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From: Ellen E. Hadley <ellene798@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 2:47 PM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Enbridge Line 3 pipeline DEIS comments

Dear Department of Commerce Staff,

My name is Ellen Hadley. I live near the Mississippi and Rum Rivers in Anoka.

I am writing regarding Docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

I have strong objections to the DEIS because of its numerous omissions.

First, it completely omits the Next Generation Energy Act, which requires new projects to reduce Green House Gasses to lower levels by 2025. Instead, his pipeline project will result in enormous GHG emissions that will have a powerful negative effect all across the world.

Second, the DEIS is too short-sighted. A project that affects the entire planet must be evaluated from the source in the tar sands of Alberta to the end in the atmosphere or our planet. The years when just particular miles in our state matter are over. If Minnesota ignores this essential aspect and allows this pipeline, we will be held responsible in the future for crimes against humanity for the millions of tons of CO2 and other GHGs released, and for the disasters and deaths that will result.

Third, the DEIS process cannot outrank the Treaty of 1855 and other treaties, which are the supreme law of the land. This Line 3 pipeline route would disturb and forever change thousands of acres within the Treaty Lands, with the clearing of forests, the disruption of lands and eco-systems, the habitats of animals, the destruction of native medicinal plants and trees, and worst, the possible contamination of wild rice lakes, rivers and streams. On this issue alone, the new route must be denied.

Fourth, while the DEIS does acknowledge the emotional and mental health of tribal people near the route, it ignores the historical trauma that has been proven to be carried genetically down from ancestors to today's people and their future children. It minimizes the very high suicide rates of Native teens, the high rates of drug abuse and addiction, the devastating unemployment numbers which cause such deep poverty in our Northern communities. The fear of a leak, and the likelihood of such which is certain to happen, will cause MORE mental stress and sickness for our Native brothers and sisters. This is unacceptable to me, as a Caucasian citizen. I would rather see reparation payments to the tribes, and many new services and help, than any small injury at all. We need to REPAIR our damaged relationship, not exacerbate it.

Fifth, Enbridges real responsibility is to remove and clean up the hundreds of miles of pipeline already leaking oil from one end of our beautiful state to the other. They have polluted our Waters enough, and must be required by the state to restore the old pipeline route to original condition before we would even consider any new project. The city of Grand Rapids has demanded this, and other cities along the route will likely step up, as should our state DNR for the state lands affected. Removal and clean up first.

Sixth, Enbridge has NOT proved a need for these tar sands in the first place! Our society is moving to renewables so quickly, that this pipeline will very soon be obsolete!

For these reasons, and many others, I am opposed to the pipeline route, and the entire pipeline itself. Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely, Ellen Hadley Anoka, MN

Sent from my iPad

From: Brad Hageman <bradhageman@aol.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 08, 2017 7:48 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** No contact

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As Enbridge has never contacted me and offered any monies to come through my property I'm guessing I am no longer in consideration and just receiving these emails to update me??

My property is in Aitkin County Jevene Township section 24 address 42915 State Highway 65 north in McGregor 2 miles. Please let me know if this is correct that they are no longer coming through my property. If so why have I not been contacted with any payment like neighboring properties. I have asked that it be moved to the north and into Jack Olson's property.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Brad Hageman <bradhageman@aol.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, July 02, 2017 9:17 AM

**To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments; Hartman, Larry (COMM)

**Subject:** Public comment

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

I have property north of McGregor 2 miles on highway 65 Jevene township range 24, T 48 N. section 24. My question is, if the pipeline is still coming through my property why has no land agent ever contacted me about payment? All the other landowners around me have been paid. Is it because I publicly announced that I did not want it on my property? Are they hoping to just take it through eminent domain?

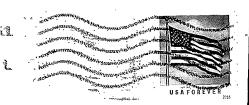
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From: p hager <phager60@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 3:16 PM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Enbridger Project CN-14-916 PPL-15-137

My name is Pat Hager and I own property south of the proposed Enbridge replacement line. I am writing to oppose this project. One spill at 760,000 barrels per day of oil would amount to 527 barrels per minute of oil. As has been seen in ND, many spills have not been noticed for days. As this line goes through a critical watershed, this would be catastrophic for the water quality of this region. This project does not benefit the state of MN except for some temporary construction jobs while it is being replaced. The risk of any spill is not worth these temporary jobs. Until Enbridge can guarantee 100% that there will be NO spills, it is not worth it to allow this. Please do not approve this project. Thank you for allowing me to provide input.

From: p hager <phager60@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 12:19 PM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Enbridge- CN-14-916 PPL-15-137

My name is Patricia Hager and I own property near Waubun MN. I am writing to oppose the Enbridge new/replacement line as it will pass through a critical watershed. If this pipeline leaks when it is at 570,000 barrels per day capacity this would amount to 395 barrels per minute. In ND there were many pipeline leaks that were not discovered for days. We can not afford a disaster of this magnitude. Please do not approve this project. Thank you!

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From: Marlene Haider <mhaider1231@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, July 09, 2017 12:24 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Public Comment: Line 3 Project (CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

### **Environmental Review Manager:**

There are several issues associated with Line 3. They include whether or not the line should be replaced, and if so the route of the new line, abandonment of the old line and the oil itself within the line.

I favor leaving the line as is along with heavy monitoring of the line and its eventual shut down. I would like to see all movement and mining of tar sands oil stopped, but that is not one of the options. I do not believe we should help move more tar sands oil by building a new pipeline with increased capacity, not only for the environmental degradation taking place in the Athabasca region in Canada but also for the safety of our water supply in the US.

You cannot drink oil. Any path chosen for the new line will cross the Mississippi or its tributaries which is a drinking water source for thousands, if not millions of people. The spill in Kalamazoo MI is still not cleaned up. Where would those millions of people, not to mention the animals and fish look for clean water? This oil is not light crude that sits on top of the water in a spill. It is heavy and sinks making clean up apparently impossible which is why Kalamazoo hasn't been able to clean up the river yet. Enbridge's track record makes the possibility of a spill quite likely. Bemidji got very lucky that their spill happened in winter when the oil sat on top of the ice. Chances are we won't be so lucky next time, after all the climate is warming and we are having less ice.

We should honor the treaties with our Native Americans, which means none of the proposed routes will work.

Why should we bring this dirty oil into Minnesota when apparently Canada doesn't want to deal with it? Let Canada take the risk.

Again, my choice for a pipeline would be to move more of our cleaner domestic oil and leave the tar sands oil in the ground. As I hear it, the price of oil is too low right now anyway. Building the new pipeline will make the glut of oil worse.

Finally, I believe we need to remove any pipelines that are abandoned. Why would we want to leave such a legacy to our children? How will we want to be remembered? As the generation that burned the oil, heated up the planet then walked away? It is not the legacy I want to leave, therefore we need to have the abandoned pipeline removed while there is still a viable company around to do so. If we don't do it now, it will be future taxpayers paying the price.

Marlene Haider 1209 7 AVE N Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 320-253-7044 mhaider1231@hotmail.com

From: William Haider <wrhaider@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2017 9:37 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Public Comment Line 3

Jamie Macalister, Environment Review Manager,

I am writing in opposition to the permitting of the Enbridge Line 3 abandonment and replacement. This project is wrong in many ways, abandoning Line 3 without bonding for long term problems and possible removal, Enbridge's past record of pipe line ruptures, notably the one in a tributary of the Kalamazoo River, the difficulty of cleaning up Tar Sands oil spills in rivers as evidenced in the Kalamazoo River spill, the fact that they are transporting this oil through the U.S for processing, rather than Canada because of objections to it from Canadians and First Nation peoples.

But what most upsets me most is that we will be facilitating the distruction of vast acres of Boreal forest in Alberta, pollution of the Athabasca River that many First Nations people depend on for their water, and the impact on climate consequent to the harvest and processing of the the dirtiest oil on the planet.

William Haider 1209 7th Ave N Sauk Rapids, MN 56379



# **Comment Form**

Line 3 Project Draft EIS Public Meeting

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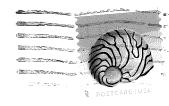
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Docket numbers: CN-14-916; P.P.L-15-187.

From: Rob Hall <rwhall51@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 9:29 PM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Enbridge Pipeline Comments

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Attached please find my comments on the proposed Enbridge pipeline proceedings docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137.

Robert W. Hall

Lake Belle Taine Enbridge Pipeline Comments

Date: July 9, 2017

To: Minnesota Department of Commerce
Attention: Jamie MacAlister, Environmental Review Manager

From: Robert W. Hall

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

Transmission via email: <a href="mailto:Pipeline.Comments@state.mn.us">Pipeline.Comments@state.mn.us</a>

I am a property owner on Lake Belle Taine which is in Hubbard County between Park Rapids, Mn. and Nevis, Mn. My great grandparents began vacationing on the lake in 1929. I have been spending my summers on the lake for 66 years. My family and I have a long history on this clear, pristine, blue-water lake.

I oppose the proposed Enbridge pipeline that would pass near Park Rapids, Mn. (referred to in the Environmental Impact Statement as Applicant's Preferred Route (APR)). Specifically, I oppose the (1) issuance of a Certificate of Need; and (2) the issuance of the route permit for the APR near Park Rapids for the reasons hereinafter stated.

1) The APR would run through a very pristine lake region that includes the Mantrap chain of lakes. Lake Belle Taine is part of that chain. The APR would also run very close to a Minnesota and national treasure, Itasca State Park, home of the source of the Mississippi River. The whole area is a very fragile lake ecosystem that is unique and precious to Minnesota and the rest of the country. This ecosystem needs to be protected from oil contamination. Enbridge has a long history of oil spills as recited in other comments. Oil contamination in this lake ecosystem would be permanently devastating. Clean up would be inadequate and probably more costly than Enbridge or its successor could pay or be willing to pay. There is no guarantee that Enbridge would be in existence during the life of the proposed pipeline to pay for the cost of clean up. These dilemmas can be avoided if the APR is kept out of this beautiful lake region.

I encourage the administrative law judge who decides this case to tour the affected lake region, including Itasca State Park. The natural beauty of the area will be apparent. It rivals the natural beauty of any of our finest National Parks. The beauty needs to be preserved without concern of future oil pipeline spills and contamination. (Would this pipeline be proposed through Yellowstone, Yosemite or Glacier National Parks in their most sensitive environmental areas? NO.) There are less beautiful, less fragile areas that Enbridge can locate a pipeline that will be far less damaged by oil contamination.

I do not oppose a pipeline. I do oppose a pipeline through the pristine lake region this APR would pass through. One of the maps with the Environmental Impact Statement

(EIS) refers to a route labelled System Alternative (SA)-04. SA-04 is a conceptual pipeline route that would deliver oil directly to Joliet, II. bypassing Clearbrook, Mn. That proposed route would go through a region of primarily farm land that could be more easily cleaned up in case of an oil spill. That route would not pass through any Tribal reservations. Many problems are avoided by using SA-04. The problem is that this EIS does not compare the environmental impact of this route to the APR and other route.

It is disingenuous for Enbridge in its EIS to use truck and train transportation alternatives. Of course these alternatives are going to reflect a higher environmental risk compared to the APR. However if APR is compared to SA-04, there is far less environmental danger to Minnesota lands because of the difference in the land quality and ecosystems affected.

It is interesting to note that there are many lake associations in the area of the APR that have been in place for many years well before the APR was proposed. The common mission statement for those associations has been to preserve water quality from such threats as Aquatic invasive species and nitrate runoff from farms. The point of all this is to point out that generations of property owners in the lake region have been proactive in protecting their lake water quality. We care about our lakes. We are passionate about our lakes. The proposed oil pipeline is a huge threat to the lake region. I am sure there are no similar associations along route SA-04 that are so organized and passionate about their property.

It would be idiotic run a pipeline through such a pristine lake region. Oil contamination would devastate the area environmentally, recreationally, and financially. There are other potential routes for the Enbridge pipeline that will be less damaging than the APR.

- 2) The need for oil is diminishing. It appears the need for oil could diminish exponentially in the next few years. The car maker Tesla is ready to mass produce a new line of electric cars. Solar powered cars are being developed. Warren Buffett recently announced that 90% of electricity for MidAmerican Energy will come from wind power by 2029. With all the new energy alternatives, the need for oil will drop dramatically during the life of the Enbridge proposed pipeline.
- 3) The APR presents a threat to the White Earth tribe, their customs and way of life. No State or Federal authorities has done anything to protect the interest of any tribe on oil pipeline issues including but not limited to the Dakota pipeline and Enbridge's APR. Now is the time for the State of Minnesota to stand up and protect the interest of the Native Americans affected according to the wishes of the tribes affected. The White Earth tribe does not want the pipeline in their reservation. The State should respect their request and deny the permit for the APR. Please note that Alternative Route SA-04 would eliminate any tribal issues as that route would not pass through a reservation.

