 3 shuts down in 2027, they should have no more than 5 years to remove that pipeline and completely clean up the toxins. As has been done in Canada, they need to provide us with an insurance plan to make sure they comply with this plan.

Enbridge should NOT be allowed to destroy a whole new path through the Mississippi headwaters and the most pristine and vulnerable ecosystem in the state. PERIOD. They have proven to be very bad stewards of the land. Their construction camps destroy communities and create new sex trafficking, putting local girls at high risk of kidnapping. Also, in the last 16 years alone, their Line has required over 950 excavations. Their spills have already impacted high quality watersheds, land, and wildlife badly. We should NOT give them permission to do this again in a new location. NO to Line 3 expanding or being abandoned and replaced with a new pipeline.

There comes a time when it is essential to stand up and say, "Enough is Enough." It's immoral to support Line 3 expansion, abandonment or replacement just as it was immoral to support slavery. Knowingly allowing more and more poison in our waters and land that cannot be sufficiently removed to avoid long-term affects has to stop. As hard as this may be to accept, we must find the courage and the will to say NO to any new pipelines and YES to complete removal and cleanup of existing pipelines and YES to transitioning to non-petroleum products. Our future depends on it.

Again, thank you for this opportunity for Minnesotans to express their views.

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From:	Tim Anderson <ta25123742@aol.com></ta25123742@aol.com>
Sent:	Monday, July 10, 2017 11:51 PM
To:	MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject:	Line 3 Pipeline Project
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Please accept my comments regarding the Line 3 Pipeline Project

Jamie MacAlister, Environmental Review Manager Energy Environmental Review and Analysis Minnesota Department of Commerce 85 7th Place East, Suite 500 Saint Paul, MN 55101-2198

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I am writing in response to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Line 3 Pipeline Project proposed by North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC and Enbridge Energy The project is currently before the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, the designated Responsible Governmental Unit, for consideration of a Certificate of Need and Route Permit (CN-14-916/PPL-15-137)..

I have several concerns regarding the DEIS. They include the reality of the need for the project, the economics of energy production, pipeline safety, environmental concerns, and human impacts.

Regarding the Certificate of Need, there are many reasons to question whether it should be granted. Several relate to the economics of oil. The current price of Brent crude oil is \$47 dollars/barrel. According to the June 14, 2017 issue of the New York Times, the oil industry has experienced its deepest downturn since the 1990's. In fact, oil prices continue to trend downward. Oil prices are depressed because there is a glut of oil. According to the May 3, 2016, Wall Street Journal, U.S. oil storage is near capacity, and the U.S. Energy Information Administration shows 2017 inventories are 1.6% higher. These facts clearly show there is no need for the oil produced from the Alberta tar sands, which means it is likely destined for other countries. One reason for this glut of oil is the increased use of renewable sources of energy. The U.S. Energy Information Administration projects an 11.3% increase in electricity provided by renewable energy sources in 2016. In fact, Minnesota's Next Generation Energy Act and Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard of 25% renewable energy by the year 2025 has made Minnesota "an energy sector leader with more than 15,000 clean energy jobs, which contribute more than \$1 billion in wages to our economy. It helped wind energy become a reliable, affordable source of electricity for Minnesota, while taking the equivalent of one million cars off the road." A new goal of 50% renewables by the year 2030 "will help Minnesota remain an energy leader and capture the health, environmental, and economic benefits of clean energy."

Another factor related to the economics of carbon based fuels like oil that are not often addressed, is their costs due to climate change and their impacts on public health. These are often referred to as externalities because they are viewed as a cost experienced by unrelated third parties. But that is exactly the type of thinking that has resulted in many of our environmental problems. By understanding that everything is interconnected, there is no such thing as an unrelated third party, and therefore these costs need to also be addressed. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates \$180 billion dollars in economic losses by the end of the century due to the effects of climate change caused by the burning of fossil fuels, and \$886.5 billion dollars annually due to impacts on health caused by fossil fuel pollution. Recently, the Climate Central website reported flaring of natural gas in the Bakken shale oil fields added 4.5 million metric tons of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas, and significant amounts of ethane, nitrogen dioxide, and black carbon (lung irritants) to the atmosphere. Do we really need these things?

