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Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 4:32 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

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The DEIS contains all the data necessary to deny the permit. The international standard of obtaining the Free, Prior, and Informed Consent of impacted tribal communities, as outlined in the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, has not been met. Spills would violate treaties with the Ojibwe tribes that protect critical resources and the right to hunt, fish, and gather on ceded territories.

The meager chapter on environmental justice concludes that “disproportionate and adverse impacts would occur to American Indian populations” (11.5) and acknowledges that those impacts “would be an additional health stressor on tribal communities that already face overwhelming health disparities and inequities,” documented in the Minnesota Department of Health’s 2014 study as “part of a larger pattern of structural racism” (11.4.3). And the project would create zero permanent jobs, but contribute significantly to climate change.

This is a political process, not just a regulatory one. Any child can see the right thing to do: deny the permit for a new Line 3 and require Enbridge to clean up the old one. But the false assumptions, glaring omissions, and twisted framing of alternatives in the DEIS show that the state’s morality and common sense are still blinded by the temptation of temporary construction jobs and tax revenue. It is our job to demand better.

The underlying assumption is that if Enbridge says it can sell X amount of additional Canadian oil, it is our responsibility to figure out a way for it to do that, and assume all the risk. The entire process prioritizes the corporation’s “right” to make profit, and ignores the real questions of public need and purpose. There is a glut of oil supply everywhere, global demand is declining, and so is Minnesota’s.

This oil is meant for export. Plus, prices have been too low for profitable tar sands extraction for years, and major oil companies are withdrawing their investments. The tar sands industry is a house of cards propped up by billions in taxpayer subsidies, and unfathomable debts that may never be repaid. Meanwhile, renewables are skyrocketing, and electric car infrastructure will dominate world markets in a matter of years. Any rational discussion of energy policy would consider these factors, but you won’t find a single one mentioned in the DEIS.

Also missing is a discussion of Enbridge’s track record in complying with regulation, despite state law requiring that consideration before issuing the permit (Administrative Rules Part 7853.0130 (D)). Many of the environmental impacts and plans for mitigation are copied and pasted directly from

Enbridge's permit application without any evidence of compliance. And since Minnesota agencies don't have the jurisdiction or capacity to monitor construction, the DEIS proposes that the fox watch the henhouse: Enbridge inspectors will have stop-work authority, and "third-party monitors" that relay information to the agencies will not (2.7.1.1).

The DEIS also fails to discuss the profound ecological, cultural, and sexual violence taking place at the point of extraction in the Alberta tar sands. Tunnel vision like that relies on the myth, easily refuted, that new infrastructure has nothing to do with new extraction. This oil comes from somewhere, and if Minnesota approves this pipeline, it will also approve the poisoning and murder of the Dene and Cree communities in the Athabaskan River Basin.

Jane Eagle

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Please include this comment on the Line 3 DEIS in Dockets CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137.

I am from: Ontario, Wisconsin

The Line 3 Pipeline concerns me because: It will negatively affect tribal lands, wild rice gathering and other ways of life for indigenous people. This is no longer acceptable. We need to restore not destroy the earth for fuel. We can no longer harm people and their ways of life to feed our excesses or corporate greed.

The DEIS concerns me because: In Chapter 11, "Environmental Justice," the DEIS acknowledges that pipeline impacts on tribal communities "are part of a larger pattern of structural racism" that tribal people face in Minnesota and elsewhere. This was well documented in a 2014 study by the MN Department of Health. The DEIS also concludes that "the impacts associated with the proposed Project and its alternatives would be an additional health stressor on tribal communities that already face overwhelming health disparities and inequities" (11.4.3).

Therefore, I want the Department of Commerce to deny the permit for the proposed Line 3, shut down the old line, and remove it from the ground.

Sincerely,
Dena Eakles

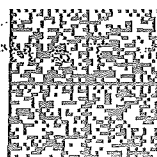
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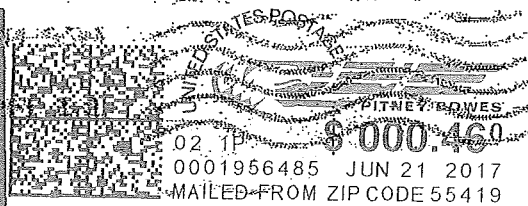
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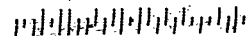
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Subject: docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Jamie MacAlister, Environmental Review Manager,

We should not be allowing Enbridge to build another pipeline thru our Lake Country nor anywhere thru the state of Minnesota.

Our water resources and tourism resources are too precious to risk. The company has a terrible safety record.

We should be expanding Minnesotas use of Solar and Wind Energy and not allow expanded use of fossil fuels. Global climate change is the legacy we are leaving to our

children we should not be increasing use of oil.

Please do not allow this pipeline to be built as it will poison our streams and lakes.

Thanks,
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From: Kay or Eugene Edberg <ekredberg@hotmail.com>
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To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Pipeline comments

To whom it may concern:

I got a call last week polling about the pipeline. Something like "an oil pipeline brings many jobs to the area, bla, bla, bla. Would you approve of the construction of a new pipeline?" Really vague and clearly trying to lead the listener to say yes without giving them all of the details. I am certain the results of this poll will make their way into Embridge's proposal in the form of "an overwhelming percentage of Minnesotans are in favor of building a new pipeline". I hope you ask EXACTLY what was said during these polls calls because it did not seem to be seeking an unbiased response as it only told people all of the positives of a pipeline like jobs etc before asking their opinion.

I will be unable to make the meeting in Mora, but I would like to submit the following comments- One of the things that I found unacceptable about the proposal is that they already have a pipeline that is old and corroded and has leaked over 50 barrels of crude in 27 locations over the 50 years it has been in existence (by their own admission). We can certainly expect leaks within our lifetime. Second, regarding the pipeline that is being replaced, they plan to simply leave it in place and build somewhere else. Why is no one requiring them to dismantle the previous pipeline if they want to build a new one? They could then use that already approved route for their new pipeline. I see no reason for construction along a new path, allowing them access to our precious wetlands and forests not to mention the people it will be displacing. All while allowing them to leave a corroded useless pipeline in place. People aren't allowed to throw their waste on the side of the road. Why should corporations be any different?

I don't disagree with the need to replace the pipeline. But the new one should run alongside the existing one AND the old pipeline should be dismantled as soon as the new one is up and running.

Thank you for providing an opportunity for public comment.

Kay Edberg
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Subject: Project CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Hi! I'm writing to comment on Enbridge's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Line 3. In chapter 6 it states that Enbridge's preferred route would impact more wild rice lakes and areas rich in bio-diversity than any of the proposed alternative routes.

Why aren't Native Americans lives being considered?

I'm also not satisfied with Enbridge's plans to handle the possibility of sex trafficking during the work force time laying a new line. Shut down line 3 should be an option.

There are many more problems with Enbridge's plans to put a new Line 3 in, but I'm sure you are hearing from others on those.

Just to let you know I'm a female, 72, live in Grand Rapids.