The Enbridge APR is another example of "Manifest Destiny" wherein the white man is displacing the Native Americans from their property. The Enbridge proposal is like "backfill" for Native American property not already taken by the white man. This is another example of the government taking of Native American property as described in the book entitled "Damned Indians" by Michael L. Lawson. The book is about the 1944 Pick-Sloan Plan in the Missouri River Basin wherein the Sioux tribes were displaced of the property by the Corp of Engineers to make room for dams. The State of Minnesota should not be the agent for Enbridge to displace the White Earth tribe of their property. The State of Minnesota has a moral and fiduciary obligation to protect the White Earth tribe according to the tribe's demands.

4) The environmental impact statement does not go far enough since it does not include comparisons of environmental impact on alternative routes outside the APR or alternative routes and methods proposed for transportation. The EIS appears to be a study designed with parameters to best serve Enbridge and not the general public and tribes affected.

For the reasons stated above, I request that the State of Minnesota deny the Enbridge request for (1) a certificate of need and (2) permit for the APR. Thank you for consideration of my comments.

Robert W. Hall



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From: Jennifer Hall <jhall.mn@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 5:26 PM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Oppose Line 3 replacement

RE: Docket numbers: CN-14-916 and PPL15-137

Greetings,

I'm writing to ask you to oppose the Line 3 replacement line being sought by Enbridge. The state of Minnesota has the technology and leadership to be at the vanguard of a clean energy future, and I urge you to invest in that by denying the request of Enbridge to expand their line.

The tribal nations affected by this line are conducting their own Environmental Impact Statement and I urge you to wait until they've completed their study, then honor what they indicate in their research. This line will most likely harm our water systems which we rely on for food, spiritual ceremonies, and good health.

As an Ojibwe woman indigenous to this continent, I ask you to stop the expansion of Line 3. We need to be transitioning away from fossil fuels completely, and we need our government to invest in green energy and mitigation of climate change. This pipeline is not safe or necessary. I urge you to represent Minnesotans well and oppose this expansion!

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Jennifer Hall 651-788-1377 jhall.mn@gmail.com

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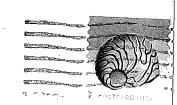
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From: <u>Karl Hamann</u>

To: MN COMM Pipeline Comments

Subject: Line 3

**Date:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 3:29:26 PM

To whom it may concern, As a resident of Minnesota, I'm writing to state my firm opposition to the new Line 3 pipeline. The removal of tar sands petroleum, its refinement and its transport, are all disasters for the environment, and all living things in its path. We see irresponsible "Big Oil" insisting on legality, while ignoring the concerns of those impacted by these pipelines, as the case of the Dakota Access pipeline. We see them engaging the services of paramilitary organizations, such as Tigerswan, who target peaceful protectors with tactics usually reserved for terrorist combatants. We see these companies assuring citizens of the safety of these things, then fighting like hell in court not to fully clean up their mess when these pipes inevitably leak. #NOLine3!

From: Brandy Hamblet

To: MN COMM Pipeline Comments

 Subject:
 Stop Line 3 (CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137)

 Date:
 Wednesday, May 31, 2017 8:34:36 AM

### Hello,

I am writing to voice my concerns over the new Line 3 pipeline that is currently being considered. I strongly urge you to deny Enbridge the permits for this project. The new pipeline will endanger the lakes, wildlife, rice beds, and the Ojibwe treaty lands that it's proposed to go through, and violate the rights of the Ojibwe who own that land. Furthermore, I am concerned about the fact that there are no regulations or requirements to safely remove or abate old unused oil pipelines, which will continue to pose a contamination threat to the land and any waterways surrounding the existing pipeline. Please protect Minnesota's water and land and do not allow Enbridge to build this pipeline.

Thank you, Brandy

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**Brandy Hamblet** 

From: Jnana Hand <jnana8@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 02, 2017 12:15 PM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Line 3

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I do not support more pipelines. We need to transition to safe and sustainable energy. Native land rights to fishing, gathering, clean water are ignored for short term profit for a few and that's not acceptable. Green energy will create more long term work, invest in our future.

Sincerely,

Jnana hand 811 E 9th St Duluth, MN 55805 jnana8@hotmail.com

From: Mary Hanley <mimiagogo2002@yahoo.com>

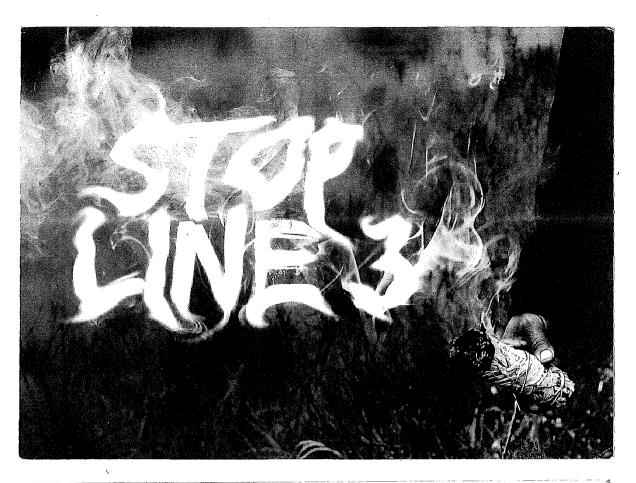
**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 2:58 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Pipeline 3

I am writing to voice my strong objection to Enbridge line 3. Our safe water is much more important than oil. We can't drink oil and we have seen time and time again that there truly is no safe pipeline. We already successfully challenged this once. How many chances will Enbridge receive to endanger our waters and our future generations?

No Pipeline 3 in Minnesota!

Sent from my iPhone Best regards, Mary



DEAR DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MITHREE COLLEGE MAN 553 PLEASE INCLUDE THIS COMMENT ON THE DEIS FOR LINE 3 IN DOCKETS CN-14-916 AND PPL-19-137.

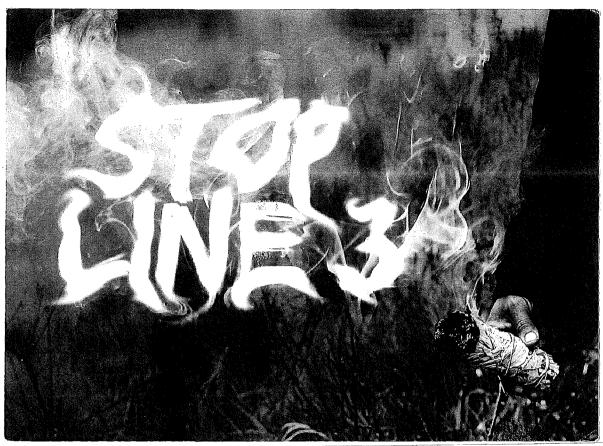






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From: Tom & Lisa Hanowski <thehanowskis@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, July 01, 2017 11:09 AM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Pipeline Comments

Jamie MacAlister,

I live in Little Falls. One proposed route runs through my property, between my house and shed.

I have 3 objections to this project and route as follows:

- 1. Enbridge proposes that the existing Line 3 pipeline be "permenantly deactivated and remain in place". I object to this because it is irresponsible and environmentally unfriendly. The old line should be removed to salvaged, and the land returned to it's original condition, or re-used for the new pipeline. Abandoning in place is just delaying the inevitable decomposition of the line, and associated negative environmental impacts. These decommissioning costs (i.e. complete line removal at end of life) should be included in all pipeline projects.
- 2. The project gives no financial benefit to land owners. There should be substantial annual payments to land owners for using their land for the pipeline, plus the usual easement payments.
- 3. The project gives no financial benefit to the state of Minnesota, as it should.

Thank you for taking and addressing these comments.

Tom Hanowski 20346 Ginger Road Little Falls, MN 56345 320-232-9726

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**From:** jessica hanson <jessicavhanson@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, July 09, 2017 10:41 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Please Stop Line 3

Northern Minnesota lakes and rivers are too valuable to endanger with inevitable pipeline spills. They provide so much revenue in hunting, fishing and tourism, and oil use is on the decline in the US anyway. We do not need this pipeline. As a lifelong Minnesotan who loves her state I urge you to hold Enbridge accountable in dismantling and cleaning up the existing Line 3. Please protect our lakes and rivers by halting the proposed pipeline route through the healthiest waters in the state.

Sincerely, Jessica Hanson

From: Ryan Hanson, J <rhinopizza@hotmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 6:05 PM
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Subject: Info

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

When is it supposed to kick off, maybe 2018??

Sincerely,

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**From:** john hanson <solarwindconsultants@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 4:53 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Line 3 comments

Do not need Tar Sands oil - Environmentally terrible With oil price lowest ever - Do not need any more production Transportation going ELECTRIC

Pipeline 3 to go through environmentally sensitive Northern Minnesota - Not worth the risk of a leak!!!

XI pipeline has pulled their permit request as they have no market. Why should line 3 be needed??

From: Lisa Harala lisa@giantvoices.com>

Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 9:43 AM

To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

Subject: Comment CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I'd like to voice my support for the Line 3 Replacement project.

I am a Minnesotan and want to see the environment protected like most others. Replacing the aging infrastructure is, in fact, imperative to protecting the environment.

The MPCA has recently released the Mississippi River Watershed report that shows the cleanest waters in the state are in northern Minnesota. Energy infrastructure and clean waters can co-exist.

In addition, the region of Northeast Minnesota will benefit greatly from the economic impact of the construction project.

Please move the project forward.

Lisa Harala

Sincerely,

Lisa Harala 1822 Vermilion Rd Duluth, MN 55803 lisa@giantvoices.com

# Line 3 Replacement Project DEIS

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

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From: Carol Hardin <cchardin8@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 2:06 PM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Line 3

To whom it may concern:

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

The EIS does not seem to consider many of the negative impacts of constructing this pipeline.

There is too high of risk of damage to the sensitive irreplaceable wetlands, especial where wild rice grows and is a cultural heritage of the indigenous people.

The extraction and transportation of the extremely dirty tar sand oil is a very bad idea. Burning this fuel will only make climate change worse.

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,

Carol Hardin

Hudson, WI

From: Cuack Newz <cuacknewz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 3:21 PM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Dockets: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137
Attachments: 07-10-17 Opposing Line 3 Comment.pdf

Our comment opposing Line 3. Please see enclosed.

Steve Harding & Elizabeth Wright

# Steve Harding & Elizabeth Wright Founders of Facebook Group: No DAPL & No Pipelines We The People Petition & C.U.A.C.K. Newz Email: cuacknewz@gmail.com

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**Email:** Pipeline.Comments@state.mn.us

Fax #: 651-539-0109

Re: Dockets: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

The proposed line 3 & the DEIS (Draft Environmental Impact Statement) should be denied due to the following facts:

#### 1) No Legal Authority

There is no legal authority to pursue line 3 since the Indigenous tribes & the Anishinaabeg people have not been given an informed consent for this project. There was no consultation with the Indigenous tribes. Pursuing this line of thinking to push thru line 3 is a violation of the Treaties.

#### 2) Violating: Treaties, the public trust, human rights, & the environment:

Proposing line 3 to be placed within this community is not protecting: the people, the land, the water. The DEIS admits the probability percentages of annual leaks for the proposed route. Any leak is too much and endangers the community. The company history has had terrible leaks.

The Ojibwe people's rights to hunt, fish, and gather in these territories would be ruined by a leaking pipeline. A government and company proposing to ruin the land and a Tribes food source of rice is unconscionable. The Ojibwe and Ho-Chunk territories in Wisconsin have not given an informed consent for this project. The Cree & Dine people have not approved this project to begin the line in Alberta Tar Sands. Why would they give permission? According to Stop Line 3 the "Dene and Cree people continue to be poisoned, raped, and murdered by the most extreme extraction project in the world." These refineries, at the end of this proposed line 3, would bring health devastation: cancer, autoimmune diseases, kidney failure. (Stop Line 3)

#### 3) Desecrating sacred sites:

There was no cultural survey done on 63 sites with local experts to analyze this proposed project's impact on these sacred sites.

#### 4) Sex Trafficking:

The DEIS even states sexual abuse or sex trafficking will occur yet there is no plan in place to prevent these tragedies and crimes. An awareness campaign is not sufficient to stop these abuses & crimes.

#### **5) Old Line 3:**

The heighth of being unaccountable shows clearly when Enbridge refuses to decommission old line 3 and plans to leave it in the ground. This is unacceptable since it effects the wild rice and land in the region.

#### 6) No Accountability:

The DEIS does not state of any outside organization to keep Enbridge accountable for minimizing impacts of line 3. Enbridge keeping Enbridge accountable is not oversight; especially when their company's history has violated "permit conditions, constructing illegally, and hiding and ignoring spills." (Stop Line 3)

#### 7) A Better Way:

A better way is to build green energy and utilizing the powerful wind in the area. We have the technology to protect the people and the environment; to ignore better options is not performing as a responsible government.

#### In Conclusion:

Pipelines leak. This is a fact.

In fact, this company has a horrible history of leaks. According to EcoWatch:

"Enbridge Energy Partners' aging Line 5 pipeline, which runs through the heart of the Great Lakes, has spilled more than 1 million gallons of oil and natural gas liquids in at least 29 incidents since 1968, according to data from the federal Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration obtained by the National Wildlife Federation."