If the PUC chooses to ignore the evidence against granting the Certificate of Need, then careful consideration needs to be given to selection of the least environmentally damaging route as required by MEPA. The only way to adequately analyze impacts to the environment is to give them equal weight to any economic considerations. One way to do this is to account for the value of ecosystem services provided by natural environments. These services include atmospheric gas and climate regulation; water filtration, storage, and retention; storm protection and flood control; soil retention and erosion control; nutrient storage and cycling; pollination sources and food production; biological materials and products; genetic resources; and cultural and recreational uses. Robert Costanza et. al., in an article published in Nature, volume 387, May, 1997, estimated these services to be worth an average of 33 trillion dollars per year to the planet. The only way to adequately quantify these services is to conduct robust, independent GIS and economic analyses of all proposed system and route alternatives. Several of the alternatives, in accordance with MEPA, seek to avoid some of the most pristine watersheds in the state, including the Lake Superior basin, and deserve serious consideration. Again, these costs are not externalities - they are costs directly associated with the impacts on our health and quality of life.

Another cost associated with pipelines is pipeline safety. Enbridge is responsible for pipeline spills ranging from 200 gallons in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to 800,000 gallons in the Kalamazoo River in lower Michigan. Despite the range in quantity of oil spilled, what these spills have in common is Enbridge's disregard for pipeline safety. The 200 gallon spill occurred in 1980, but was just recently revealed in a May 9, 2016 article in the Detroit Free Press; and in the 800,000 gallon spill, it was determined by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration that Enbridge knew about cracks in the pipe for over a year and took over 17 hours to respond to the alarms indicating there had been a rupture in the pipe. These two examples indicate the importance of requiring Enbridge to develop spill response scenarios for all potential types of spills, in all types of aquatic and terrestrial habitats, for all system and route alternatives. In addition, Enbridge should be required to install automatic shut-off valves in all ecologically sensitive areas, and make annual inspections of pipeline integrity using all means necessary including robotic "smart pigs" to identify pipe corrosion, weld failures, and other potential safety issues. And in the event of any oil spill, Enbridge should be required to provide financial assurance against any long-term treatment or disaster, like the Kalamazoo River spill of 2010, the largest inland oil spill in history, which still taints the water eight years later. Enbridge estimates the total costs from the disaster at \$1.2 billion, and state taxpayers should not be left holding the sponge if Enbridge goes belly-up like many of the fish in the river.

Fish are just one example of food and medicinals indigenous people were granted rights to hunt and gather for their physical and spiritual health. Others include wild rice, maple syrup, game animals, berries, sweet flag, and ginseng that the MPUC needs to consider when analyzing the impacts of the proposed system and route alternatives. All means necessary should be taken to preserve these resources for native peoples.

While on the surface, the Line 3 Replacement project might seem like a good thing (for it replaces an old deteriorating pipeline), a deeper look into the ecological

impacts of the tar sands it will transport makes it abundantly clear it is also a disastrous proposal. James Hansen, a leading NASA climatologist who has studied climate change since at least 1988, said in the January, 2013 issue of *Scientific American*, "Moving to tar sands, one of the dirtiest, most carbon-intensive fuels on the planet, is a step in exactly the opposite direction ..." when referring to avoiding tipping points that will result in run-away and irreversible climate change. In addition, the physical and chemical properties of tar sands makes spill clean-up extremely difficult as shown by the 2010 Kalamazoo spill which still has not been completely mitigated.

There are many concerns regarding the proposed construction of the Sandpiper pipeline and replacement of Line 3. I have highlighted several reasons the Certificate of Need should be denied. If the MPUC chooses to ignore what is in the best interest of the state citizenry and grant the Certificate of Need, then please insure the least environmentally damaging route is selected in accordance with the MEPA.