Thanks for listening and may you make the best decision for those that are being negatively affected with these proposals! Polly

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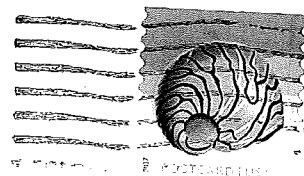
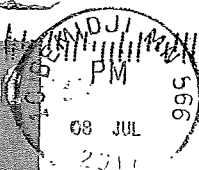
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Dear Ms. MacAlister,

Will you be hiring and where?

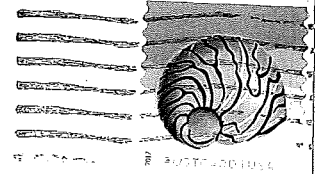
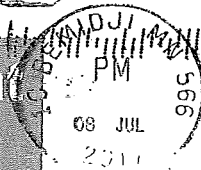
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lets replace before something happens and
you'll regret it wasn't done earlier

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From: Teresa Elavsky <salomae@arvig.net>
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To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Line 3

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

Absolutely proceed with Line 3!! No question that this is the best way to go. Use the same existing route.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. MacAlister,

Dear Sir, The Unique fact that line 3 has operated over 50 years in the same location as the proposed new replacement should be proof of the possible environmental impact. Over 2 year and millions of dollars have been spent to properly produce the EIS. I have boots on the ground experience working on pipeline projects. Enbridge's first priority is always safety for the environment and workforce. Because Enbridge as a company is always responsdable for accidents or spills, they are more passionate about environmental harm than any protester! The importance of oil from Canada via line 3 as a secure source of petroleum can not be over stated. Please move forward with this project as soon as possible.

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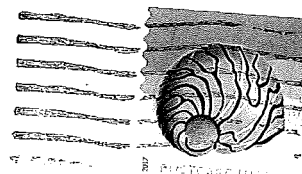
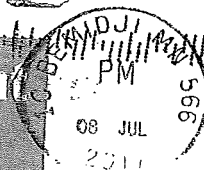
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I support the line 3 replacement project:

- 1) Safety ~~for~~ along route due to corrosion on old lines
- 2) Econ. benefits

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Dear Jamie MacAlister,

Please include this comment on the Line 3 DEIS in Dockets CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137.

I am from New Orleans, Louisiana. In Louisiana we face the same issues as faced in all states with big oil and big gas; constant health and environmental degradation- illness. Where we are in LA, we're known as cancer alley. Our water, our air, and our soil contaminated every single day, thus our bodies and minds. Aside from the impacts of the oil refineries and faulty pipelines, I'm sure you remember the acute and systemic BP oil carastrophe of 2010.

The Line 3 Pipeline and DEIS concern me because of the following facts; truths:

SPILL RISK

- The 7 sites chosen for spill modeling are not representative of the locations and resources put at risk along the entire corridor. A more thorough analysis of different locations is needed - for example, what about Lake Superior?
- There is no analysis on Enbridge's leak detection system, or their inability to respond quickly to major emergencies.
- Enbridge's response plans are highly guarded, and Honor the Earth's attempts to receive and review these documents has been blocked. What we can infer is that Enbridge relies on local first responders for their emergencies. They attempt to use the money they donate to communities along their corridors as proof that they have an integrated emergency response program.

The DEIS estimates the annual probability of different kinds of spills on the proposed route in MN:

- Pinhole leak = 27%
- Catastrophic = 1.1%
- Small Spill = 107%, Medium = 7.6%, Large = 6.1%

So in 50 years, we can expect 14 pinhole leaks, 54 small spills, 4 medium, 3 large, and 1 catastrophic!

ABANDONMENT

- The risks of pipeline abandonment are not adequately assessed. For example, there is no discussion of landowner property values and the effect that an abandoned pipe could have on them, especially if there is indeed **"legacy contamination"** on people's land.

- Impacts on human and natural resources due to the abandoned Line 3 are anticipated to be minimal in the near term but could be significant in the longer term, absent effective monitoring, adaptive management, and the timely introduction of mitigation measures. There is not much information on what these mitigation and management plans are.
- If there is a dearth of surrounding soil, or if the cover for the pipeline is relatively shallow, the pipeline bears more of the load and, all things being equal, is more likely to fail. We know from experience that there are numerous areas where the pipes are exposed and near the surface.
- There is also no discussion of **exposed pipe, how fast it will corrode, or how much currently buried pipe will become exposed once it is emptied**. “When a pipe is empty, the weight of the liquid load that once contributed to buoyancy control is lost. As a result, the pipe could become buoyant and begin rising toward the surface at watercourse crossings, in wetlands, and in locations where soil density is low and the water table is high” (8.3.1).
- We know that the abandonment of the existing line 3 is bad. But there is also no mention of **the abandonment of the other 3 ancient pipelines in Enbridge’s existing mainline corridor (Lines 1, 2, and 4)**, which we expect Enbridge will very soon attempt to abandon. Nor is there any discussion of the **abandonment of the NEW Line 3** in the future.
- The DEIS states that it will be very risky to remove and clean up the existing Line 3 because the pipelines are very close together. “The distance between pipelines within this corridor varies, but they are generally 10 to 15 feet apart” (8.3.1). This is not consistent with our extensive observations and physical measurements on the land. Also, don’t they dig up pieces of pipe for maintenance purposes all the time? **Why is it suddenly risky?**
- The DEIS simply states that “Enbridge has indicated that it would develop a contaminated sites management plan to identify, manage, and mitigate historically contaminated soils and waters” found during the abandonment or removal of the existing Line 3 (8.3.1.1.1). **We want to see that plan.**

CONSTRUCTION AND RESTORATION

- Chapter 2, “Project Description” states that Enbridge has requested a 750-foot route width (375 feet on each side of the Line 3 Replacement pipeline centerline). They claim only 50 of the 750 feet would remain a permanent right-of-way (2.1) All of this width should be included in an impact analysis because Enbridge’s environmental protection plan and record is abysmal.
- Their “restoration” plans for restoring the landscape around the corridor after installation is laughable. Enbridge’s process for restoring wetlands includes dumping the now compacted (and probably de-watered) soil back in the trench, sowing some oats and “letting nature take it’s course”. This is not how you re-establish a wetland. Studies have shown that even with proper restoration practices, it can take decades to get back to the biological functioning it was at prior to disturbance. When Enbridge stores the soil, they will also be driving equipment over it- which compacts it, they also plan to compact the soil after refilling the trenches. This is not good for the soil.
- Cathodic protection, which applies electric current to the pipeline in order to protect it from corrosion caused by nearby utility lines, **will not be installed for up to 1 year after pipeline construction** (2.3.2.3). Lack of cathodic protection is what caused many pinhole

leaks in the Keystone pipeline, almost immediately after construction. The proposed route for Line 3 follows a utility corridor for much of its length - this is a recipe for disaster. Even the US Army Corps's rubber-stamp approval of the Dakota Access pipeline required the cathodic protection system to be installed within 6 months!