Voters don't want this. According to Stop Line 3: "Among rural Minnesota voters: 61% oppose increasing the flow of tar sands oil through Minnesota."

This proposed project of line 3 has no legal authority to be entertained or to continue.

This proposed line 3 and the DEIS is violating the following:

- Treaty Rights
- Sacred Sites Rights
- Public Trust
- Human & Environmental Rights

#### **Steve Harding & Elizabeth Wright**

#### **Sources:**

- https://www.stopline3.org
- https://www.ecowatch.com/enbridge-line-5-spills-2379938636.html
- DEIS

From: Mary Harper <harper\_mary@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 9:52 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Line 3 Pipeline

Please do not put the Line 3 pipeline directly through the state of Minnesota. It has the potential to forever ruin our pristine waters and the majority of our natural resources. Some data collected includes:

- 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 worlds 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.

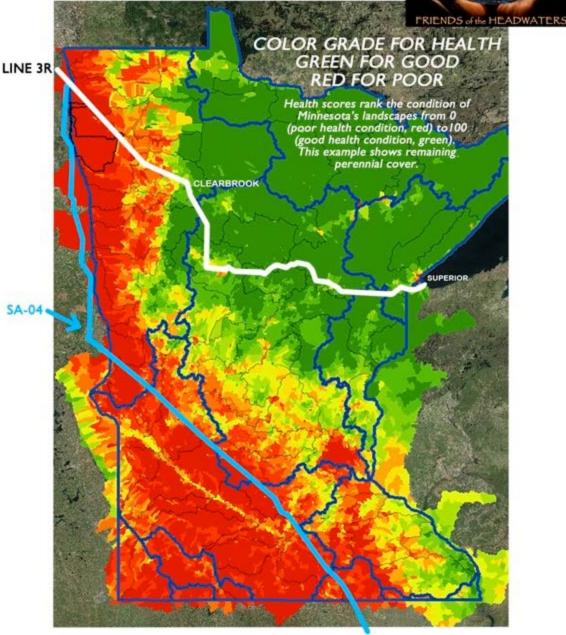
I live here in the beautiful Chippewa National Forest and love the natural beauty of Minnesota. Please consider the alternate route proposed by the Friends of the Headwaters.

#### Friends of the Headwaters

FOH Alternate Route SA-04

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Enbridge Line 3R Expansion and Relocation pipeline



Friends of the Headwaters Mission: To inform and educate persons to the environmental risks to Minnesota waters from a proposed crude oil pipeline which will jeopardize the Mississippi River Headwaters, many other lakes and streams and wild rice wetlands in northern Minnesota. FOH won a unanimous Minnesota Appellate Court ruling, upheld by the Minnesota Supreme Court, ordering the state of Minnesota to conduct the first environmental impact study, EIS, on a crude oil pipeline in Minnesota history. This is a landmark decision for MN environmental law.

To learn more, visit www.facebook.com/savemississippiheadwaters To keep our water blue, donate at www.friendsottheheadwaters.org Or POBox 583, Park Rapids, MN 56470

Thank you, Mary C. Harper P.O. Box 26 Cass Lake, MN 56633

From: Sarah Harper <sarah@mn350.org>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 9:34 PM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Line 3 DEIS Comment Attachments: Line 3 Comment .docx

Hello,

Attached is my comment on the Line 3 DEIS.

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

Thanks, Sarah I am a senior at the University of Minnesota pursuing a degree in accounting. I was born in Minnesota and have lived here my whole life. My mother grew up on a farm in Northern Minnesota where I spent much of my childhood. I also spent many summers at Big Sandy Lake, a childhood destination that is very important to me and is just a few miles away from the proposed route. With a more personal connection to the region Line 3 will span and a particular interest in the probable consequences of this project, I was pleased to know that the State of Minnesota is allowing public engagement and participation throughout the regulatory approval process. I have been following the Line 3 proposed pipeline for over a year as an active member of MN350, and I have come to learn that it will be a major piece of infrastructure—the largest project in Enbridge history. With widely held concerns about fossil fuels exacerbating climate change, a long history of neglecting and oppressing tribal nations and an indefinite lifespan set for this pipeline, an extensive review and careful progression is warranted to ensure that there is a true need for Line 3. The current state of this DEIS does not satisfy this obligation and cannot yet be used to guide a well-informed decision.

It is stated in section 3.1.1 C that the commission must determine whether or not the consequences to society of granting the certificate are more favorable than the consequences of denying it. This is key. To reiterate, the underlying purpose of this document is to help inform decision makers of the "consequences to society." If this is true, why are there so few pages in the DEIS that focus on said society? More specifically put, why are the Tribal Resources and Environmental Justice chapters of the smallest? (They are less than 50 pages in total, including references, out of 5,000+). We can't possibly say that society was even taken into consideration when less than 5% of the document even mentions social issues. What societal consequences

will this decision be based off of? By looking at the current state of this document, I couldn't tell you. It is stated on page 443 of chapter 5 that the cost of climate change as a result of this pipeline alone could be as high as \$287 billion. Does a number like that not call for another 5,000 pages of discussion? There are clearly enormous ways this will impact communities both in Minnesota and globally that remain predominantly undisclosed. Who is going to pay for that financial burden? This is a slap in the face to all Minnesotans who aren't given clear answers about the climate change mitigation plans both financially and existentially. I am more than disappointed—anyone could see that there is a major deficiency here. This document is undeniably incomplete.

Within the sections that do mention social impacts, the content available is sloppily put together. Why is "historicaltrauma.com" listed as a reference? This domain does not even exist. Such embarrassingly poor research conducted on tribal issues is clearly racist and insulting to the Native community. It makes me question how sound the research is for the rest of the DEIS. The entire portion that deals with the devastating and concealed network of sex trafficking among pipeline construction workers is evidently insufficient. Setting up an "education plan and awareness campaign," as Enbridge claims they "can" do (with no specifics provided), won't solve the problem. Has the company ever set up such programs before, and why would they suddenly do so for Line 3? This ignores the victims and the tremendous pain they are forced to endure. How do we value their lives? Something this serious deserves more attention in the document. Both of these examples are a sign that social science expertise in the making of these chapters was majorly lacking. Perhaps this is due to the fact that this research was conducted by the Environmental Review Manager of the MNDOC, whose expertise is in Botany

and Land Use Planning. I ask that this portion be rewritten by an expert in the field. Once again, how can the PUC sufficiently weigh social consequences without thorough research and expert assistance?

The DEIS has failed to examine the health impacts of this pipeline by not analyzing or even including the worst case scenario for emergency response to a spill along the various routes. If there is a statistical chance of a catastrophic spill happening anywhere along the APR in my lifetime (including the headwaters), doesn't the public deserve to know what Enbridge plans to do about it? Isn't this the bottom line concern of our communities? There were countless records of health problems among the victims of Enbridge's million-gallon Kalamazoo River spill in 2010 due to the absence of an effective emergency response; the disaster still hasn't been entirely cleaned up and is still causing problems in the community whose lives were tragically upturned. Enbridge should not only disclose their response plan, but explain how they have drastically improved their response times and effectiveness in the past few years. Doesn't the PUC need to be given this information in order to properly weigh the societal consequences?

Perhaps this is not taken into consideration because SA-04 would clearly prove to be the best route with the least impact, as it is more accessible by public roads in case of a spill. When it comes to mitigation, the plan in the DEIS is composed of what Enbridge claims it will do—taken directly from the company's application. There is no evidence of compliance or established procedures to hold it accountable beyond "third-party monitors" that will not have stop-work authority. This more than hints at a strong bias toward Enbridge and its preferences above all else. I urge the DOC require Enbridge to disclose more detailed mitigation and

emergency response information in the EIS. It is critically important and may be the determining factor in the PUC's decision.

On a side note, the document is overall inconsistent. An example of this is in section 4.2.2, where it is stated that approval or denial of any one crude oil transport project is unlikely to significantly impact the rate of extraction in the oil sands. This is inconsistent with what the executive summary says, which is that the Project will cause an incremental increase in extraction over what would have occurred if demand was met instead with light crude oils. This makes me question how carefully the document was put together.

Why isn't shutting down Line 3 entirely and not building a new pipeline ever discussed in the DEIS? Wouldn't this analysis be the best way to delineate what consequences there would be to society if the certificate is denied? It would certainly create plenty of temporary jobs in Northern Minnesota to remove the old Line 3. Minnesotans deserve to know more about these economic factors, and I would hope that the decision makers get a chance to hear about them. And speaking of the old Line 3, why is there no plan for addressing the contamination they will find when this old ("weeping," according to Enbridge) line is shut down? Why are there only 16 pages devoted to abandonment? What are the benefits or downsides of using alternative energy instead of petroleum in years to come? Considering the projected twofold growth of wind and solar through 2040 according to the AEO, some sort of analysis on this topic would give us a more realistic idea of what energy will eventually look like in Minnesota and how Line 3 might play into that outcome. I don't see why the shut-down without replacement option is an impossible one, and it shouldn't be ignored in the EIS. If it is absent, this will stunt the PUC's ability to make a thoughtful decision.

Many of the alternatives that *are* discussed in this document are either ridiculous or infeasible. The oil-by-rail alternative requires infrastructure that does not currently exist (a rail terminal at the Canadian border), and the oil-by-truck alternative requires 4,000 trucks a day. These proposed alternatives are nothing short of absurd and show unmistakable bias. These alternatives make Enbridge's plan look like the only option that makes sense—this is simply not true.

Throughout my years of studies, I have learned that industry is often favored to enhance the wellbeing of society through a dispersion of wealth and through the benefits reaped from the good provided. It is often believed that these benefits will offset the social cost of industry, but this isn't always true - especially not when the environment is damaged excessively. My point is that we can't know if the benefits will offset the costs, because the DEIS does not give sufficient insight into either side of the scale. As I have argued up to this point, there is not a sufficient analysis of the social or health impacts of Line 3. Further, there is not a sufficient analysis of the economic benefits. I understand a discussion of the economic need of Line 3 will supposedly be addressed during the evidentiary hearing this fall, but why are we leaving this critically important job up to the lawyers? As an accounting student, I would love to see some sort of economic justification for this pipeline. I think the rest of the public would, too. From what I know about tar sands oil, it is currently very difficult to make a profit off of, and much of it is selling at a loss right now. What I do see in section 5.2.7.3 regarding overall energy consumption in the US remaining relatively flat through 2040, would lead me to believe that upping the capacity is not a critical need at this point in time. If this is the case, is it necessary to approve Line 3, which will be the largest project in Enbridge history?

To conclude, this DEIS appears to lack the unbiased information and expertise needed to guide the PUC in making the best decision for our state. I ask that the DOC revise it to include a more thorough look at the costs and benefits of this pivotal project.

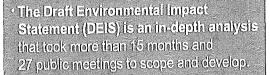


## **Comment Form**

Line 3 Project Draft EIS Public Meeting

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Fax 651-539-0109 Line 3 Pipeline comments.

#### Docket # CN-14-916 + PPL-15-137

My name is Karen Harris, I am a Registered Nurse caring for individuals in Clearwater County as well as a county resident. I am writing to oppose Enbridge's line 3 project.

I care for many individuals within the county that are Native Americans. The proposed route of line 3 would negatively impact many areas that are within the 1855 Treaty area that secure hunting, fishing and ricing rights for these individuals. I fear the construction of the pipeline will disrupt these areas to the point many people who continue to hunt, fish and rice will end up going without. Scientific evidence has shed light on the damage oil pipelines create even before they leak. According to The National Nurses United, there remains a concern for public health and possible increase in the damaging effects on the climate crisis. Many people in these affected areas are low income. They rely on a threatened Medicaid system for health care. We put these people at the greatest risk for negative health outcomes d/t distance from care, lack of care and social inequality as well as structural barriers. These are the people that Enbridge will be exposing toxic chemicals, increased sound levels, increased anxiety over spill possibilities as well as anxiety d/t decreased water quality from construction impact. These areas are remote with limited human observation points making possible catastrophes prolonged before emergency response is initiated. As a nurse, many of my clients rely on local artesian wells for drinking water. For individuals who rely on ground water, contamination of the one source they use would be unimaginable due to lack of income to buy safe water or to go to a water dispensing site due to lack of transportation.

"A new University of Toronto-Scarborough <u>study published Monday</u> says there's another reason to be concerned about oil production in the tar sands: The Canadian government may have underestimated emissions of carcinogens known as <u>polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons</u>, or PAHs, from the <u>Alberta tar sands</u>, and they may be a major hazard to both human and ecosystem health." (Magill, 2014).

The possible negative outcomes this pipe brings to the area are unimaginable for the health care field.