Respectfully,

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То:	MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject:	Line 3 through MN

Whomever it may concern:

I think trying to run another line (Line 3 through MN) is a complete mistake. You must understand the passion and love people have for our clean water and air . This state is dedicated financially and economically to our lakes, streams and wildlife.

Besides the passion of the people (i am a white upper middle class professional living in Sw Mpls) for preserving our ecology, I think there are many obstacles to consider.

What about land owner options?

Oil spills???????? Don't lie you KNOW they happen

Treaty Rights

The harm to our entire state that depends on our ecology for economic reasons.

The inevitable climate change situation (Isn't this what Homeland Security says is our #! threat?) People will fight tooth and nail in this state. Plus we saw STANDING ROCK! (how shameful)

WHEN YOU MESS WITH OUR NATURE YOU MESS WITH ALL OF US!

ALSO, HOW ABOUT CLEANING UP YOUR OLD LINE? WHY WOULD YOU LEAVE SUCH A MESS?

OUR AIR AND WATER ARE YOUR AIR AND WATER

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Docket numbers: CN-14-916; PPL-15-137

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То:	MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject:	Comment CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I am a Minnesotan and want to see the environment protected like most others. I believe replacing aging infrastructure like pipelines is imperative to protecting the environment. Enbridge has found a route that follows existing utility corridors.

Pipelines are everywhere in Minnesota, according to the Environmental Quality Board's report. I'm familiar with pipeline right of ways in northern Minnesota around Bemidji, Grand Rapids, Cass Lake and Alexandria. Pipelines and natural resources have gone hand-in-hand in northern Minnesota for decades. As a resident of northern Minnesota, I've watched the regulatory process for more than 2 years for the Line 3 Replacement Project.

I feel there has been ample time for public comment and urge the Department of Commerce to move the process forward to replace Line 3.

No further time or study is needed to evaluate the environmental impacts due to the thorough and well-prepared EIS. Please keep the EIS timeline to the statutory deadline of 280 days. Enough is enough!!!

Sincerely,

Alan Andreae 644 E James St Ely, MN 55731 alanancy@citlink.com



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Subject:	Public Comment Line 3 Project (CN-14-916 & PPL-15-137)
Attachments:	Line 3 Replacement Comment (Autosaved).docx
Importance:	High

To: Environmental Review Manager

I did speak at the public hearing in Grand Rapids, I hope my comments got in then but I could find no way to check and see if they did.

Attached is a message with additional concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important matter.

Vicki Andrews 31135 Sunny Beach Road Grand Rapids MN 218-259-4254 2488

Line 3 Replacement Comment

To: Environmental Resource Manager

From: Vicki Andrews 31135 Sunny Beach Road Grand Rapids MN 55744

Re: Docket numbers: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Additional concerns about the Line 3 Replacement DEIS (in addition to spoken testimony given at hearing in Grand Rapids MN)

I am very concerned about the total cost of carbon and an estimate of the financial burden on society due to increased climate change impacts of building the pipeline. According to your document, this could be as high as \$287 billion over a 30 year timespan. Thank you for including this, but we need to realize that the pipeline could last much longer than that, which would greatly increase the impact. The DEIS should update the figures to reflect that. Another estimate I recently read (The Line 3 DEIS Highlight Reel by Honor the Earth) states that the lifecycle emissions of Line 3 would be 193 million tons of CO2 each year. Over a 50-year lifespan that would cost society an estimated \$478 billion. I would really like to see some consideration of how that amount of money could provide solar panels and wind turbines, in addition to many new jobs, across the state of Minnesota. Why are we spending more and more money to use fossil fuels for energy when we know this will impose an incredible financial burden (as well as illness and death) to future generations! This money should be used for cleaner, greener energy!

I think the consideration of rail and trucking alternatives are ridiculous. They are not good alternatives to pipelines as there is much risk of additional pollution, accidents, and explosions along the line, as well as the need for additional roads and/or tracks, which causes serious environmental damage. The only intelligent alternative is to stop extracting and shipping oil across our state, across our country. We need to immediately change from a fossil fuel economy to a clean energy economy, building and maintaining solar and wind power across the states and making it accessible to all. It's wrong to even consider building this pipeline across our state, when we know the damage it will cause and the cost of the financial burden over the years.