ECONOMIC IMPACTS

- Chapter 5, “Existing Conditions, Impacts, and Mitigation” states that Line 3 will create ZERO permanent jobs. Enbridge’s application states that “existing operations staff would be able to operate the [pipeline] and that few additional employees would be hired to assist the staff” (5.3.4).
- Also in Chapter 5, the DOC assumes “all workers would re-locate to the area” and ZERO construction jobs will go to Minnesotans. The pipeline would have “no measureable impact on local employment, per capita household income, median household income, or unemployment” (5.3.4).
- The DEIS does not acknowledge that when the existing Line 3 shuts down, Enbridge will stop paying taxes to the MN counties along the mainline corridor. 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.

CLIMATE CHANGE

- The DEIS acknowledges that Line 3 would contribute to climate change. It analyses 3 different types of emissions - direct, indirect, and lifecycle. Direct emissions are those that the pipeline infrastructure itself emits, and these are very small. Indirect emissions are those created by the power plants that provide electricity for the pipeline’s pumping stations, and these are significant. Lifecycle emissions are those caused by the refinement and eventual use of the oil, and these are massive. Line 3’s direct and indirect emissions alone would be 453,000 tons of CO2 per year. Over a 50-year lifespan, that would cost society an estimated \$1.1 billion. (Executive Summary p.18).
- 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 (5.2.7.3)
- The DEIS does not discuss the unprecedented challenges of human casualty, displacement, conflict, natural disaster, biodiversity loss, etc, that climate change is causing, or the consensus from the scientific community that we must leave fossil fuels in the ground. It also fails to acknowledge that across the planet, Indigenous people are disproportionately impacted.
- Many of the environmental impacts and "plans" for minimizing them are drawn directly from Enbridge’s permit application (“Enbridge would do this” and “Enbridge would do that”) without any evidence of compliance or genuine consideration that maybe, just maybe, Enbridge won’t follow all the rules. History shows that they continually violate permit conditions - we are working on compiling an enormous record of these violations. The DEIS should analyze the likelihood of compliance.

- **The Alternatives chosen for comparison to the pipeline proposal are absurd** -- for example, the only rail alternative assumes the construction of a new rail terminal at the US border, and thousands of new railcars to transport oil to Clearbrook and Superior. Enbridge would never do that. The only reasonable rail option would begin in Alberta. The truck alternatives are similarly unreasonable.
- **The “No Build” Alternative is not genuinely considered.** It is framed as “Continued Use of Existing Line 3” (Chapters 3 and 4), but nowhere is the “Shut Line 3 Down” option considered. There is no discussion of renewable energy, conservation, or the rapid development of electric car infrastructure. There is no assessment of the decline in oil demand. The entire study assumes that society needs X amount of oil, simply because Enbridge says they can sell it. That assumption ignores the massive fossil fuel subsidies and debts that make Enbridge’s profits possible, and avoids the moral question of what is good for people and the planet. We know we must stop burning fossil fuels yesterday.
- There is zero discussion of how all this extra oil will go once it leaves Superior, Wisconsin. With 370,000 bpd of additional capacity, Enbridge will need a new pipeline departing its terminal in Superior. We know that they plan to build Line 66 through Ojibwe territories in Wisconsin, but they continue to deny this. Why isn’t MN asking?
- The DEIS contains **no spill analysis for tributaries of the St. Louis River or Nemadji River**, where spills could decimate **Lake Superior** and the harbors of the Twin Ports.
- For calculations of impact, the lifespan of the new Line 3 is estimated at *30 years*. But Lines 1-4 are 55-65 years old! And hasn’t the technology improved? The lifespan should be at least 50 years, a shorter lifespan is a clear indication that Enbridge themselves know that the fossil fuel era is coming to an end. In Honor the Earth’s analysis, we have attempted to predict the impacts of this pipeline on the next 7 generations.
- This project is a further investment in a dying Tar Sands industry. Numerous international oil companies and financing institutions are divesting from the tar sands. Why should Minnesota invest in this industry? Why should our Nation be forced to deal with a bad idea in perpetuity.
- The DEIS assumes that the Koch pipelines to MN refineries get all their oil from Line 3, but the current Line 3 does not supply enough capacity for this (390,000 barrels per day), and we know that some of it comes from Line 81, which brings oil from the Bakken in North Dakota.

TRIBAL IMPACTS

- The United Nations international standard for projects that impact Indigenous Peoples is **Free, Prior and Informed consent**. Tribal consultancy after the project is already proposed and designed is not free, prior, and informed consent.
- Most of the issues specific to tribal people and tribal resources are **confined to a separate chapter** that attempts to provide “an American Indian perspective.” They are excluded from the main chapters that assess potential impacts. This allows the EIS to **avoid drawing conclusions** about the impacts on tribal people. (Chapter 9)
- Chapter 9, “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**” that cannot be accurately categorized, quantified, or compared (9.6). It also acknowledges that “traditional resources are essential to the maintenance and realization of tribal lifeways, and their destruction or damage can have profound cultural consequences” (9.4.3). **This does**

not acknowledge the treaty responsibilities the state of Minnesota has to the tribal members.

- Chapter 11, “Environmental Justice,” acknowledges that pipeline impacts on tribal communities **“are part of a larger pattern of structural racism”** that tribal people face in Minnesota, which was well documented in a 2014 study by the MN Department of Health. It also concludes that “the impacts associated with the proposed Project and its alternatives would be an additional health stressor on tribal communities that already face overwhelming health disparities and inequities” (11.4.3).
- The DEIS concludes that “disproportionate and adverse impacts would occur to American Indian populations in the vicinity of the proposed Project” (11.5) **But it also states that this is NOT a reason to deny the project!**
- Chapter 6 states that Enbridge’s preferred route would impact **more wild rice lakes and areas rich in biodiversity** than any of the proposed alternative routes (Figure ES-10).
- Most of the analysis of archaeological resources in the path of the pipeline rely on **Enbridge’s surveys**. For some reason, only 3 of their 8 surveys are available, and the 5 missing are the most recent! In those, Enbridge found 63 sites, but claims that only 3 are eligible for protection under the National Register of Historic Places. (5.4.2.6.1). Honor the Earth has had the studies we have been able to see reviewed, and there are numerous flaws in their methodology.
- The DEIS acknowledges that “The addition of a temporary, cash-rich workforce **increases the likelihood that sex trafficking or sexual abuse will occur,**” and that these challenges hit Native communities the hardest. But the DEIS dismisses this problem quickly, saying that “Enbridge can prepare and implement an education plan or awareness campaign around this issue” (11.4.1). What experience does Enbridge have planning and implementing an anti-sex trafficking program?

The DEIS affirms that the MN PUC can only grant the permit if "the consequences to society of granting are more favorable than the consequences of denying the certificate." Regardless of whether or not Enbridge can find customers, the DEIS shows that the negative impacts far outweigh the benefits.

I want the Department of Commerce to deny the permit for the proposed Line 3, shut down the old line, and remove it from the ground.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Eller

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Mr. & Mrs. Dave and renae Ellingson <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 6:14 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Comment CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

Please let this line go through. Mn needs the work. The line NEEDS to be REPLACED. It's old and a matter of time to have problems with it.