Historical trauma Native Americans have endured has been unimaginable. This continues with the exploitation of their treaty lands, treaties that have not been honored and desecration of sacred sites. Bringing the oil pipeline as well as the "man camps" involved with this type of work increases sexual crimes against native women. According to the Boston Globe:

"In North Dakota, the man camps created during the Bakken oil boom drastically increased the levels of violent crime perpetrated against women and girls — and particularly native women and girls. Studies conducted during the peak of the oil boom — from 2010 to 2013 — showed that the number of reported domestic violence incidents and sexual assaults increased by hundreds, flooding and overwhelming service providers" (Nagle, M.K. & Steinem, G. Boston Globe, 2016).

The proposed route takes the toxic tar sands oil near one of Minnesota's most pristine and most visited state parks, Itasca. Creating several local jobs that are filled each season, this park has the Mississippi headwaters. A place where families come from all over the world to let their children walk across the waters that flow over rocks as they flood towards the Gulf of Mexico. As a nurse, mother and community member, I ask that the Enbridge line three be stopped. I do not feel adequate safeguards are in place to allow such a toxic flow of chemicals through pristine forests, marsh lands, rivers and lakes that make up the Minnesota we want to hand down to our grandchildren and their families.

Lawr Klewis, RN, BSN, PHN

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From: Ashley Harris <Ashley.Harris@live.bemidjistate.edu>

Sent:Monday, July 10, 2017 9:41 PMTo:MN\_COMM\_Pipeline CommentsSubject:Line Three Pipeline Comments

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

As a young Native American living in Minnesota, I am very concerned about the proposal of Enbridge's Line Three Pipeline and its route. If a spill were to occur, which is inevitable according to Stop Line 3, the effect on wildlife could be devastating. No matter what trophic level the spill directly affects, all creatures in the affected ecosystem(s) would suffer.

Not only would the flora and fauna of the ecosystem suffer, but Minnesota's infrastructure would as well. According to Dirk Peterson of the Minnesota DNR, fishing contributes "...\$640 million a year in tax revenues to the treasuries of our state and federal government ("News Release")." If a leak were to contaminate a water source fishing revenue would take a detrimental hit, as would hunting.

I urge you to reconsider the instillation of the Line Three Pipeline, as it puts animals and humans at risk just by existing. The effect of the pipeline would be much bigger than I have described here, and I fear what damage it *will* cause if it is truly built.

Pilamaya (Thank you) for your time.

#### Citations

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From: Glenn Harris <glennharris2010@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 1:24 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Public Comments on CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

#### 7/10/2017

Dear Jamie MacAlister and all else concerned,

I am writing to publicly oppose the creation of Enbridge Energy's proposed Line 3 Pipeline Project (see dockets numbered CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137). My name is Glenn Harris, I am a mathematician and Minnesotan resident residing in Minneapolis 55408. The reasons are many for my opposition, principal among them is the environmental concerns. Following that, it is just bad business for Minnesota. Lastly it will be a political nightmare for all involved.

It is well known that oil transportation inevitably leads to oil spills. It is also known that corporations serve their profit margins only (not first and foremost, but only). Enbridge publicly claims that this is a replacement project but that is false since the old pipeline will remain in operation; they do not intend to take out the old line and place the new one on top, this is a whole different pipeline (see <a href="https://www.enbridge.com/projects-and-infrastructure/projects/line-3-replacement-program-us">https://www.enbridge.com/projects-and-infrastructure/projects/line-3-replacement-program-us</a>). So noting that Enbridge is being purposefully misleading one cannot help but throw all their claims of 'safety as a chief concern' into doubt. That doubt then coupled with the corporation's fiduciary responsibility to produce a profit at all other costs, i.e. the environmental costs, is a clear reason to fully expect a future environmental crisis. The land and water will most assuredly be damaged then. Considering the land and water's value to the public and the Minnesotan businesses, even more so in the face of climate change as Minnesotan land may be some of the only that remains arable, forces the government to not permit Enbridge to complete this project.

The public, businesses, and the government need not be concerned with Enbridge losing money on this. I certainly do not care if Enbridge goes bankrupt (which they won't). Enbridge should not have put the cart before the horse in deciding to sink money into this project already, the losses they suffer are their own doing. The fact is that the public, businesses, the government, and even Enbridge them self will lose money when the line cracks and torrents of oil spew onto the land, destroying our water supply and making future land use impossible.

This is just a bad idea, and we need only look over one state to the Dakota Access Pipeline to see how bad things will get in the coming days if this project moves forward. The further costs of protests, police protection, litigation, etc. will be far worse in Minnesota than in the sparsely populated North Dakota. Minnesotans care deeply about their environment and not the minor gains in profits of some soulless corporation. Many peoples jobs depend on a healthy environment too, they will fight to defend their jobs and join against Enbridge.

Let's stay ahead of the curve on this one and just stop the pipeline before it becomes an environmental, monetary, or political problem.

Sincerely, Glenn Harris 3435 1st. Ave. S. Apt. 1 Minneapolis, MN, 55408

From: Karen Harris < Karen. Harris@whiteearth-nsn.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 1:55 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** line 3 pipelin

**Attachments:** enbridge opposition.docx

#### Docket number CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

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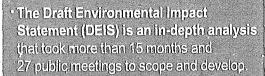
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**Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2017 2:29 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Line 3 Replacement CN-14-916 and

PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

Enbridge currently has a line the is old and needs to be updated with modern piping and coating. i feel it is more unsafe to have a old line in use and to replace it with new. They have found routes that are safe in existing corridors.

Sincerely,

BRIAN HARTJE 6720 Viking Ct NE Bemidji, MN 56601 brian@bemidjiwelderssupply.com



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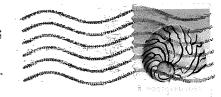
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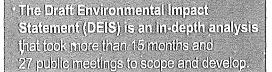
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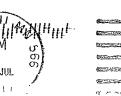
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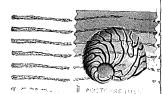


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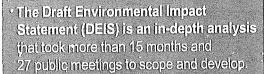


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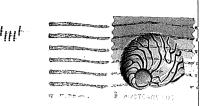
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Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 4:46 PM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Line 3 Replacement CN-14-916 and

PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I am a Minnesotan familiar with the pipeline to be going through the state. They have met the environmental standards required and it will create much needed jobs as well. I support Enbridge.com competing this project, as we know how it can be done correctly.

Sincerely,

Pam Hautamaki 2 Highland Park Dr Virginia, MN 55792 mhauts@mchsi.com

From: Jim Hawley <jjhawley@frontiernet.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 8:43 PM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Comments re: Enbridge Line 3 Replacement: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137 Attached

**Attachments:** Line 3 Replacement Comments to PUC.doc

Jim Hawley 51976 209th Place McGregor, MN 55760 Home: 218-426-4476 Cell: 651-247-1332 jjhawley@frontiernet.net

#### JAMES C. AND JUDY A. HAWLEY

July 6, 2017

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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission Re: MPUC Docket Nos. PL-9/CN-14-916 and PL-9/PPL-15-137

Dear Members of the Commission:

We have previously written you regarding the Sandpiper pipeline/corridor, and wish to emphasize a few points in this letter as to the Line 3 Replacement/pipeline corridor project currently under review. We continue to urge the Commission, if a pipeline construction is deemed to be in the public interest, to route it along the least environmentally sensitive route.

In commenting on Sandpiper, we emphasized this was a risk-based decision. You can do four things about risk: avoid it, absorb it, insure for it or mitigate it.

In addition to the element of risk, the Line 3 replacement decision is also a legacy decision – for you and ultimately for the public. The decision taken will impact multiple generations, lasting beyond your lifetimes and ours. And, given Enbridge's stated intent that this pipeline will be the first in this corridor of multiple future pipelines your decision takes on added significance.

Transporting oil by train is not without risk. We submit the statements regarding this risk have been overstated and even sensationalized by some. That said, we are not opposed to pipelines per sé. The comparative safety of pipelines has also been overstated. One thing that appears to be in common regardless of delivery mechanism – human error is the cause of many of the accidents we have seen, including the Troy, Michigan Enbridge spill that has received so much attention as well as the 2015 California spill that federal regulators estimated put 123,000 gallons of oil on the ground, with one-fifth of the volume reaching the Pacific Ocean.

The take away is that even with available technology, either ineffective training or lack of attention can lead to the human error – and a significant accident.

So, in this legacy decision process, it is incumbent upon you to make your decision based on the science and the facts available – and avoid any political predispositions. If you decide the construction of a pipeline is in the public interest and represents your best stewardship of the environment, reliance on a solid scientific and factual foundation best preserves your legacy.

The Enbridge conversations have always been in two parts: Should there be a pipeline constructed in the first place? and Where should it be built? We have believed this demarcation has been appropriate.

We addressed the should question above. As to the where question, a pipeline should be built in the absolute least environmentally sensitive area. This is no place for marginal decision making. That is, Route such-and-such is acceptable because it is only marginally more risky than another route. NO! The route selected should be, again based on the best available science, the <u>least</u> impactful from an environmental standpoint.

July 6, 2017

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We understand there are tradeoffs inherent in the process. You must establish some sort of scoring or ranking of the tradeoffs to arrive at a conclusion that will withstand scrutiny.

Given commentary from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency during the Sandpiper process, it is difficult for us to comprehend that the proposed route by Enbridge meets that least impactful criteria.

We are not environmental scientists. Nor are members of the commission, based on your published biographies. Therefore, we reinforce that any decisions you take should be based on the best science at your disposal – period. This decision defines your legacy as public servants, and becomes the legacy for this and future generations in terms of the quality of life they inherit.

In conclusion – if you deem pipeline construction is necessary, so be it; if the route selected is any other than the least impactful for the environment, your legacy is tainted.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. In the interest of full disclosure, we live in the Big Sandy Lake Watershed, with Big Sandy Lake, according to the Army Corps of Engineers (Master Plan For Public Use and Resource Management – Published August 1977, revised 1990) controlling runoff from a 421-square mile area.

Sincerely,

James C. and Judy A. Hawley 51976 209th Place McGregor, MN 55760 From: <u>Victor Hayes</u>

To: MN COMM Pipeline Comments

Subject: Piplinge 3

**Date:** Monday, May 22, 2017 10:38:16 AM

#### Dear committee,

Please follow existing line all the way so you don't disrupt more land and cross the Mississippi River four times (as it looks to me). The old line should be replaced or have many opening valves to gather oil when the new line should erupt and be capable of take the spill away while repairs are made. No, logical reason has been given for taking a new route. I have land near this route.

Thanks for your attention

Victor Hayes Pequot Lakes

From: Landmark <eheck@landmarkgroups.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 4:42 PM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Comments regarding Line 3 and docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

**Attachments:** EHeckLine3.docx

Please see the attached letter.

Thank you, Elizabeth Heck Date: July 9, 2017

To: Jamie MacAlister, Environmental Review Manager

Minnesota Department of Commerce

85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 280 St. Paul. MN 55101-2198

From: Elizabeth Heck

Outing, MN 56662

Re: Comments regarding Line 3 and docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

I am submitting a written comment in response to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed expansion and reroute of the Line 3 pipeline. I strongly oppose this project due to the high potential for adverse environmental impacts.

Enbridge has an extensive history of spills from their pipelines. I am the owner of a property on Lake Roosevelt in Outing, Minnesota and within one mile of the proposed pipeline route. The proposed route for the pipeline crosses a stream which directly feeds my lake. A spill here of the diluted bitumen would be virtually impossible to clean out of our lake, leaving the property owners, local businesses and county tax base in serious financial jeopardy and hardship.

The DEIS does not establish the need for this pipeline, nor does it establish the need for it to be routed through Minnesota, and in particular areas with sensitive features. These features include some of the states most pristine lakes, wetlands, drinking water sources forests and wildlife habitats.

If need can be established for this line, it is imperative to select a more appropriate route, preferably through Canada. This is a Canadian pipeline benefiting a foreign country and foreign investors, not benefiting the citizens of Minnesota.

The legal basis for this pipeline is questionable and without merit.

I strongly request the Minnesota Department of Commerce perform a more thorough analysis of the Environmental Impact Statement on Line 3 that adequately presents the risks and potential impacts on water, communities, and climate.

Thank you, Elizabeth Heck

**From:** paul heck <heck@landmarkgroups.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, July 09, 2017 7:03 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

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Please see the attached letter.

Thank you, Paul Heck

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In no way should a pipeline be routed near critical and valuable habitats or recreational features. The proposed route winds around the west and north end of Lake Roosevelt, a large and popular recreational lake. Any spill in this area would drain directly in to the lake with devastating results. The area where the pipeline continues to the east also drains directly into Lake Roosevelt. The odds of having a spill reach this beautiful lake are unquestionable too high.

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Enbridge should take the responsibility and initiative to route the pipeline to avoid these treasured areas. I also believe it is imperative for Enbridge to absolutely increase its safety practices across all pipeline routes. Please ask that Enbridge step up to its promises of a safe pipeline and avoid routing near recreational and sensitive areas.

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From: phecker@tds.net

**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 8:40 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Public Comment

**Attachments:** Public Comment on Line 3 doc 2.docx

Please see the attached letter

Public Comment: Line 3 Project (Cn-14-916 and PPL-15-137)

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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 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 lakes country in Minnesota will affect the fishing, tourism, and recreation industries (and others) in Minnesota? How would the 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 EIS to be complete.