I am also concerned about the potential damage that will likely be caused by the plan to abandon the original pipeline 3. It already has had serious leaks and has many more anomalies. Sections are above ground and can be seen to be rusting through. This will not get better over time. There is danger from the shifting of the pipeline, possible leakage and seepage of the chemicals they fill it with, damage done to the Earth from shifting and rising. The DEIS says that Enbridge clean-up method has only been proven successful on a 12 mile stretch of pipe; the existing Line

3 in Minnesota is 282 miles long. There needs to be much more analysis of this as well as more of a commitment from Enbridge as to what they will be legally liable for in the future of this abandoned pipeline. They should be required to set aside money to be available when needed.

In my spoken testimony, I mentioned the concerns about Indigenous Peoples' rights and the harm this pipeline could cause them. The likelihood of sex trafficking for the "benefit" of the imported workers is a tragedy. We've seen it happen before, we don't need to set up a situation where it is certain to happen again. Chapter 9 on Tribal Resources states that any of the possible routes for Line 3 "would have a long-term detrimental effect on tribal members and tribal resources", Chapter 11 acknowledges that pipeline impacts on tribal communities are part of a larger pattern of structural racism that tribal people face in Minnesota and "would be an additional health stressor on tribal communities that already face overwhelming health disparities and inequities". In addition there is the almost certain damage to prime wild rice beds, areas rich in biodiversity and critical forests and waterways. Allowing the pipeline to be so close to the headwaters of the Mississippi River is totally inappropriate. There also needs to be further and more complete analysis of the archaeological resources in the path of the pipeline. These issues need much more research and clarity so we can really understand the dangers of this project, both now and in the future.

The DEIS says there will be zero permanent jobs created and that this proposal would bring in many construction jobs that will be filled by out of state workers. I know unions and construction workers are expecting jobs from this and don't believe these statements. This needs to be clarified. How many and what type of jobs will be available for local people. The only reason many support this proposal is because of the hope for employment. They deserve to know if this is not going to happen.

From:	Mary Androff <maryandroff@gmail.com></maryandroff@gmail.com>
Sent:	Sunday, July 02, 2017 11:57 AM
То:	MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject:	Grave Concerns re: Enbridge Line 3 (CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137)

Dear MN Department of Commerce:

I am strongly opposed to the proposed Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline because of the environmental risks for essential bodies of water, dangers to public health, and violations of treaty rights. The Enbridge Line 3 Draft Environmental Impact Statement utterly fails to address basic conditions for safety and environmental justice. It violates MN Statute 103F.305 Scenic River Protection Policy and MN Statute 116D.02 Declaration of State Environmental Policy.

There has been no free, prior, and informed consent of Tribal Nations. I am deeply concerned about the impact of this proposed project on the health of tribal communities, their sacred sites, and the basic sovereignty of treaty rights.

How can our state approve a project that is guaranteed to spill? Why should our state agree to allow further poisoning of communities and degradation of precious resources, with a company that has a history of major permit violations, and without meaningful accountability? There should be NO consideration of new construction while we await plans for cleaning up the contamination from the countless spills that have already occurred along Line 3.

The "NO BUILD" option needs to be seriously considered. The DEIS poses unacceptable risks to Minnesota waters (for example DEIS Chapters 5.2.1.4; 5.2.1.2.4; 10.2.4.1.1; and 10.4.1). And again, this proposal violates fundamental Tribal Sovereignty. The rights of Tribal Nations as well as the rights of all Minnesotans take precedence over the purported benefits of this project.

Thank you for considering these important concerns.

Sincerely,

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"Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive." Howard Thurman

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The DEIS for the pipeline is inaccurate, incomplete, and based on biased assumptions. We know that all pipelines leak, and this one will never bring enough oil (which is running out and dangerous to extract) to make it worth the millions of lives that will be put further at risk.