Sincerely,

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From: [Ian Elliott](#)
To: [MN COMM Pipeline Comments](#)
Subject: Pipeline Bad Track Records
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 1:19:41 AM

Pipelines recently laid including the DAPL, have all sprung leaks of oil damaging to the environment. Governments should invest in clean energy now. Fossil fuels will be gradually phased out in the near future. Let's preserve the environment in its present state and encourage the new energy technologies.

Ian Elliott
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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Andrew Kozelouzek <andrew.kozelouzek@enbridge.com>
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 9:26 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Line 3 Replacement Project DEIS CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I am a resident of Cloquet, MN and want to see the environment protected like most others. I believe the most prudent way to do so is by replacing replacing Line 3. It is preferable for me to locate pipelines in more rural areas, rather than to site them in the middle of cities and towns. Enbridge has found a feasible route that mostly follows existing utility corridors. 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 go on for more than 2 years for the Line 3 Replacement Project and 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. I do not believe additional 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.

Deactivating a pipeline in-place is the most commonly-used industry method to retire a pipeline. Leaving the permanently deactivated pipeline in place is the safest option as it reduces the risk of soil stability issues, avoids major construction activities and reduces the potential risk to existing pipelines from heavy equipment.

Please support the Line 3 replacement project as requested by Enbridge

Sincerely,

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: EClare <eclare@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 12:53 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Line 3 pipeline 'replacement'

Myself and my family vacation in the heart of lake country - some of my family own property up there.

The proposal by Enbridge to "replace" line three using their designated preferred route is problematic for these reasons:

1. It is directly through the center of our state's richest lake area resources where the land is extremely permeable and contains the cleanest water.
2. It is not actually a "replacement" and it is misleading for Enbridge to characterize it that way. It is a new line with greater capacity.
3. The "abandonment" of the existing line is a convenience only for Enbridge. There is no plan or state or county guidelines for the responsibility of dealing with the old pipeline.
4. American Indian treaty rights are being violated with this route.

The proposed route SA-04 would at least bring the pipeline through an area that will avoid our cleanest water resources and it would cross land that is much less permeable.

Respectfully,
Clare Engelhart
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Bloomington, MN 55438

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Engelmann, Katie <katie.engelmann@ndus.edu>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:40 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: comments

Comments regarding proposed Line 3 "Replacement" project:
 CN-14-916 and PPL15-137

The Line 3 Replacement pipeline is proposed flow across northwest Minnesota through Polk County, of which I am a resident. First and foremost, the pipeline is a support system to oil extraction by the method of hydraulic fracturing from the Canadian tar sands region. A Canadian report details that there is now a clearer understanding that large water withdrawals from the Athabasca River for mining operations during the winter could impact the ecological sustainability of the river. As well, it is uncertain if land reclamation methods currently employed will be successful. These issues have moved to the forefront of environmental concerns.

Catastrophic climate change impacts are already occurring in Minnesota and globally. As a citizenry, we should be focusing on curtailing such extraction instead of supporting it. Renewable energy costs have declined recently, making them viable options for individuals and communities. Currently the oil and gas industries enjoy exclusions and exemptions to major federal environmental statutes intended to protect human health and the environment including: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; Safe Drinking Water Act, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Toxic Release Inventory under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act. As a result of this lack of oversight, human health, wildlife communities and the environment are being endangered. Until more thoughtful state regulations are enacted and until the petroleum industry at large is held accountable to remedy the negative impacts on human health and the environment, Minnesota should not put our human communities, land or water systems at risk of degradation.

Enbridge route's dangers shallow aquifers. The proposed preferred route threatens waterways and wetlands in Polk County, and throughout the entire route. While I am concerned about the pipeline crossing small waterways and wetlands in Polk County, I am equally concerned about the route crossing the state's most famous river, the Mississippi. The Line 3 replacement project is proposed to cross this pristine headwaters area which is a valuable and cherished natural resource to residents of Minnesota and across the nation. The Line 3 replacement pipeline would cross numerous sensitive wetland areas. Wetlands are protected habitats, afforded through state and federal law. They are protected due to their ecological importance and their ability to store and purify water. The bounty of freshwater resources in northern Minnesota including wild rice beds, lakes and rivers and fisheries generate \$7.2 billion annually. This doesn't include the tourism industry which grosses \$11.9 billion in sales. These are real and permanent jobs. I am concerned that multiple pipelines will be allowed to follow this corridor if approved. These pipelines threaten not only pristine ecosystems, but also human communities, cultural and economic livelihoods.

The price of oil has dropped drastically in recent years causing the continued loss of investors in the Alberta tar sands. Key risks and uncertainties to the outlook of tar sands oil development include: Crude oil prices: Oil sands are relatively expensive to produce; a significant drop in oil prices may lead to poor economics for many existing and potential projects. The persistence of wider than average light/heavy differentials will negatively affect project economics for those producers marketing heavy blends; Capital costs: Oil sands projects, particularly those involving upgrading facilities, are very capital intensive and project economics are extremely sensitive to capital costs. Continued escalation in raw material and labor costs will have a material impact on supply costs and project economics. Building a pipeline in Minnesota for a waning industry is not sustainable development. The current no build alternative that allows for road or railway transport will continue meeting the need to transport oil to refinery destinations. The pipeline will not eliminate or reduce the oil being transported by rail and truck. It will only allow more transportation to occur. Rail and truck transport allow flexibility to reach refineries and are the most feasible method given the short term production expectations.

Lastly, I demand that a full environmental justice evaluation be conducted on this proposal. The concept of environmental justice demands that we broaden the scope of historical environmental decision-making and ask the following questions: Who will benefit? Who will pay the costs? Who has been paying the cost? What has been paid already?

The most recent contested issue of the placement of the Line 3 "Replacement" pipeline is but one of a series of culminating events in a long history of environmental racism against our nation's indigenous people. Colonization of the United States was based upon the Christian-centered 'doctrine of discovery', the legal declaration of dominion of one race over another, which justified the taking of lands from original occupiers. Effects of colonization have resulted in indigenous people being relegated to predetermined areas decided on by their conquerors- the United States government and the citizenry it represented. These predetermined areas, were diminished from their

Although a Trust Doctrine exists which suggests legal and moral obligation to fulfill treaty understandings and expectations, when it comes to significant infrastructure development and territory reduction/degradation, indigenous peoples are not the primary decision makers of their own fate. Indigenous tribes are relegated to participate in political systems that upon their very founding, have determined them to be inferior. All too often indigenous peoples have been denied participation in governing processes. I demand more meaningful engagement with tribal leaders and groups. This should be given high priority, as much of the area the pipeline transects is land with given treaty rights associated.

Minnesota's natural resources should not be placed at permanent risk for the economic advancement of a pipeline company and its desire to transport hazardous material. This project is not in the best interest of current or future citizens of Minnesota, only for those who expect to make money. Instead of continuing along on our current march toward energy independence by evermore domestic production it is time we redefine milestones and work toward a significant transition away from oil.

Sincerely,

Katie Engelmann, M.S.