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.

I have heard that a Certificate of Need must take into account whether there is a need in Minnesota for this pipeline — in other words, whether there is a *state* need (not a national need). Even if we

used statistics about the national need, U.S. fuel demand was down 5 percent in 2015 compared to its 2007 peak. In Minnesota, fuel demand was down 19 percent in 2016 compared to its 2004 peak. As higher efficiency cars and electric cars become increasingly popular, it is doubtful a new pipeline will be needed to supply needed oil.

(http://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/sce/north-star-chapter/pdf/EnergySecurity.pdf)

I would like to see this information mentioned in the final EIS.

I understand that an engineering firm called Cardno, with ties to Enbridge, was instrumental in preparing part of the draft Environmental Impact Statement for Line 3. In light of this fact, in the final EIS I would like to see an independent analysis of the information they provided. Minnesota requires verified facts for such a large project.

Thank you,

Pat Hecker 38327 S. Arrowhead Dr. Pine River, MN 56474

From: Florence Hedeen < hedeencf@arvig.net >

**Sent:** Saturday, July 08, 2017 8:45 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Comment Line 3 Project: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

#### **Dear Environmental Review Manager:**

I understand that a Certificate of Need must take into account whether there is a need in Minnesota for this pipeline — in other words, whether there is a *state* need (not a national need). Many fewer investors in Alberta tar sand are supporting that project with their money. The increased access to and affordability of renewable energy makes it the "go to" investment for many investors, because that's where most of our energy needs will be met in the near future.

Even if we used statistics about the national need, U.S. fuel demand was down 5 percent in 2015 compared to its 2007 peak. In Minnesota, fuel demand was down 19 percent in 2016 compared to its 2004 peak. As higher efficiency cars and electric cars become increasingly popular, it is doubtful a new pipeline will be needed to supply the reduced demand for oil. (<a href="http://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/sce/north-star-chapter/pdf/EnergySecurity.pdf">http://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/sce/north-star-chapter/pdf/EnergySecurity.pdf</a>)

According to the 2013 National Climate Assessment we're already experiencing consequences of global climate change, i.e. more severe storms, floods, and droughts. Ever higher winter temperatures in northern Minnesota affect us even more than other areas in the United States, changing what vegetation will thrive here and increasing the vitality and spread of the ticks carrying more serious types of diseases.

The primary cause of global warming is human activity. When we change our energy sources, we will reduce our gravely negative impact on the climate on which we depend for our very lives to the seventh generation and beyond.

I would like to see this information mentioned in the final EIS.

Thank you.

Florence Hedeen 703 First St. West Park Rapids, MN 56470

From: Ken Hedmark < khedmark@hotmail.com>

Sent:Thursday, June 29, 2017 9:54 AMTo:MN\_COMM\_Pipeline CommentsSubject:Line 3 Replacement Project

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

We need to allow this project to be built to completion!

Sincerely,

Ken Hedmark PO Box 33 Kerrick, MN 55756 khedmark@hotmail.com

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From: Rebecca Heimark <rheimark@outlook.com>

**Sent:** Saturday, July 08, 2017 3:06 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

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

#### **Dear Environmental Review Manager for Line 3:**

I am submitting the following comment about Enbridge's Line 3 project.

I and my family have lived in Aitkin County more than 27 years. We settled here to raise our family because there is so much natural and undeveloped landhere. This is a beautiful place. This is where people come to enjoy the lakes, rivers and natural areas where they can bird watch, observe wildlife and hunt and fish. We have a small organic and sustainably-based farm. In the DEIS (Section 10.1.2.1) it states that pipeline stress or corrosion can also occur due to the natural conditions of the substrate surrounding the pipeline. Our wetlands and bogs and natural areas should not be open to a Canadian company to develop for their profits. They already have an existing corridor. They should continue to use this current corridor for their new pipeline. I believe this existing corridor is already contaminated, so why should Enbridge be allowed to contaminate new and undeveloped land? I think Enbridge does not want to be forced to clean up the existing pipeline right of way; they want to abandon it and hope no one ever discovers how dirty and polluting their pipelines are. I would like Enbridge to use the corridor they already have to provide oil transportation. Please add these comments to your public testimony. Sincerely, Rebecca Heimark

**From:** Gary Heimark < gheimark@outlook.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 7:33 AM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

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

#### **Dear Environmental Review Manager for Line 3:**

I am submitting the following comment about Enbridge's Line 3 project that will pass through a new corridor in Aitkin county. I'm against the new pipeline corridor in Aitkin County.

We have lived in Aitkin County more than 27 years and raised our family in this beautiful part of Minnesota. We have a small beef cattle farm that provides us with some supplemental income. We love the lakes, rivers and large areas of public land in Aitkin County. But this is one of the poorest counties in Minnesota.and has been subjected to other proposals by private companies to move polluting industries into the area.. A recent proposal was to locate a Plasma gasification trash burning plant in the Palisade area of Aitkin County. Trash was to be hauled from a large regional area on our poorly constructed roads in the old glacial lake area of Aitkin County near the Mississippi River. This proposal divided the community Palisade and Aitkin area and was never built. I hope the new Enbridge pipeline corridor is never built in Aitkin county but even this proposal will have lasting effect dividing people and families in the county into for and against camps. I hope that the State of Minnesota will stop these predatory companies from preying on the poor families of Aitkin County.

The Enbridge Line 3 proposed route is through some of the most ecologically sensitive area of Aitkin County. This area is full of wetlands and waterways of the Mississippi Rivers as it pass through the old Glacial Lake Aitkin. This is the worst route you could have picked through Aitkin County. Any major spills into this interconnected water way system will have devastating effects on the lakes and rivers in Aitkin County.

Finally, I think Enbridge should be required to remove their line 3 pipeline in the existing corridor and perform remediation of that land and install their new pipeline in the existing corridor.

Sincerely,

Gary Heimark 33683 Dove St Aitkin, MN 56431

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Sent from Outlook

From: Marne Helgesen <helgesen@purdue.edu>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 04, 2017 12:36 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

Cc:Marne HelgesenSubject:Proposed Pipeline

#### Dear Environmental Review Manager; to whom it may concern:

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Dr. Marne Helgesen 6001 Royal Oak Drive NE Outing, MN 56662

From: John Helland <johnhelland3@gmail.com>

Sent:Monday, July 10, 2017 10:00 PMTo:MN\_COMM\_Pipeline CommentsSubject:CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Please do not allow the routing of Enbridge Line #3 through the heart of Minnesota's pristine water bodies, it's lakes, rivers, groundwater and adjacent wetlands, forests and wildlife corridors. It is not necessary and there is a feasible and prudent alternative if this line is permitted. Thank you!

Respectfully, John Helland

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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

PHONE NUMBER (218) 727 - 7676 SHAMI HELDER QUALL **FULL NAME** Shown HELMER J. W. 17 5 4510 Airport Rd. Duluth, MN 55803 ÇITY, STATE, ZIP Dulath, MN 55803

I fully support THIS PROJECT AND ANY OTHERS LIKE IT. That pipelines are the safest i most RELIABLE METHOD TO TROWS PORT THE NATION'S EVERGY DEMONDS; PERTOD, PIPELINES ALSO SUPPORT THOUSANDS OF FamiliES & provide GOOD paying jobs that provides A POSILIVE impact to our NATIONAL ECONOMY

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From: Ryan Hendriks <rhendriks@lsconsulting.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 14, 2017 3:31 PM **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 am a Minnesotan and want to see the environment protected like most others. I believe replacing the aging and outdated Line 3 is imperative to protecting the environment. Many studies have been completed that analyze the potential environmental affects on "Resources of Concern". Enbridge's preferred route is far and above the best route chosen to minimize potential impact on drinking water and cultural resources even more so than the alternative of continuing use of Line 3. Continued use of Line 3 with the addition of truck or rail transportation to meet the demand is far and above the worst option for protecting our drinking water and biological areas of interest in the state.

The MPCA has recently released the Mississippi River Watershed report that shows the cleanest waters in the state are in northern Minnesota. Pipeline infrastructure and clean waters can co-exist. If Enbridge is forced to continue use of the existing Line 3 due to a rejection of the CN, the state of MN will need to answer to the angry environmentalists. I am aware of the incredible effort that Enbridge and their consultants have put into the EIS, looking for artifacts and examining our lakes and rivers over the past four years, along the preferred route.

Enbridge has found a route that follows existing utility corridors.

Pipelines are safely operating everywhere in Minnesota. Enbridge needs to be granted the CN to build Line 3 replacement in order to continue protecting the environment from a pipeline failure. Far better construction methods and technologies exist today that 50 years ago when Line 3 was constructed. Forcing Enbridge to continue use of Line 3 to meet the energy needs of our country would be like asking the MN state government to operate efficiently with technology from 1960.

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.

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. It is in the best interest of public and environmental safety, the economy of northern Minnesota, and the MN PUC.

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.

The draft EIS released is incredibly thorough in all aspects. The preferred route is clearly the best option for environmental protection. 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.

Sincerely,

Ryan J Hendriks 7170 Clay Ave Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076 rhendriks@lsconsulting.com

### 0403 I SUPPORT THE LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJEC Ryan Hendriks 2183497689 **FULL NAME** ADDRESS 7170 Clay Ave CITY, STATE, ZIP Triver Grove Heights, MN 55076

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From: JAY D HENNINGSGARD Owner < jhenningsgard@centurylink.net>

**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 3:52 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Line 3 Pipeline Project

My name is Sandra Henningsgard, I approve of the line 3 pipeline project, and feel I represent the silent majority in this matter. Pipeline opponents have been very vocal, and it does not appear to me that their opposition is warranted. I would assume our state and federal experts have approved safety and environmental issues regarding the pipeline, and their judgement should be trusted. Please do not be swayed by the vocal minority. Thank you.

From: Lili Herbert <lhbirdsong@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 3:40 PM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** No to pipeline

I'm Elizabeth Herbert from St. Paul. As a person of faith and as a resident of Minnesota, I am very concerned about the new Line 3 proposed by Enbridge. Though the environmental impact statement acknowledges many severe consequences to land, water, and local communities, it appears the nobuild option is not being seriously considered.

I am alarmed by the plans for this pipeline, which disregard the severe impacts of potential spills to ricing lakes, rivers, and even to Lake Superior. Furthermore, I find it unacceptable that we, as a state, continue to expect Native communities to disproportionately endure the impacts of extracting and transporting oil. These risks are outlined but not considered reason enough to reject the pipeline.

We have a responsibility to current and future generations, locally and globally, to keep out Tar Sands oil that could pollute MN waters and contribute significantly to climate change. Climate scientists agree it is time to leave the oil in the ground.

I implore you to weigh the dire consequences of this pipeline and strongly consider rejecting it.

Sincerely, Lili Herbert

**From:** J.A.H. <deergrazingbymoonlite@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 8:13 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

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

To whom it may concern,

I am a non Native who as a child went every summer to MN with may family, fished and water skied and bought a case of wild rice from a Native family to bring home and enjoy on special occasions throughout the year.

This food is unique to your state and unique in our world of food. It is harvested by the Native peoples. It is delicious and healthy.

I want this food and the Natives rights to its collection and sale to be protected. I want the beautiful waters and the wildlife of MN to be protected.

#### The Line 3 DEIS

has not complied with the UN International Standard for projects impacting Native Peoples it unfairly impacts the Natives and adds an unfair burden to their already fragile health status in this country

the "preferred route" would impact wild rice fields, as stated above, an important source of healthy food and an income to the Natives

As a woman and a trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner THE FOLLOWING is VERY CONCERNING:

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?

Additionally, No realistic alternatives have been proposed, no mention made of conservation, RENEWABLE ENERGY, or the decrease in demand for oil

There is no spill analysis

We want to see the contaminated management site plan

Protection from corrosion from nearby utility lines is essential to prevent leaks and there is nothing that will be done for a year about this!

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. (Another example of the wealthy exploiting the poor)

the DEIS shows that the negative impacts far outweigh the benefits. So our position remains:

# NO PERMIT. SHUT DOWN LINE 3 AND DEVELOP RENEWABLE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE.

Thank you,

Jo Ann Herbert RN, BSN (retired) Vashon Is, Wa. 206-567-5852

From:apache@web.lmic.state.mn.usSent:Monday, July 10, 2017 10:39 PMTo:MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Herbert Mon Jul 10 22:38:54 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: Patricia Herbert

County: Washington County

City: Vashon

Email: sequoia592000@yahoo.com

Phone: 2064630037

Impact: I know you would like questions concerning the pipeline--questions which you can easily answer. But I've commented on many EIS's and I've found that after everyone gives responses to the questions the companies or the government go ahead and do what they want to do. And since this is an unacceptable way to truly look at what people are saying against the proposals it seems we need to be very honest and forthright in our comments. I want to say there are thousands of people who are against each pipeline. They crisscross much of our nation. People have become very sick and died in many cases. People have lost their land and many of us ask why are we allowing these decisions to be made when there is so much opposition? What does it take from us to help you understand that each of these pipelines represents destruction, death, anger, and a continuation of our country only carrying about making more money. Sustainable energy would provide more life supporting jobs for people. When we look at the employment level these companies (governments) project we realize these levels are temporary and end soon after the pipeline is built.