Please think about the future, your future, our future. Water IS Life. Where would we be without it? Imagine spending the money on sustainable energy infrastructure - imagine the legacy that your family will know you were a part of.

Water is a gift right from god. Thank you for protecting the gifts that we are blessed, not entitled, to have.

April Anson

From:	Brian Hanson <brian@apexgetsbusiness.com></brian@apexgetsbusiness.com>
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То:	MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject:	Enbridge Line 3 Docket Numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137
Attachments:	Line 3 Enbridge Comments 7_10_17.pdf

Dear Ms. MacAlister & Team:

Attached please find comments from APEX regarding the Line 3 Replacement Project.

Thank you.

Brian W Hanson President & CEO APEX 306 W Superior St Suite 902 Duluth, MN 55802

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July 10, 2017

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RE: LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT – Docket Nos: CN 14-916 and PPL-15-137

Since 2003, the Area Partnership for Economic Expansion (APEX) and our 70+ investor-members, have played an active role in business development in the APEX region of northeast Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin, including the Twin Ports of Duluth and Superior. APEX investor-members represent some of the most influential companies in the region, with a collaborative approach to promoting sustainable economic growth. Throughout the past 14 years, APEX's collective efforts have impacted more than 4,200 jobs in the region, resulting in a regional payroll of over \$170 million and contributing to over \$23 million in state and local taxes annually. We are proud of that contribution to our economy.

APEX is proud to work with our investor-members and partners to advance important projects in our region. I am specifically writing you today regarding Enbridge's Line 3 Replacement Project. APEX has actively participated in the extensive public process. Through that process we have become very comfortable that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is thorough, and well-prepared. Further, we support the certificate of need and preferred route applications for this project, and we hope this project can move forward without delay.

To measure the economic impact of the Line 3 Replacement project for ourselves, the Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER) at the University of Minnesota Duluth's Labovitz School of Business was commissioned by APEX to conduct an economic impact study. Findings indicated this project would inject more than \$2 billion in direct spending to Minnesota's economy. In a two-year timeframe, Enbridge's Line 3 project will create over 8,600 jobs in our region, representing a significant contribution to the local economy, including significant state and local tax generation. In addition, the study indicated non-local construction workers will spend approximately \$162 million in northern Minnesota during the two-year construction period in retail, lodging and food service sectors. Finally, when construction is completed, a new and improved Line 3 will contribute an estimated \$19.5M in property taxes to state and local government on an

annual basis. While APEX is confident in the overall results of the DEIS, we did feel it was important to highlight this helpful information.

Statewide, Line 3 will ensure the safe delivery of abundant, dependable energy that is vital to Minnesotans' homes; fueling vehicles, rail lines, ships and aircraft; and creating products like plastic, asphalt and chemicals for residential and industrial uses. Here in the APEX region, Enbridge directly employs hundreds, and supports a contractor workforce numbering hundreds more. These dedicated professionals are part of a carefully crafted team that administers construction projects all across North America. These teams have led construction projects in several states and provinces. Unfortunate delays here in the state of Minnesota are putting these jobs, significant investment, and our regional economy, at great risk. If delays continue, there are no guarantees that Enbridge can continue to move forward with the Minnesota builds in a time when all of Minnesota, especially the northern part of our state, could use the economic boost.

The economic benefits, safety and efficiency of shipping oil through pipelines, and public support for this project should emphasize the importance of seeing this process through, in a timely and effective manner. We ask that the Department of Commerce declare the DEIS adequate, and move forward with Approving the Certificate of Need and preferred route applications.

Thank you for the work you do for the state of Minnesota and thank you for your dedication in moving this project forward.

Sincerely,

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July, 7, 2017

Jamie MacAlister Environmental review Manager Minnesota Department of Commerce 85 7th Place East, Suite 280 St Paul, Mn 5501

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Proposed Pipeline Number 3

I wish to provide the following public comment for the comment period that ends July 10 2017:

In reviewing the public materials, I believe that pipeline should be replaced given the age of the facility, increased risk of leakage an obsolete pipeline harbors and the fact that Enbridge has a significant investment in an already overall functioning pipeline system.