Crookston, MN 56716

The following facts underscore the detriment this pipeline would cause our natural systems:

1. This pipeline route crosses the clearest lakes area in MN based on the Census of Water Clarity (U of MN Water Resources Center).
2. - This pipeline route crosses an area with the highest susceptibility for groundwater contamination impacting drinking water aquifers (MPCA map).
3. - The pipeline route crosses the wild rice lakes area. According to the DNR, MN supplies 50% of the world's hand-picked rice annually.
4. - The pipeline route crosses wetlands critical to waterfowl and other wildlife (DNR).
5. - The proposed route would cross 8 state forests (including the Mississippi Headwaters SF), 3 wildlife management areas, 13 trout streams (including the Straight River), as well as the North Country Trail.
6. - Line 3 would cross the Mississippi River twice in Minnesota. This river is a valuable source of drinking water for many cities on its 2,552-mile journey to the Gulf of Mexico, including Minneapolis and St Paul. 3.8 million gallons of water flow from Lake Itasca into the headwaters every day.
7. - The corridor will be covered with snow and ice for the long winter season. The Poplar pipeline spill (31,000 gallons) in the Yellowstone River in January of 2015 caused drinking water problems in Glendive, Montana. Clean up had to be postponed until spring. Imagine the effects of a similar spill in our Mississippi.

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: mary engen <engenmary@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 2:35 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Public Comment:Line 3 Project (CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137)
Attachments: Comment on Line 3 Pipeline.doc

Environmental Review Manager: Comments on the Line 3 Pipeline are attached below. Thank you for taking the time to review these comments.

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Julie Engle <engle@emily.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 2:21 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Cc: President@WAPOA.org; mike.hughlett@startribune.com
Subject: Objection to Line 3 Pipeline Route

July 8, 2017

Jamie Macalister
 Environmental Review Manager
 Minnesota Department of Commerce
 85-7th Place E.
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 St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Re: Line 3 Pipeline Route

As a business and property owner in Emily, Crosslake and Fifty Lakes in northern Crow Wing County, Minnesota, I **strongly object to the proposed route of the Line 3 Pipeline.**

The proposed Enbridge Line 3 runs near Roosevelt Lake in Outing, Minnesota in Cass County and just north of the City of Fifty Lakes.

Line 3 endangers the Pine River Watershed, including the lakes near Outing, Emily, Fifty Lakes, and the Whitefish Chain of Lakes between Crosslake, Ideal Corners, Jenkins, Swanburg and Pine River (ie., all of Crow Wing County and beyond!)

“Enbridge has a terrible record when it comes to pipeline spills,” according to Whitefish Area Property Owners Association (WAPOA) President Tom Watson. On average, Enbridge has experienced nearly 2 pipeline spills per week for over a decade. (Enbridge reported over 800 spills between 1999 and 2010.)

In 2010 an Enbridge pipeline spill in Kalamazoo, Michigan dumped over a million gallons of crude oil into the environment and was declared, “the largest crude oil spill in Midwest history”. Nearly 3 years later, the cleanup was still unfinished.

Not just the environment has suffered. Hundreds of Americans have experienced physical symptoms of exposure to Enbridge’s spilled crude oil.

Environmental leaders in our neighboring Wisconsin charged Enbridge with multiple violations during the building of a pipeline in that state in 2009. Another Enbridge spill in 2007 contaminated the local water table, significantly impacting property values and endangering the drinking water of WI residents and livestock.

And Minnesota has already suffered numerous spills from Enbridge pipelines. For example one Enbridge spill occurred near Clearbrook, MN; and in 2002, a 4th of July spill near Cohasset in Itasca County threatened contamination of the Mississippi River (and millions of US citizens who live downstream).

According to Enbridge, in at least one of their pipeline accidents, less than half of the spilled oil was recovered.

We all need gasoline, hence the need for pipelines, but **that level of environmental contamination is absolutely intolerable**. If pipelines can't be made and operated safely, we don't want them running across our state, threatening the lives, livelihoods, and property values of hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans.

The economy of this area (Crow Wing/Cass/Itasca and surrounding Counties) is completely dependent on summer LAKE tourism. We simply can NOT tolerate a SINGLE pipeline spill in our watershed!

The risk to our collective property values for the next 50 years far outweighs the \$2B of jobs Enbridge claims the pipeline will infuse into our economy over the next 2 years.

Enbridge recently abandoned plans for the Sandpiper line along this same corridor due to public opposition. The objections of local residents have not changed since then. We didn't want the risk then, and we still don't want the risk now that any pipeline along the proposed Line 3 Pipeline presents to the local watershed. (Why not stick with the same route where the current pipeline already runs, or choose line 4, or an option that has less potential environmental impact?)

Choose a route that doesn't contribute to the loss of wildlife habitat or the wild rice crop, or threaten the pristine waters of so many Minnesota lakes and those of us who depend on them.

Don't ruin our beautiful Minnesota Lake Country! **Choose another route. Period!**

Julie Engle
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COMMENTS

I'm in support of line 3 to provide hundreds
of workers jobs to support their families.
Line 3 is a great thing we need to happen...

DECLARE THE EIS ADEQUATE WITHIN 280 DAYS

I SUPPORT THE LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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COMMENTS

Energy & environment CAN co-exist.
Enbridge does it every day. Examine
the facts, the statistics, NOT the in-accuracies
brought out by opponents. The examining
is done, it's time to approve.

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: apache@web.lmic.state.mn.us
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2017 7:36 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Erickson Thu Jun 22 07:36:25 2017 PPL-15-137

This public comment has been sent via the form at: mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

Project Name: Line 3 Pipeline Replacement

Docket number: PPL-15-137

User Name: Torrey Erickson

County: Beltrami County

City: Bemidji

Email: torrey.erickson@yahoo.com

Phone: 218-751-1571

Impact: I believe this is the safest way to transport the product. I am 100% for line 3 replacement.

Mitigation: I support the new route that is in place or any alternate routes.

Submission date: Thu Jun 22 07:36:25 2017

This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick
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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: EDWARD ERICKSON, J <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 02, 2017 7:50 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Line 3 Replacement CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I strongly support the replacement of line 3 and it is the safest and most economic way to ship oil there is. It will bring many good paying jobs to the region. EDWARD J ERICKSON

Sincerely,

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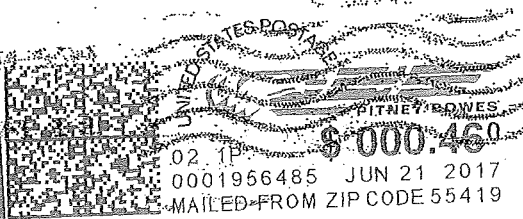
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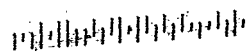
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• Infrastructure replacement: As a maintenance project, the time is now to replace and modernize Line 3.

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



Jamie MacAlister
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COMMENTS

I'm 100% For the Line 3 replacement

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COMMENTS

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COMMENTS

Enbridge Maintains their Lines.
As a land owner near the Clearbrook terminal
I welcome all pipelines with out fears
~~I~~ I know they work Diligently to
Maintain facilities and Row.
I Support Line 3 replacement!

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COMMENTS

Build this Safe Pipeline. Best
Method to safely move oil.
Put America to work.