Mitigation: The only mitigation that is acceptable to me is to not build any more pipelines which are potentially capable of destroying peoples lives-- certainly oil, gas, chemicals, or any other dangerous substance.

Submission date: Mon Jul 10 22:38:54 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 andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us

From: Kathy Herbranson <glherbranson@icloud.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, July 06, 2017 10:17 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Comments CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

**Attachments:** Pipelinecommentsjuly2017.pdf

The attachment contains comments on CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137.

Kathy Herbranson

July 7, 2017

Jamie MacAlister Environmental Review Manager MN Dept of Commerce 85 Seventh Place E., Suite 280 St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

RE: Docket Numbers: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

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construction is complete. Plus SA-04 would be co-located with existing pipelines for much of its length, construction of the route would fragment less habitat than the Applicant's preferred route. Its proximity to well-traveled roads along the 29/94 route would greatly increase chances that spills would be noticed promptly, and would enable clean-up crews to easily reach spill sites without having to first build temporary roads. Minnesota needs a well-planned utility corridor. This route would allow the land to be returned to its use and not permanently changed as in the proposed route by the applicant.

Minnesota Statute 116D.02 subdivision 2 states that it is the State's responsibility to: "(10) preserve important existing natural habitats of rare and endangered species of plants, wildlife, and fish, and provide for the wise use of our remaining areas of natural habitation, including necessary protective measures where appropriate..." The proposed route would have significant impact on natural habitats of rare species of plants, wildlife and fish and the landscape would permanently be altered.

Route SA-04 has many attributes that would promote a well planned and accessible utility corridor, which is needed by Minnesota. The increased capacity of the pipeline would provide for Enbridge to pay for the potential increased costs of a more southernly route. The potential of an oil spill in our best quality lakes, rivers, wetlands and forest ecosystems is to great to risk.

Kathy Herbranson 49899 210th Place McGregor, MN 55760

From: Kathy <kgherbranson@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 11:43 AM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Comments CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

**Attachments:** Pipelinecommentsjuly2017.pdf

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avoid crossing the sensitive lakes, rivers and wild rice beds of northern Minnesota. SA-04 would avoid our cleanest water resources and cross land less permeable for pipelines. SA-04 routes primary impacts would be on agricultural land, which can be restored to agricultural use after construction is complete. Plus SA-04 would be co-located with existing pipelines for much of its length, construction of the route would fragment less habitat than the Applicant's preferred route. Its proximity to well-traveled roads along the 29/94 route would greatly increase chances that spills would be noticed promptly, and would enable clean-up crews to easily reach spill sites without having to first build temporary roads. Minnesota needs a well-planned utility corridor. This route would allow the land to be returned to its use and not permanently changed as in the proposed route by the applicant.

Minnesota Statute 116D.02 subdivision 2 states that it is the State's responsibility to: "(10) preserve important existing natural habitats of rare and endangered species of plants, wildlife, and fish, and provide for the wise use of our remaining areas of natural habitation, including necessary protective measures where appropriate..." The proposed route would have significant impact on natural habitats of rare species of plants, wildlife and fish and the landscape would permanently be altered.

Route SA-04 has many attributes that would promote a well planned and accessible utility corridor, which is needed by Minnesota. The increased capacity of the pipeline would provide for Enbridge to pay for the potential increased costs of a more southernly route. The potential of an oil spill in our best quality lakes, rivers, wetlands and forest ecosystems is to great to risk.

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Re: Proposed Line 3 Pipeline Project Docket # CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Environmental Review Manager MacAlister,

As a Minnesotan concerned about the legacy we are leaving to future generations and the health of the planet in the broader sense, I am opposed to the replacement of Enbridge's Line 3 Pipeline and urge you to require Enbridge to remove the leaky, environmentally dangerous, now to be abandoned, old Line 3 pipeline.

A new Line 3 Tar Sands Pipeline will further our dependence upon the dirtiest of fossil fuels and reflect away from more environmentally-friendly energy sources such as wind, solar and hydro. Moreover, the new line corridor would run through the Anishinabe territory and its lakes and wild rice beds. The new line corridor threatens soils, aquifers and the Headwaters of the Mississippi River should there be spills. I understand that tribal governments and community members are against this new pipeline as well.

Since there is no state mandate to require Enbridge to clean up the old Line 3 pipeline, it falls upon the Public Utilities Commission to enforce clean-up. Enbridge must be required to remove the old pipeline and restore the damaged ecosystem. Landowners in the local communities should not bear the burden of future contamination from this now hazardous pipeline with over 900 integrity anomalies by Enbridge's own estimates.

In summary, I urge you to reject Enbridge's proposal for a new Line 3 pipeline and to require Enbridge to take responsibility for the removal of the old Line 3 pipeline. Minnesotans are depending upon you to do the right thing.

Thank you for providing for this public commentary.

Sincerely,

Linda Herron 2617 E. Fifth St.

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**From:** Philip Hess <philnjess2009@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 27, 2017 9:20 AM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Replace the pipeline

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

Please replace the pipeline. A few wetland and trees do not justify stopping a energy saving safer way to move oil. Thanks philip hess

Sincerely,

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From: Pamela Hibbert <pamjohnsonhibbert@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 10:09 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

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

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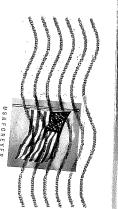
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Dan and Missie Hickey 9141 Father Foley Drive Pine River, MN 56474 mfhickey@comcast.net

July 6, 2017

Jamie Macalister Environmental Review Manager MN Department of Commerce

Hello,

Four factors result in our negative comments about the draft EIS for Enbridge Oil's proposed new tar pipeline.

**Factor 1**: Construction would require the permanent clearing and destruction of 340 miles of a 120-foot wide swathe of forested uplands and pristine wetlands.

**Factor 2**: Pipeline spills release an average of 462 barrels of crude. This is 28 times the number of barrels released in a trucking accident, and 11 times the number of barrels released in a rail accident. All three: truck, rail, and pipeline can transport 760,000 barrels of crude per day.

**Factor 3**: The new line could be an average of 10 to 15 feet from other lines in operation. This presents many hazards if removal of the current line is attempted. Abandonment of the current line presents environmental hazards of its own.

**Factor 4**: Most importantly: Royal Dutch/Shell, Marathon, Conoco Phillips, and Exxon Mobil are shedding most of their tar sands assets.

### Sources for Factor 1

Page 15 of the Executive Summary of *Line 3 Replacement Project Draft EIS* has a passage that states that the 120-foot wide construction area in northern Minnesota would be permanently converted, thereby permanently affecting more land cover and habitat than any other Certificate of Need alternative. It is pointed out that, alternatively, the SA -04 line passes through agricultural lands in North Dakota and western and southern Minnesota that can be restored to agricultural use after pipeline construction.

Page 21 of the same document states that adding another pipeline in the corridor would result in additional clearing of forest in what is otherwise a densely forested, relatively undisturbed area with high-quality habitat and relatively pristine watersheds.

### Sources for Factor 2

The chart of Certificate of Need Alternatives on page 5 of the same Executive Summary states that trucks and trains and pipelines can all potentially transport the same 760,000 barrels of oil per day.

Page 12 of the Executive Summary states that the average release of crude oil from trucks is 16 barrels, from trains is 40 barrels, and from pipelines-- **462** barrels.

### Source for Factor 3

On page 22 of the same Executive Summary, it is stated: "Enbridge has indicated that there is a significant risk that pipeline removal activities could damage an active pipeline and cause an accidental release. Damage could be caused by striking a pipeline with equipment or by the weight of the equipment as it works above operating pipelines. "

The risks of abandonment are also given on page 22: "...the potential environmental risks of any existing contamination surrounding the pipe that would never be discovered or remedied if the line were abandoned, and (that there would be) potential environmental risks and impacts associated with the ongoing deterioration of abandoned pipeline."

### Source for Factor 4

A March 10, 2017 online article by Adam Scott from the Oil Change International organization has the headline: *A Fading Future For Tar Sands*.

Scott states that: "This week, Royal Dutch Shell and Marathon Oil shed their tar sands assets." Further in the article he writes: "Exxon Mobil and Conoco Phillips were forced to admit to financial regulators that the combined 4.3 billion barrels of their previously proven oil reserves might have to stay in the ground—the vast majority of it in Canada's tar sands."

And then: "As of today, no substantial new investments have been made in tar sands expansion beyond 2020."

2020 is just three years away. We ask: Why would we risk permanently destroying our relatively undisturbed habitats and watersheds if oil companies won't invest in mining tar sands after 2020?

Respectfully submitted, Dan and Missie Hickey

From: Martin Hildebrand <mhildebrand1@nycap.rr.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, July 09, 2017 3:38 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Comments on the draft environmental impact statement for the Line 3 proposal

### Dear people:

Although I am not currently a Minnesota resident, I annually spend some time in the summer at a lake in northern Crow Wing County. I wish to comment on the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Line 3 pipeline project.

I am particularly concerned about the effect of a large or catastrophic oil spill on waters some distance from the proposed route of the pipeline and its impact on wildlife. These concerns lead to the following points:

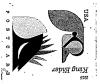
- 1. The draft environmental impact statement mentions a 10 mile region of interest downstream. However I have seen reports of certain spills in the past (along the Kalamazoo and Yellowstone Rivers) suggesting that serious impacts can occur well beyond 10 miles. So is the 10 mile region of interest long enough?
- 2. Are there lists of lakes where the proposed pipeline lies in the portion of the watershed draining into the lake? Such a list could give an idea of where the potential environmental impact of a spill could be as well as perhaps assist responders to a potential spill if the pipeline is built. What I have in mind is different from the list of waterbody crossings and the list of lakes of biological significance within 0.5 mile of the proposed pipeline.
- 3. There are some species (loons and bald eagles) which are state or national symbols and which can be found in or near lakes not terribly far from the proposed pipeline. What dangers do they face in an oil spill reaching waters? I would hope that an environmental impact statement would be more specific about how these species in particular would fare in a spill.

I thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours, Martin Hildebrand

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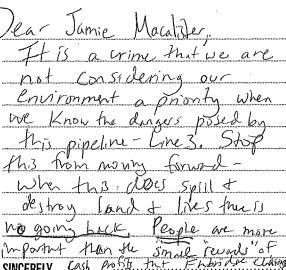
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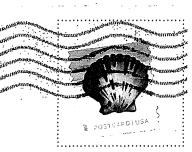


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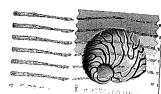
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From: Steve Hill <a href="hillsteve910@gmail.com">hillsteve910@gmail.com</a>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 7:43 AM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

Cc: Steve Hill

**Subject:** Comment on Enbridge Line 3 replacement DEIS

Dear Minnesota Department of Commerce,

I have 3 areas of concern which I believe need to be addressed by Enbridge and the State of Minnesota.

### 1. Safety

In 2012 the US National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) concluded that Enbridge "took advantage of weak regulations, and tolerated a culture of deviance" (<a href="http://www.canadianbusiness.com/blogs-and-comment/enbridge-had-a-culture-of-deviance-u-s-regulator/">http://www.canadianbusiness.com/blogs-and-comment/enbridge-had-a-culture-of-deviance-u-s-regulator/</a>) on safety and failed to detect and properly respond to the Enbridge oil spill near Kalamazo MI in 2010. Furthermore, the NTSB reported findings of "hostility, poor training, favoritism and chronic staffing issues at Enbridge" which played a role in this oil spill and cleanup.

a. How has Enbridge corporate safety culture and safety training changed since 2010? Can we now have 100% confidence their corporate safety ability to detect and prevent spills and leaks? Enbridge materials online seem to only address very recent changes to their safety approach. Development of a corporate safety culture is a long journey, and Enbridge, in their own words, has only just begun. In addition, the old managers from the "culture of deviance" seem to be still on the front line managing safety, and how will they be held accountable for future safety?

## 2. Enbridge corporate sustainability pledge

Enbridge does not use the word "water" in their sustainability pledge. They only begin to talk about water as they describe their recent efforts to track corporate water usage. Their unwillingness to declare a corporate pledge to protect water and water resources should be a big concern to the Minnesota Department of Commerce and the Public Utilities Commission.

a. How will Enbridge pledge to protect Minnesota surface and ground water from contamination? What and how will Enbridge guarantee water protection? Who will hold Enbridge accountable for performance of this pledge, and how will the state be held accountable for this guarantee?