I am a user and property owner in the watershed impacted by this project. In my view, the real environmental risk of a pipeline is a future break in the pipe. Parts of the pipeline in lengthy water/wetland crossings make it more difficult to detect leaks and to effectively clean up the spillage. As a result I believe that the southerly route has attributes that outweigh the other routes proposed as alternatives. Route RA-03AM, while more expensive due to the increased distance, navigates around significant watershed issues except at the expense of the trout habitat. However, short trout steam crossings and increased farmland routes make the monitoring of future leaks more manageable than lake/wetlands crossings required by the other options. The increased product capacity of the new pipeline over the replacement pipeline provides Enbridge the financial ability to pay for the increase cost required by Route RA-03AM.

Steve Apfelbacher 168 6th St East St Paul, Mn 55101

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Sent:	Thursday, July 06, 2017 11:33 AM
То:	MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject:	Line 3 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

To whom it may concern:

I would like to provide my comments in opposition to the Proposed Pipline (Line 3) over the Kettle River.

During pipeline construction and maintenance, Enbridge plans to store and apply petroleum products and hazardous chemicals 100 feet from surface waters.

This is an unacceptable risk to MN waters. For comparison, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness rule for protecting water is to keep dish soap 150 feet from shore.

Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) will be used to cross under our most pristine, most sensitive waters, and anywhere there is flowing water, which describes most of the route. The potential exists for contamination through release of drilling fluid to the ground and/or water, termed a "frac-out." The DEIS cites a 35 mile section of Enbridge pipeline in Michigan where there were 11 HDD crossings, multiple minor releases and 2 major frac-outs. MN will not accept the risk of a frac-out every 5.5 river crossings.

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Regarding river oil spills, the DEIS uses a 10 mile Region of Interest (ROI), when we know that an oil spill can pollute more than 35 miles downstream (Enbridge's oil spill in the Kalamazoo was 35 miles). The ROI in the EIS should include at least 35 miles of impact.

The State of Minnesota cannot say it values its natural landscapes and geographical beauty while also supporting this pipeline which puts these resources in great danger. My extended family has been enjoying the waters of Minnesota for decades, please make sure our children and generations to come can still enjoy our state.

Regards, Amanda Arend

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То:	MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject:	Arrowhead Manufacturers and Fabricators Association comment on Enbridge Line 3
Attachments:	Enbridge Line3 AMFAltr.pdf

Please find Arrowhead Manufacturers and Fabricators Association's (AMFA) comment on Enbridge Line 3 Replacement project, docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137 per attached file.

Thank you,

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President Arrowhead Manufacturers and Fabricators Association



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July 10, 2017

Re: Arrowhead Manufacturers and Fabricators Association Support for Enbridge Line 3, Docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

The Arrowhead Manufacturers and Fabricators Association (AMFA) is a member-driven organization whose mission is to strengthen and grow the manufacturing industry in Northeast Minnesota and Northwest Wisconsin.

Our Board of Directors recently passed a resolution by unanimous vote to support Enbridge's Line 3 pipeline replacement project. This is a vital piece of energy transport infrastructure and should not be delayed any further. The State of Minnesota relies on Enbridge to supply crude oil to two large refineries in the Twin Cities area, meeting nearly 80% of the refining demand. This project is based on demand from the marketplace. The prompt replacement of Line 3 is an essential project for Minnesotans that will ensure the safety and environmental protection of our important natural resources as well as the continued safe transportation of crude oil to refineries in Minnesota, the Midwest and beyond. The project will also restore the line's original carrying capacity of 760,000 barrels per day (bpd), from its current 390,000 bpd. The Line 3 Replacement Project will allow Enbridge to continue to meet the needs of Minnesota and other regional refineries. If the project goes through, it will mean many pipefitters and other tradesmen will be employed to build the pipeline, in addition to the positive economic impact to the suppliers and other companies in the area, many of whom are our members.