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COMMENTS

This is by far the safest way to transport oil. I support it 100%

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COMMENTS

Put America to work. Build this safe pipeline.

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JULY 10, 2017

FAX: 777 - 651-539-0109

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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW WORK
MINN DEPT OF COMMERCE
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- ~~PLEASE~~ EXCUSE THIS HANDWRITTEN LETTER AS MY RESPONSE AND OPPOSITION TO ENDBRIDGE PROPOSED LINE 3 REPLACEMENT ALONG THE PREVIOUS SAMPLER ROUTE AS I HAD NOTED IN OUR LAKE HOME NEWSPAPER OF JULY 4 (COPY ATT) WITH COMMENTS DUE JULY 10.
- I ALSO HAD READ A SMALL ARTICLE IN THE TRIBUNE THAT THE FUC IS LOOKING AT 5 ALTERNATIVE ROUTES WITH APPROPRIATE EIS ANALYSIS. ONE ROUTE BEING A NORTHERN ROUTE I PROPOSED BEFORE (MAP ENCL) AS A BETTER ALTERNATIVE BY KEEPING THE LINE OUT OF THE LAKE COUNTRY & MISSISSIPPI WATERSHED BASIN.
- I FEEL YOUR EIS SHOULD FOCUS ON EXG LINE 3 ROUTE OR THE NORTHERN ROUTE AS THE BEST ALTERNATE TO THE SAMPLER ROUTE WHICH ENDBRIDGE WANTS. THEIR PUSH & WORK LEADEMENT & SURVEY SHOULD NOT BE A FACTOR IN ADDRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS IN EIS.

MACALISTER PAGE 2 JULY 10 / ERICKSON

- AS AN ARCHITECT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH EIS ON PROJECTS AND KNOW THAT SUBJECTIVE & OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS ARE FACTORS OPEN TO DEBATE & CAN BE SKEWED TO A DESIRED OUTCOME. I FEEL SHORT TERM ECONOMIC ISSUES SHOULD NOT TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ENVIRONMENT ISSUES.
- I UNDERSTAND THAT THE EXG LINE 3 IS PROPOSED TO BE ABANDONED IN PLACE WITH LONG TERM POLLUTION ISSUES AND THEREFORE IT WOULD BE MORE PRUDENT TO REMOVE IT & REPLACE IT WITH NEW LINE 3 IN SAME TRENCH AFTER CLEANUP - SAME AS BURIED FUEL TANK @ GAS STATIONS
- I OPPOSE AS DO THE MEMBERS OF LAKE WASHBURN ASSOC. THE PROPOSED LINE 3 ROUTE THRU LAKE AREA FOR REASONS OUTLINED IN MY LETTER OF JAN 15, 2014 TO THE MN PUC. (COPY ENCL.)
- I APPRECIATE YOUR ATTENTION & CONSIDERATION TO THIS LETTER WHICH CAN BE PART OF YOUR REVIEW & RECORD. I FEEL THE RISKS IN BOTH CONSTRUCTION & USE OF THE PIPELINE OUTWEIGH END BRIDGE PREFERENCE AND BE PRIME CONSIDERATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR LAKE COUNTRY & AQUIFERS.

PLEASE CALL ME WITH ANY QUESTIONS: PH 763.559.4112

SINCERELY,

CEL 612.840-8081

DELANO & SUSAN ERICKSON

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WAPOA update on pipeline proposal

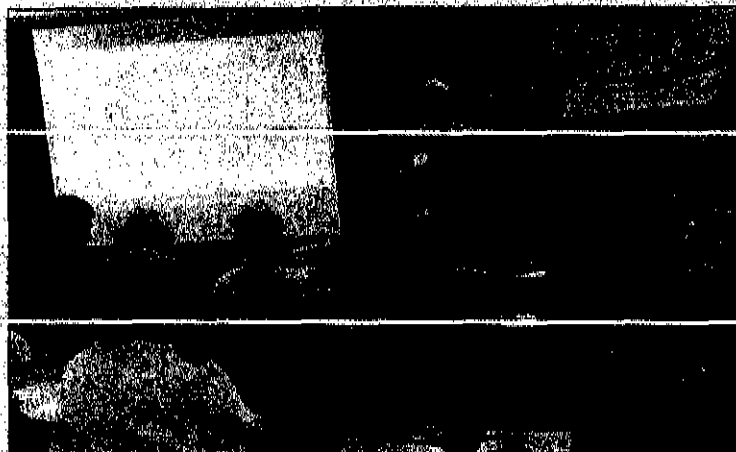
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Watson can be reached at president@wapoa.org



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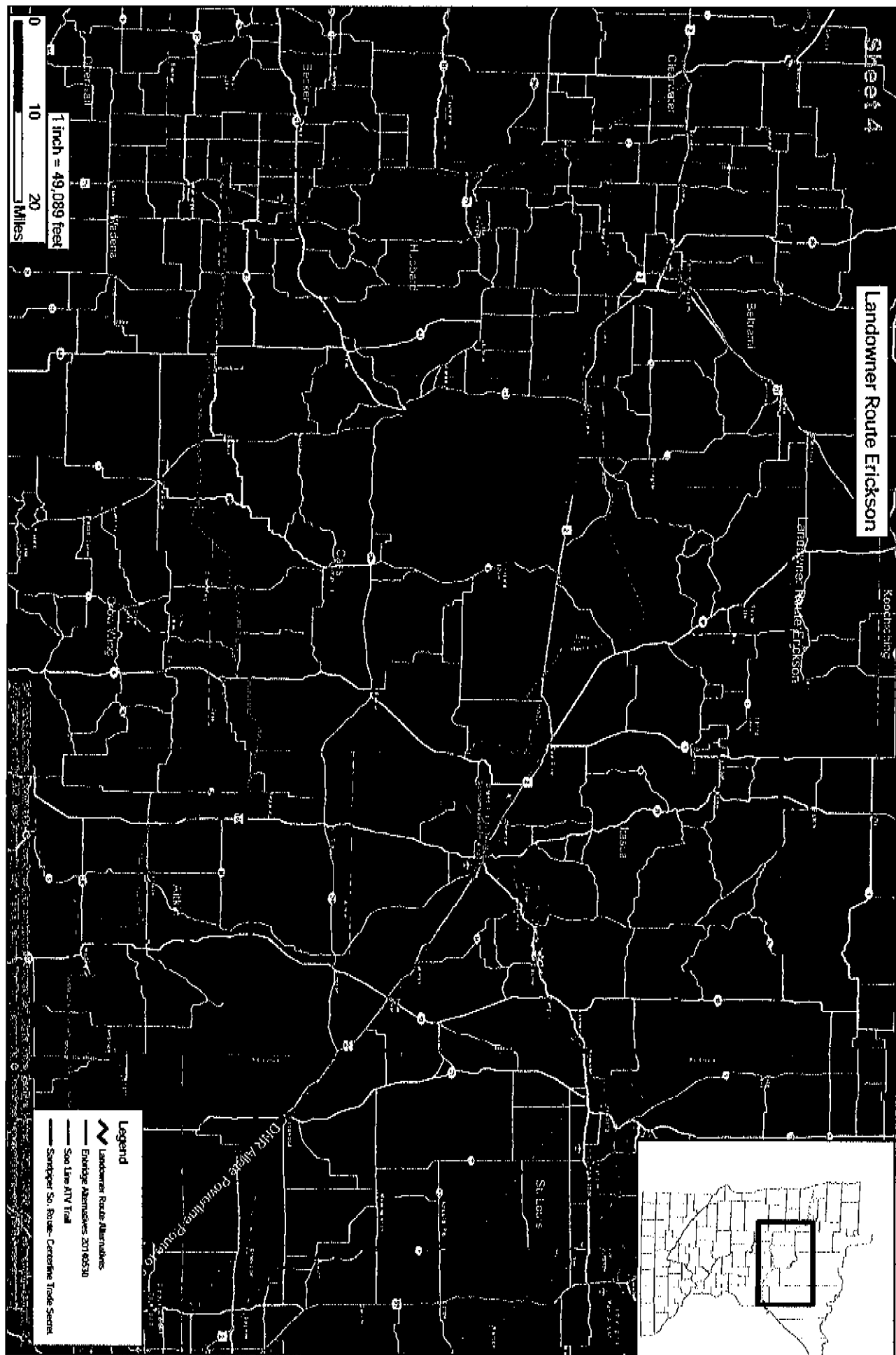
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Report on options for