### 3. Decommission of the old Line 3 pipeline

I believe it is critical to long term water protection that the old pipeline be dug up and recycled. The pipeline "decommission" tactics described by Enbridge do not seem to meet current recycling standards.

a. Enbridge describes "pinch points" in the current line 3 corridor where digging up the old line could be risky. Could the rest of the pipeline be dug up, with only the "pinch points" left in the ground? This would significantly reduce the risk to future water contamination.

Thank you for your consideration as you approach a final EIS and work toward a recommendation.

Regards, Steve Hill Hubbard County, Minnesota

From: Jan and Loran Hillesheim < lhillesheim1@msn.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, July 09, 2017 11:31 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Pipeline Comments

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As a property owner on a lake within ½ a mile from the proposed pipeline route, I am against this proposed pipeline and the applicant's proposed route. None of the potential positive impacts of this pipeline outweigh the negative impacts of this pipeline for me, my neighbors, or the residents of the State of Minnesota. A few hundred temporary jobs and a handful of permanent jobs does not outweigh the immediate loss in property value to all lakeshore owners near this pipeline. Potential buyers are not going to purchase lakeshore property knowing that a pipeline carrying hundreds of thousands of barrels of oil daily lies right next to the lake. Enbridge has a history of pipeline spills. If a spill occurs, it is Minnesota's precious natural resources that will be permanently damaged, not North Dakota's or Canada's. This pipeline permit should be denied, or at least rerouted away from the heart of lake country.

Jan Hillesheim <a href="mailto:Lhillesheim1@msn.com">Lhillesheim1@msn.com</a>

From: Loran Hillesheim <LHillesheim@HGKCPA.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 11:32 AM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Line 3 Pipeline

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

I have been a property owner on the north end of Lake Roosevelt in Cass County for over 25 years. During those 25 years I have enjoyed skiing, tubing, fishing, and swimming with my parents, siblings, children, and friends. My main concern about this pipeline is the environmental impact the construction and ongoing operation of this pipeline may have. This pipeline not only crosses within a half a mile of Lake Roosevelt, but also crosses areas that are 20 to 40% wetlands according to the DNR and an area with the highest susceptibility for ground water contamination according to Minnesota Pollution Control Agency maps. A pipeline spill near a lake or wetland in this area could pollute the well water, kill fish and wildlife, and make lakes and recreation areas unusable for years. This pipeline could very well destroy a way of life for permanent and part time residents of this area.

The environmental concerns are real considering Enbridge's history when it comes to pipeline spills. There are numerous examples of environmental disasters caused by Enbridge's pipeline spills both in Minnesota and other states. Based on Enbridge's own reports, over 800 spills have occurred on Enbridge pipelines in a 10 year period, with over 50 pipeline spills in Minnesota. These spills include 6,000 barrels in Cohasset MN during 2002, 50,000 gallons in Whitewater WI during 2007 contaminating the local water table, and 843,000 gallons into the Kalamazoo River near Marshall MI. The Cohasset spill had to be set on fire to stop it from reaching the Mississippi River. Enbridge was sued by the State of Wisconsin for over 500 environmental violations. The National Transportation Safety Board found that Enbridge knew of a defect in the Michigan pipeline 5 years before it ruptured. Why is the Minnesota Department of Commerce bending over backwards to allow this company to run its pipeline across the lakes of Minnesota? This company's record alone should be enough to deny a permit.

The threat of an oil spill is permanent and not temporary. There is no question that someday, somewhere along this pipeline in the State of Minnesota, a leak or spill of some magnitude will occur. Wherever that spill occurs, there will be a tremendous loss of property value and jobs. If that spill reaches the ground water or a lake, property around the area will become worthless. With this pipeline crossing the Mississippi River along with numerous other rivers, lakes, streams and wetlands, this pipeline has the real potential of destroying many more jobs than it creates. Tourism is the biggest industry in this area. When the inevitable leak or spill occurs, resort owners, marinas, and anyone else that makes there living in that area off tourism will be devastated.

An alternative route for this pipeline must be found that will avoid the environmentally sensitive areas of the State. If an environmentally favorable route cannot be found, then don't build the pipeline. Why would we endanger the enjoyment of the clearest and cleanest lakes in Minnesota by our children and grandchildren because a private pipeline company based in Canada feels this pipeline and route is the most economical to them?

This pipeline transporting oil across Minnesota has no direct energy benefit to the residents of Minnesota. The oil transported in this pipeline will not be used by any of the refineries located in Minnesota. Why is the State of Minnesota putting the environmental health and quality of its lakes and waterways in jeopardy for the financial benefit of a foreign pipeline company? Is it the responsibility of the State of Minnesota to put the needs and interests of Canada and North Dakota above the needs and interests of its own residents?

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**Sent:** Friday, June 23, 2017 2:42 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Replace Line 3

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I am in full support of Line 3 replacement. Pipelines are the safest way to transport and protect our land and waters.

Sincerely,

Dan Hinrichs 1001 131st Ave W Duluth, MN 55808 d11tipper@aol.com From: <u>David Hixon</u>

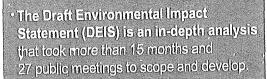
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**Date:** Monday, June 05, 2017 10:57:44 AM

I vehemently oppose the Line 3 pipeline because of its potentially negative effects on the water quality and public health and its overall negative effect on the Anishinaabe people.

Warmly, David Hixon DavidMichaelHixon@gmail.com



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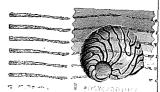
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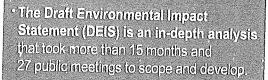
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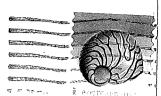
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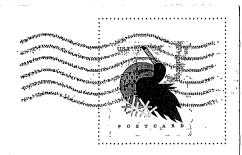
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From:Mary Hoff <hoff001@gmail.com>Sent:Sunday, June 25, 2017 7:28 AMTo:MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Enbridge Line 3 pipeline

To the Minnesota Department of Commerce:

I am writing in regard to docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137.

As a longtime Minnesota resident I am writing to ask you to reject the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Enbridge Line 3 pipeline. The protection it provides for Minnesota's precious waterways is inadequate. We Minnesotans take great pride in and derive much benefit from our lakes and rivers, and the risk posed by this pipeline to the Kettle River and Mississippi River is too high relative to the benefits that accrue. In particular, we must ensure that waterways not be contaminated by hazardous chemicals and drilling fluid during construction and that the risk of leaks and spills after the pipeline are in place are at most 10 percent of the industry standard, because of the exceptional fragility of our waterways and the exceptional value Minnesotans place on them.

Thank you,

Mary Hoff

Jamie MacAlister, Environmental Review Manager Minnesota Department of Commerce 85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500 St. Paul. MN 55101 June 8, 2017

RE: Proposed Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Project

Dear Ms/Mr. MacAlister,

I have lived all of my 66 years here in the Northland, and I am becoming more and more concerned that our natural environment is under threat of pollution and ultimate degradation by many forces, including such pipelines as above. I never wanted the original pipeline built, and I certainly don't want a replacement built now. Why is it that in Minnesota, I will never own the mineral rights and what's below the surface of my own property, but these big companies like Enbridge can just bull their way under ground and build on others' land? This should go to a public referendum in my view.

I recently listened to a very reasonable man interviewed, who said his land covered part of the old Enbridge pipeline. He was asked his views on their stewardship, and he smiled and said, they just abandoned it (after the decision was taken to ask to build another one.) So he doesn't know what's leaking or happening under his own property, and there is no accountability in the future, either. The few jobs gained ar NOT ever worth the long term, potential for leaking and other damage, that once it happens, cannot be undone. I am told that there has NEVER been a pipeline here in the US or in Canada, that has not leaked. Rail transport is somewhat better - if there is an overturn, at least the oil, etc. is above ground for a time so it can be: 1) measured more accurately as to volume spilled and spillage areas; 2) sopped up or otherwise removed or diverted away from fragile areas; and 3) alternate rail routes might prevent future problems.

Therefore, since the only way to prevent any further degradation of of our land and water table, I must oppose any pipeline plans by Enbridge or any other greedy grabber.

Sincerely,

Karen B. Holden

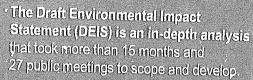
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From: Andy Pearson <andy@mn350.org>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 11:20 PM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

Cc: Julie Holmen

**Subject:** Comment on Line 3 - Dockets CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137.

Hello,

I am submitting these comments on behalf of Julie Holmen from St. Paul, MN.

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

Thank you,
Andy Pearson
------ Forwarded message -----From: Julie Holmen < julie-holmen 43 @ centurylink.net>

Public Testimony re: Enbridge Energy's Proposed Line 3

July 9, 2017

I, Julie Holmen, of 1341 N. St. Albans Street in St. Paul MN., am opposed to the Line 3 Proposal for the following reasons:

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Research shows that the dirty oil in the Line 3 replacement is a threat to the Mississippi River headwaters and other sensitive areas. Likewise, the pipeline threatens our food safety by significantly decreasing future soybean, wheat and corn yields in the upper midwest due to rising temperatures, and intense weather patterns such as flooding, hail damage and insect threat. Finally, This pipe line threatens the 1855 Treaty with the Red Lake nation guaranteeing sensitive rice beds. Native culture and livelihood are threatened.

Reliance on fossil fuels when we have affordable renewables will result in temperature related deaths and illness. As a citizen activist working with Twin Cities based Health Partners we recognize that temperature rise, poorer air quality, and vector borne diseases brought on by continued burning of fossil fuels impact our patient communities negatively. Likewise, mental health and well being are negatively impacted by continued burning of fossil fuels.

Close to my heart, Minnesota's identify as home to the nations only National Canoe Park is threatened by global warming and changing forest ecology. I want my grand nieces and nephews to experience the boreal forest and pristine lake country that Sig Olson wrote so eloquently of. That's won't happen with the Line 3 replacement. If the G20 nations, minus Donald Trump, can see a path toward renewables, why can't MN. leaders? I urge you to oppose this outdated, for private profit project.

Thank you for considering my comments,

Julie Holmen

From: Patti Holmes <plynneh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 10:02 PM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Enbridge Line 3

#### To the Project Reviewers:

I am extremely concerned by the threat posed by an oil pipeline that carries the capacity the the proposed Line 3 will carry. There are very sensitive environmental areas like native wild ricing stands and other relatively pristine land and water scapes.

The fact that our economy should be moving to clean energy and not embracing extremely dirty fuels like tar sands oil is also alarming.

Please reject the Enbridge Line 3 proposal.

Patricia L. Holmes 1635 Garden Avenue Falcon Heights, MN 55113

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This pipeline is safer for the environment than transporting the oil by rail or track. To ensure the integrity of this system, line 3 must be replaced,

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**From:** Mary Hooley <maryhooley@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 3:36 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Dockett #s: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Hello,

I'm writing to express my concern about the proposed Enbridge Line 3 Draft Environmental Impact Statement. I find it to be quite unacceptable.

I thought that our obligation was to ensure that rivers, such as the St. Croix River are to be protected from the very real threats that this proposed pipeline presents. It is, after all, a Scenic River and according to MN Statute 103F.305 Scenic River Protection Policy, we are to preserve and protect these rivers.

Also, what about the DEIS Chapter 10.4.1 concept of a 10 mile "Region of Interest" for oil spills. The (Enbridge) Kalamazoo spill impacted a 35 mile stretch. This proposed pipeline will be one of the largest crude oil pipelines in the country, with the potential and likelihood for massive damage to the environment.

Also, in regard to risk (DEIS Chapter 10.2.4.1.1) ——I do not think an annual risk (of a spill) of 25% is acceptable.

The likelihood of damage from this pipeline is great. The damage would very likely be exceedingly difficult if not impossible to clean up. The costs would be incalculable—because they would include more than just a fortune in money, but life itself. It is not logical to take this sort of risk.

Please know that this DEIS is insufficient for protecting Minnesota's water.

Thank you.

-Mary Hooley 14241 205th St. N. Scandia, MN 55073 651-373-7183



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#### Public Comment Period Ends Monday, July 10, 2017

Comments must be postmarked or received electronically by the comment deadline.

#### How to comment:

- · Drop this form in a comment box at a public meeting
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- Email comments to the Environmental Review Manager: Pipeline.Comments@state.mn.us
- Fax comments to the Environmental Review Manager: (651) 539-0109

Comments do not need to be on this form to be accepted. We encourage you to provide comments in whatever way is most convenient for you. If commenting by email or fax please use "Public Comment: Line 3 Project (CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137)" in the subject line.

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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Please share your comments on the Line 3 Project Draft EIS. What could be improved in the EIS? What is unclear? What is missing? Please reference specific sections of the Draft EIS, if possible. Use additional pages as needed.

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

From: Nathan Horek <nathanhorek@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 4:57 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

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

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I am not in favor of this pipeline. I think all in all it is a bad idea for Minnesotans and for our future. This will potentially create harmful effects to our drinking water, the environment and contribute to climate change. The state should be protecting our future and not helping just a few see return on their investment.

Pipelines is a poor choice for Minnesota. A poor choice for our future.