As such, our Board sees the positive impact this project will have on our region, as well as our member companies. It is for these reasons we are in support of the Line 3 pipeline replacement project. I do this on behalf of our Board of Directors and over 100 member companies.

Respectfully,

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Jeremy Lehman President, Arrowhead Manufacturers and Fabricators Association



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То:	MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject:	Public Comment: Line 3 Project (CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137)

To Environmental Review manager:

You need to choose a route that does not have detrimental impact on the Tribes of Minnesota and their wild rice wetlands. The Native American Tribes need to be included in the decision as to where the line will run. As planned it will have detrimental effects on their lands, waters, and wetlands when there's a leak. And there are always many leaks. And the type of tar sand oil they propose to transport will be impossible to clean up in the wetlands and lakes of northern MN. The spill analysis was not conducted on the type of wetlands and waters that the proposed route will cross. They need to expand the modeling for water spill sites.

Also what will you do in response to the EIS? Please name the contractor and show proof of a contract and let Enbridge not be the one managing this.

We need to keep our waters and wet-lands free of the contamination of oil. Please run this pipeline further south and not through lake country.

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I SUPPORT THE LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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Good Day,

This is in regards to docket items: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

The people of the earth are facing an existential crisis known as global climate change. It is real. It is deadly serious. It needs our attention NOW!

We do not need any more petroleum pipelines because we need to quit using fossil fuels.

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Please reject this proposed pipeline. The future is in renewable power not hydrocarbon fuels.

Renewable energy creates many many jobs. It leaves the air and water clean to be used by all the people. Can't say that about oil!

Do the right thing. Stop the madness.

The men wanting to build more pipelines have gotten very rich and powerful by exploiting mother earth. They will not stop. You have the power to stop them for us.

Ken Ashe Viet Nam veteran and friend of the earth Dear Mr. Jamie Macalister Environmental Review Manager MN Department of Commerce 85 7th Place East, Suite 280 Saint Paul, MN 55101-2198

I want to voice my strong objections to Enbridge's appeal to create a new Line 3. I am gratified to note that most of those present at the Saint Paul June 13th meeting spoke eloquently in favor of defending the environment against the degradation this pipeline poses to our land and water. I share their detailed concerns. What follows, in bullet fashion are my major concerns and objections:

• Stewardship and Responsibility: Why aren't we holding Enbridge responsible for funding and removing all of the original pipeline <u>before</u> granting them permission to lay an alternate line? Also, if Enbridge is issued a route permit, why isn't Enbridge required to set aside funds in escrow to cover potential mishaps and disasters while its pipeline exists on our lands? Individual landowners should not be expected to pay for the clean-up of potential Superfund sites left behind by companies like Enbridge, which may go bankrupt or dissolve or otherwise change – and so escape accountability for the problems such projects will create.

• *Guidelines and Definitions:* At the state level, we should establish abandonment guidelines and definitions for intrastate crude oil pipelines. Those guidelines should make clear what Enbridge's responsibility is for the pipelines it already has in place and for any future pipelines it creates in Minnesota. This should be done before any further construction occurs.

• *Risks of Profound Environmental Damage*: Pipeline 3 and the alternate route both pass through vulnerable wetlands, so pose a grave risk to these environments. Tar sands oil is very dirty and heavy, so a ruptured or leaky pipe could devastate these waters, including the Saint Louis River watershed and Lake Superior. Enbridge's history of good stewardship is not encouraging. Need I site the 1991 spill that dumped 1.7 million gallons of oil near Grand Rapids? Along with this are numerous other leaks and spills throughout that pipeline's history. Tar sands oil mining is horribly destructive and unnecessarily serves a dying industry at the expense of the wider population and the land itself. We should not support such a ruinous enterprise. We need to invest in cleaner energies that will not contribute to climate change as significantly as this new pipeline would.