JANUARY 15, 2014

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMM. 121 TH PL E. SUITE 350, ST. PAUL

~~THE~~ HONORABLE JUDGE LIPMAN

AND THE MN PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

RE: SANDPIPER PIPELINE

- PUC DOCKET NO. 13-473
- OAH DOCKET NO. 8.2500-31260

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO MY COMMENTS @
THE PUBLIC HEARING - JAN 5 IN ST PAUL. AFTER
LISTENING TO MOST OF THE COMMENTS IT SEEMS
THAT SUPPORT FOR IS ECONOMIC (JOBS) AND AGAINST,
DAMAGE TO ENVIRONMENT & WATER RESOURCES
CAUSED BY CONSTRUCTION. BY LIMITING CONSTRUCTION
TO EXISTING PIPELINE ROUTE, A COMPROMISE COULD
WORK FOR BOTH.

I AGAIN WISH TO OPPOSE GRANTING A CERTIFICATE
OF NEED FOR THE SANDPIPER PIPELINE AS PROPOSED.

1. CRUDE OIL FROM THE CANADIAN OIL FIELDS
& THE BAKKEN FIELD COULD BE SENT VIA THE
THE KEYSTONE ROUTE WHICH APPEARS TO BE
ON ITS WAY TO APPROVAL IN CONGRESS.
2. WE ALREADY HAVE PIPELINES SERVING
OUR REFINERIES AND MINNESOTA NEEDS.

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JAN 15, 2014 P. 2 ERICKSON (CONT.) PUC DKT 13-473

3. ENBRIDGE'S PIPELINE 3 BRINGS OIL TO THEIR TERMINAL IN SUPERIOR WI
4. ENBRIDGE'S ECONOMIC NEED IS TO INCREASE CAPACITY & UPGRADE LINE 3 TO TRANSPORT BOTH CANADIAN & ND OIL TO SUPERIOR.

I SUBMIT THIS IMPROVEMENT OF THEIR EXISTING LINE FOR CAPACITY AND SAFETY BE ACCOMPLISHED ALONG THEIR EXISTING EXISTING ROUTE (IE HWY 2) AND NOT CREATE A NEW ROUTE THRU VIRGIN GROUND & ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LAKE COUNTRY USING ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION CORRIDORS AS JUSTIFICATION. THE ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD IS EXPONENTIALLY GREATER WITH OIL PIPELINES THAN OVERHEAD POWER LINES WHICH SPAN STREAMS & WATERBODIES WITHOUT IMPACT.

I SEE NO BENEFIT FOR MINNESOTA IN APPROVING ENBRIDGE'S PROPOSAL FOR THE SANDPIPER PIPELINE. THEY SHOULD USE EXISTING ROUTE TO UPGRADE AND/OR REPLACE THEIR PIPELINES WHICH WILL HAVE THE SAME ECONOMY & JOBS BENEFIT.
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JAN 15, 2014 P.3 ERICKSON (CON) PUC DKT 13-473

AS A LAKE WASHBURN HOME & LANDOWNER,
I HAVE A DEEP CONCERN OF ENVIRONMENTAL
& SAFETY ISSUES RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A
PIPELINE ADJACENT TO OUR LAKE AND AREA
WATER SOURCES ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF
THE FLOWING SPRING & AQUIFER LOCATED
AT THE STATE FISH HATCHERY ON HWY 6 NORTH
OF OTTUMWA, MN FROM WHICH WE & MANY OTHERS
RECEIVE DRINKING WATER AND IS A SOURCE OF
WATER TO OUR WELL AND LAKE.

WE SPEAK FOR OUR LAKE WASHBURN ASSOC.
IN OPPOSITION TO THE NEED FOR THE
PROPOSED SANDPIPER PIPELINE ROUTE

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
DELANO & SUSAN ERICKSON

ADDRESS: LAKE - 2101 PENINSULARD. OTTUMWA, 56662
MAIL - 2317 KIRKWOOD LA., PLYMOUTH 55441

ENCL: FEB 15 '14 LETTER & MAP

CC: LARRY HARTMAN, EERA, MN DEPT OF COMMERCE

JULY 10, 2017

FAX: 777 - 651-539-0109

JAMIE MARALSTER
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW WORK
MINN. DEPT OF COMMERCE
85 TH PLACE EAST
SUITE 280
ST. PAUL, MN 55101-2198
FAX: 651-539-0109

- PLEASE EXCUSE THIS HANDWRITTEN LETTER AS MY RESPONSE AND OPPOSITION TO ENDBRIDGE PROPOSED LINE 3 REPLACEMENT ALONG THE PREVIOUS SANDPIPER ROUTE AS I HAD NOTED IN OUR LAKE HOME NEWSPAPER OF JULY 4 (COPY ATTACHED) WITH COMMENTS DUE JULY 10.
- I ALSO HAD READ A SMALL ARTICLE IN THE TRIBUNE THAT THE FOC IS LOOKING AT 5 ALTERNATIVE ROUTES WITH APPROPRIATE EIS ANALYSIS. ONE ROUTE BEING A NORTHERN ROUTE I PROPOSED BEFORE (MAP ENCL.) AS A BETTER ALTERNATIVE BY KEEPING THE LINE OUT OF THE LAKE COUNTRY & MISSISSIPPI WATERSHED BASIN.
- I FEEL YOUR EIS SHOULD FOCUS ON EXG LINE 3 ROUTE OR THE NORTHERN ROUTE AS THE BEST ALTERNATE TO THE SANDPIPER ROUTE WHICH ENDBRIDGE WANTS. THEIR PUSH & WORK LEASEMENT & SURVEY SHOULD NOT BE A FACTOR IN ADDRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS IN EIS.

MACALISTER PAGE 2 JULY 10 / ERICKSON

- AS AN ARCHITECT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH EIS ON PROJECTS AND KNOW THAT SUBJECTIVE & OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS ARE FACTORS OPEN TO DEBATE & CAN BE SKEWED TO A DESIRED OUTCOME. I FEEL SHORT TERM ECONOMIC ISSUES SHOULD NOT TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ENVIRONMENT ISSUES.
- I UNDERSTAND THAT THE EXG LANE 3 IS PROPOSED TO BE ABANDONED IN PLACE WITH LONG TERM POLLUTION ISSUES AND THEREFORE IT WOULD SEEM PRUDENT TO REMOVE IT & REPLACE IT WITH NEW LANE 3 IN SAME TRENCH AFTER CLEANUP - SAME AS BURIED FUEL TANK @ GAS STATIONS
- I OPPOSE AS DO THE MEMBERS OF LAKE WASHBURN ASSOC THE PROPOSED LANE 3 ROUTE THRU LAKE AREA FOR REASONS OUTLINED IN MY LETTER OF JAN 15, 2014 TO THE MN PUC. (COPY ENCL.)
- I APPRECIATE YOUR ATTENTION & CONSIDERATION TO THIS LETTER WHICH CAN BE PART OF YOUR REVIEW & RECORD. I FEEL THE RISKS IN BOTH CONSTRUCTION & USE OF THE PIPELINE OUTWEIGH END BRIDGE PREFERENCE AND BE PRIME CONSIDERATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR LAKE COUNTRY & AQUIFERS.

PLEASE CALL ME WITH ANY QUESTIONS: # 763.559.4112

SINCERELY,

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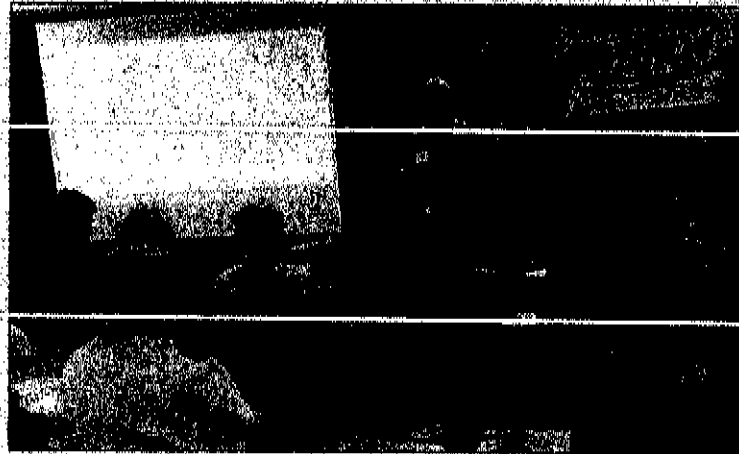
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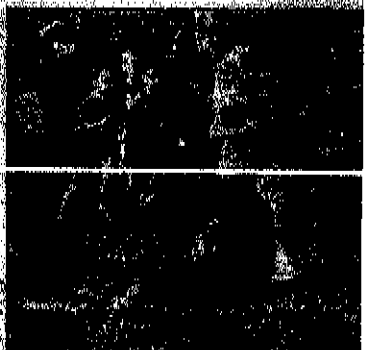


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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Peter Esala <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 8:33 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Oil Pipelines

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

Pipelines appear to be much safer than trains due to explosions and spillage

Sincerely,

Peter Esala
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Tower, MN 55790
pmesala@yahoo.com

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Dan Evans <devans@paulbunyan.net>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 8:01 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Cc: Dan Evans
Subject: public comment on proposed line 3

Docket #'s CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137;

My comment is the company must be required to remove the old line completely before putting another Pipe Line in the ground. No new Pipe Line should be put in the ground unless the end destination of the oil flowing through it is designated for use by US consumers only. Enbridge should not be allowed to export the oil out of the US.

Dan Evans
104 6th Street SE,
Turtle River, MN 56601



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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Dave Evenwoll <davepat@arvig.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 9:42 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Line 3 Replacement CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I support the replacement of the Line 3, it's a no brainer!!

Sincerely,

Dave Evenwoll
15782 Wilderness Dr
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davepat@arvig.net

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: mary everest <maryfromtheocean@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:38 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Docket Numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Enbridge Line 3 "replacement" pipeline (docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137). The DEIS fails to adequately address alternatives to the current proposal. The alternatives outlined in chapter 4 are unrealistic and serve to give the appearance that Enbridge has diligently analyzed alternatives. The rail and truck options described are intentionally outrageous in order to give the impression that the current pipeline proposal is the best proposal. The DEIS fails to adequately outline considerations for the option to discontinue use of the old pipeline in the area, thoroughly remove it, clean up and restore damaged areas, and phase out the transportation of oil through Minnesota pipelines.

Furthermore, the Anishinaabeg in northern Minnesota are guaranteed, by an 1855 treaty, the right to support themselves through their relationship to the land in the area of the proposed Line 3 route. The DEIS does not adequately address the environmental harm that would befall the ecosystems in the pipeline's path. The right to harvest, hunt, fish, and travel in the treaty territory would be impeded by environmental degradation.

Please deny the permit for the new Line 3, and do whatever you can to ensure that Enbridge is held accountable for the compromised pipeline that is already in the area. Enbridge must remove the current pipeline, and the 1855 treaty must be honored. Line 3 cannot coexist with the protected right to harvest, hunt, fish, and travel in the treaty territory.

Thank you.

Mary Everest
Minneapolis

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Jon Eversoll <jeversoll@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 12:01 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Opposition to Enbridge Pipeline 3

Dear Mr. MacAlister:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Enbridge Line 3 crude oil pipeline across northern Minnesota. I believe it threatens vital state resources and encourages the extraction of crude oil from tar sands and by fracking.

I believe that potential spills put at risk our natural resources, particularly water and wild rice. Clean rivers, lakes, and groundwater is essential to all Minnesotans for drinking, irrigation, and recreation. Furthermore, wild rice is a sacred food for the Anishinaabe. I believe they have every right to preserve this important resource.

Furthermore, we cannot continue to promote the extraction of crude oil from tar sands and by fracking, two of the most environmentally harmful methods of generating fossil fuels. We need to encourage "cleaner" fossil fuels such as natural gas and green sources of energy.

Again, in closing, I oppose firmly Enbridge's planned oil pipeline.

Sincerely,

Jon Eversoll

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Saint Paul, MN 55116

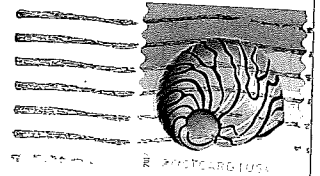
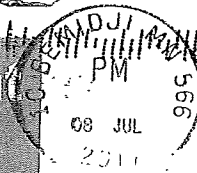
Line 3 Replacement Project DEIS

• 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



Jamie MacAlister
Environmental Review Manager
Department of Commerce,
85 7th Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2198

I SUPPORT THE LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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CITY, STATE, ZIP		
Duluth Mn 55803		

COMMENTS

DECLARE THE EIS ADEQUATE WITHIN 280 DAYS