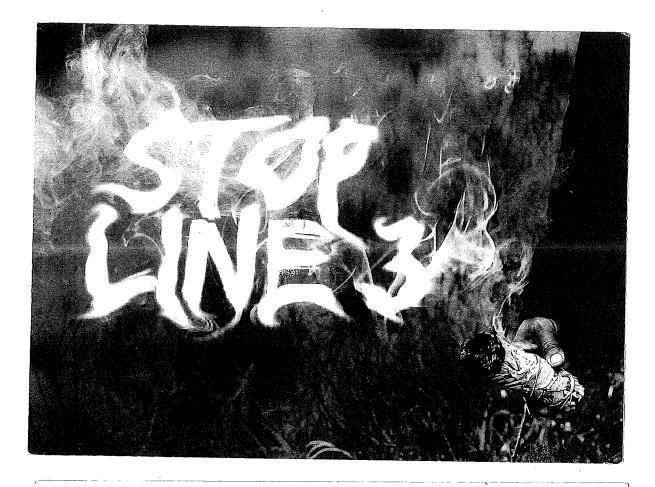
My closing statement is that we should refuse Enbridge's request for a pipeline permit. The risks to the common good of the state are too high, and all to profit a mining industry with a dismal record of operating responsibly and transparently.

Sincerely yours,

Louis B. Asher 4525 Birch Ridge Rd. Vadnais Heights, MN 55127



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То:	MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject:	Line 3 Replacement Project DEIS CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

As a resident of northern Minnesota, I've watched the regulatory process for more than 2 years for the Line 3 Replacement Project.

I feel there has been ample time for public comment and urge the Department of Commerce to move the process forward to replace Line 3.

No further time or study is needed to evaluate the environmental impacts due to the thorough and well-prepared EIS. Please keep the EIS timeline to the statutory deadline of 280 days.

I support the pipeline.

Sincerely,

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From:	Julie Austin <julesdb.austin@yahoo.com></julesdb.austin@yahoo.com>
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То:	MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject:	Enbridge 3 Pipeline proposal CN-14-916 & PPL-15-137

As, a Minnesotan and soon to be retiree in Northern Mn, I oppose the building of a new Embridge oil pipeline proposed to reach across the northern part of out great state. We must protect our natural resources. I don't understand is why we need a new pipeline - when jobs can be created by fixing or at least cleaning up after the old one. The proposal for the new pipeline will go through precious tribal ricing territories and spills would definitely threaten waters that support fish & wildlife. Overall, we need to start making a shift away from fossil fuel and like the rest of the world - move more towards renewable energy resources. Also, I ask for careful scrutiny of damage that may have already been done from the original pipelines leakage and possible connects he may cause in the form of cancer and other disease. I believe the overall harm way surpasses the good in this decision. In my view - building new pipelines is not the answer.

Thank you sincerely for your full consideration on this subject. Please acknowledge receipt of this request.

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Also former/future resident of northern MN

From: Sent: To: Subject: Charles Ayers <cayers@umn.edu> Monday, July 10, 2017 11:09 AM MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments CN-14-916 PPL-15-137 Enbridge pipeline

Hello, CN-14-916 PPL-15-137

I am writing to let you know that I believe that the enbridge pipeline should not be allowed to be built along any of the proposed routes nor any other. Valuable time and resources should be used for other projects. Oil and natural gas are not the future. Build for the future of our country and the safety of our environment not for short sighted gains of a few stack holder companies. No new pipelines should be developed for any reason. The existing line 3 which is ancient should be shut down without replacement. Save our lakes respect indigenous peoples!

-Charles Ayers

Line 3 Replacement Project DESEN 2007

• The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) is an in-depth analysis that took more than 15 months and 27 public meetings to scope and develop.

 Years of environmental study: Enbridge conducted more than 1,200 meetings with local stakeholders over four years and has spent thousands of hours studying the replacement route.

• Infrastructure replacement: As a maintenance project, the time is now to replace and modernize Line 3.

Docket numbers: CN-14-916; PPL-15-137

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