Nathan Horek 4541 Bloomington Ave Minneapolis, MN 55407 612-300-9625

From: dhhornfeldt@gmail.com

**Sent:** Saturday, July 01, 2017 11:04 AM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Line 3 Tar Sands Pipeline

I'm a lifelong resident of Minnesota and appreciate all of it. This pipeline for Canadian oil is a losing prospect that doesn't benefit me but will extract significant costs from my kids and all Minnesotans.

Our need for energy is not so great that we can afford to make foolish decisions to support oil companies over citizens. I'm sure you'll see the best thing for our state is to choose what benefits our people instead of products.

Daniel Hornfeldt

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From: Rick Horton <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 12:41 PM
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 live in northern Minnesota and understand that pipelines are the safest and most efficient method of transporting energy resources across the country. I believe in energy independence and feel that America does an outstanding job of producing energy with limited impacts on the environment. I am very familiar with existing pipelines, and support this project, the selected route that uses existing energy corridors, and I support leaving the existing line in place once it is deactivated.

Th public comment period for the EIS has been sufficient for all to voice their opinions, and those in opposition will not change their opinion no matter how much time they are provided. Stalling is as good as a win to them, and I see no reason to slow down the process of approval. No more studies are needed. Please stick to the statutory deadline.

Sincerely,

Rick Horton 37305 Deer Lake Way Grand Rapids, MN 55744 rick\_horton@yahoo.com

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From: Clint Hotchkiss < greentwodoor@gmail.com>

Sent:Saturday, July 08, 2017 12:28 PMTo:MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Enbridge Line 3 replacement project in Minnesota.

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I feel it is important for Minnesota and our country to support the maintenance and repair/replacement of existing pipelines.

I worked for a natural distribution companies across this country for 20 years. The extreme quality control and safety regulations that are required leave no doubt in my mind that pipelines are the safest way to transport any flammable product.

The pipelines currently go through my back 40. They consistently inspect and test the pipes for leaks. We have never had trouble with anything or anyone working with the pipes. I was very impressed with the amount of quality and safety that was involved when the last pipe that was installed.

It was unfortunate that the last pipe line that was scheduled to go through Minnesota was blocked. That was a senseless loss for all Minnesotans. The small few that opposed it probably never realized how much they benefit from and even depend on the products that come from pipelines.

I feel it would be in the best interest of Minnesota and all of it's residents to allow the line 3 replacement project to proceed. A stable supply of oil that can meet the needs of the present and future market is important for the economy in America.

I hope this replacement project can go through with no further dissruptions. I also hope that certain individuals who get a free ride of of Minnesota are not allowed to protest against the pipeline. The working class deserve a lower cost of living and a stable economy that gives us job security. When someone protests in a way that stand's in the way of production they are taking away from my rites to a secure future and driving up cost. That should be unconstitutional Hopefully everyone can come to thier senses and allow this to go through this time.

Sincerely,

C.H. 40357 191st Ave Clearbrook, MN 56634 greentwodoor@gmail.com



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From: Peter Hovde <hovde@cord.edu>
Sent: Saturday, July 08, 2017 7:54 PM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Comments on Line 3 Project EIS

To: Jamie MacAlister, Environmental Review Manager Minnesota Department of Commerce

From: Peter Hovde, 17300 Horseshoe Lane, Bagley, MN 56621

Date: 8 June 2017

Below please find my comment on the Line 3 Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement

**Conclusion:** Enbridge's "preferred route" for the Line 3 is the very worst place to lay a pipeline. The questions will not be "whether" or "if" a breach will occur, but "how soon" and "how bad." The preference of a foreign corporation should not hold a candle to the security of our lands and waters, our economy, and the well-being of our citizens

**Rationale: Frost Heave.** Frost heave of buried pipelines is of particular concern in areas with seasonably variable and cold temperatures, such as northern Minnesota. An article in the *Canadian Geotechnical Journal* examines exactly those risks. Just a sampling of problems: Upheaval buckling is a well-known phenomenon with buried pipelines: it can lead to large upward movements of a segment of the pipeline. As the pipeline arches upward, the top wall of the pipeline radically thins, making cracks to leak or fractures to spill much more likely.

The photos taken by the Ojibwa people riding the route of existing pipelines show pipelines emerging out of the ground, almost certainly from such frost heaving. Nothing else could cause the upheaval.

Stresses in the pipe due to frost heave occur because of the differences in the amount and rate of frost heave. When the pipeline passes from sandy ground (which shows little frost heave) to silty ground (which commonly shows significant heave) and freezing occurs, the pipe will be lifted in the silty segment and restrained by the sand. The points of transition from one type of soil to another are of particular concern. Freely available ground water is also highly conducive to frost heave. When the ice seasonably melts, the pipeline often does not go back to it original state, but retains the bend, which will increase year after year.

Yet Enbridge wants to put its Line 3 replacement pipeline right through the Minnesota lakes district, with its robust tourism and lake cabin culture, without which the economies of Park Rapids and other towns would shrink and shrivel. Designed to carry bitumen from the Canadian Tar Sands (and all the toxic chemicals injected into the bitumen to allow it to flow), the contamination which would flow from a major spill would be catastrophic to the economy and the environment, as well as the livelihoods and quiet lake-life pleasures of thousands of people.

The north-south portion of the pipeline (from Clearbrook to Park Rapids) is planned to go right across the Itasca moraine. With the high variability of soil types and water content in the glacial moraine—over which—a disturbingly large number of opportunities for frost heave and upheaval buckling, and disturbingly large consequences for the area should the line rupture.

Source: Andrew C. Palmer and Peter J. Williams (2003) "Frost heave and pipeline upheaval buckling." *Canadian Geotechnical Journal*. 40: 1033-1038.

From: Sarah Howard

To: MN COMM Pipeline Comments
Subject: Comment on Draft EIS for Line 3
Date: Sunday, June 04, 2017 6:15:15 PM

#### To Whom It May Concern:

Having read the Draft EIS for Enbridge's proposed Line 3 pipeline, I wish to register my opposition. I believe that the EIS clearly demonstrates that the risks to public and ecological safety posed by the pipeline outweigh the potential economic benefits.

Sincerely, Sarah Howard 3034 Paris Ave. New Orleans, LA 70119

From: Tad Howard <howards5@mchsi.com>
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 7:55 AM
To: MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments
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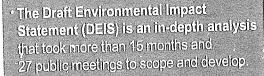
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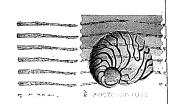
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From: David Huckfelt <dhuckfelt@gmail.com>

Sent:Monday, July 10, 2017 10:34 PMTo:MN\_COMM\_Pipeline CommentsSubject:No Pipeline in Minnesota!

Regarding CN-14-196 and PPL15-137...

Please, no pipeline in Minnesota! Too great a risk, too temporary a reward, too beholden to other interests and not the people... Keep it in the ground!!!

This proposed line directly threatening watersheds connected to the largest and the only certified organic wild rice lakes in Minnesota. This is a bad investment which needs much more study because it threatens our water. This Canadian company gets all the benefit and Americans get all the risk. In addition Enbridge needs to clean up all it's old pipe not just walk away and leave it in the ground for future generations.

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From: Carl Hudelson < Hudelsoncarl@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2017 5:56 PM **To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Line 3 Replacement Project DEIS CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

The proposed route follows existing utility corridors. It is the right thing to do. Build the pipeline.

Sincerely,

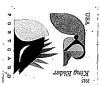
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From: Mary Jo Huls <mamajo7barns@msn.com>

Sent:Thursday, June 29, 2017 3:01 PMTo:MN\_COMM\_Pipeline CommentsSubject:Line 3 Replacement Project

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

As a Minnesotan and mother of a construction /carpenter son, I believe the project should be constructed with the allowance for the utmost safety for not only the workers, but the communities that are involved in Project 3. A boost for our economy is always welcome, but a balance between safety and monetary gain needs to be adhered to.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Huls 228 7th Ave S Sartell, MN 56377 mamajo7barns@msn.com

From: Karen Hulstrand <hulstrandact@comcast.net>

Sent:Sunday, July 09, 2017 10:44 PMTo:MN\_COMM\_Pipeline CommentsSubject:comments on line 3 draft EIS

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The basic premise of the EIS does not certify that the state of Minnesota has a need for this pipeline. The EIS does not calculate the long-term need (the 50 or so years that this infrastructure will be in place) for the pumping of Tar Sands oil from a foreign company across our state. There needs to be a calculation of not using Tar Sands oil and not using a pipeline but rather switching to cleaner energy. A no build option needs to be calculated especially as it applies to the state of Minnesota.

The preferred route crosses 192 bodies of water. I live on the St. Croix River and this pipeline crosses the Kettle River which empties into the St. Croix River. The land of northern Minnesota has our cleanest and most beloved water resources in our state. The data on spills in not sufficient. The only analysis of a large spill has been done only by Enbridge. (and is not part of the main report). This is not sufficient. There needs to be an analysis by an independent source of what the effects of a large spill would be on Minnesota's waters. The spill in Michigan did not have a good outcome.

(Graph ES-4 taken from Chapter 10 and displayed at hearings if very misleading. It talks about number of spills and make the pipeline look the least but does not figure in the amount of oil and chemicals spilled per incident.)

Chemical exposure. Tar Sands oil is thick and needs to be diluted. What chemicals does the company use and what are the health effects if there is a leak? I was told at the public hearing that this is proprietary information and the company does not have to disclose it. That is not right. Minnesota should not have to approve a pipeline that we don't even know what chemicals will be used in the line. I am a physician and know that children and pregnant women carry the most risk from any contamination.

Native American rights - This impinges on the rights of a group of people who have already suffered injustice. The EIS does not adequately express the injustice this pipeline will impose. The tribes involved adamantly oppose the pipeline.

Abandonment issues - This is not explored with enough depth in the EIS. What are the long-term effects of leaving this pipeline. Who will end up bearing the costs of this?

Wetlands- This will destroy a large swathe of wetlands which the effect of is underestimated in this report.

Tar Sands — This extraction process is an environmental disaster in itself. Minnesota should not be enabling the oil companies to further devastate this area. There is no analysis of the environmental effects on the planet of the Tar Sands oil itself. Minnesota is not an isolated island. The effects of Tar Sands oil is a plant wide problem.

Climate Change - We cannot afford to put this much more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

In conclusion this pipeline does not meet the Certificate of Need for Minnesota.

Karen Hulstrand, MD

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From: <u>Carolyn Hunt</u>

To: MN COMM Pipeline Comments
Subject: I oppose new Line 3 pipeline

**Date:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 2:12:28 PM

As a native Minnesotan and graduate of Carleton College, I am deeply concerned about about the impact of CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137 legislation on the health, safety, and security of all Minnesotans. We've made too much progress as a state, a nation, and a species to allow corporate interests to dictate policy and the future of our state. Now is the time to move to clean energy as is obvious to most people.

Follow the tradition of Minnesota being at the forefront of positive health, social, and cultural change. Don't go backwards. There is no room for tar sands pipelines in our beautiful state.

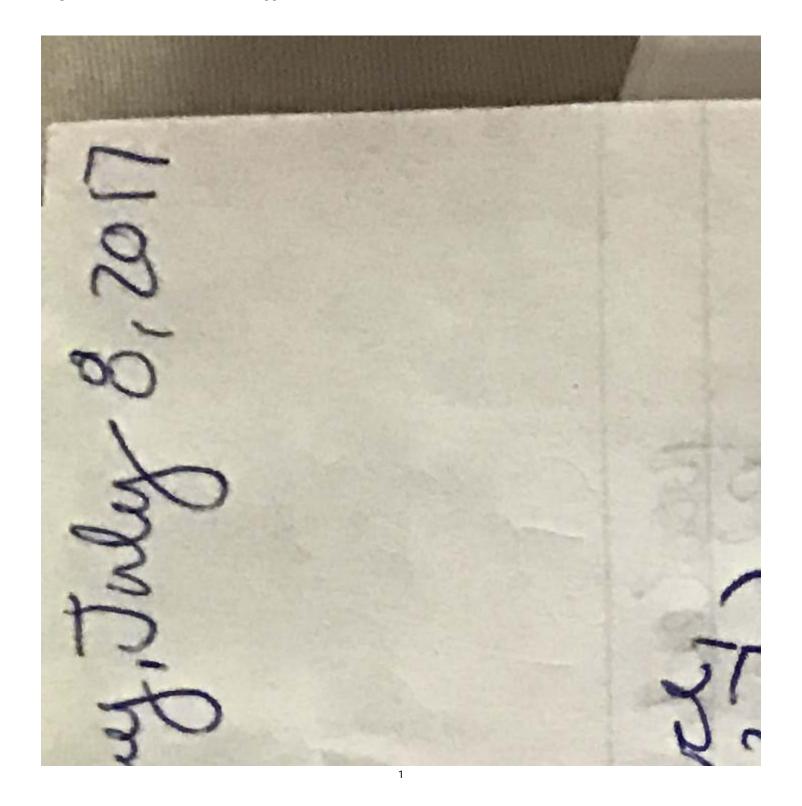
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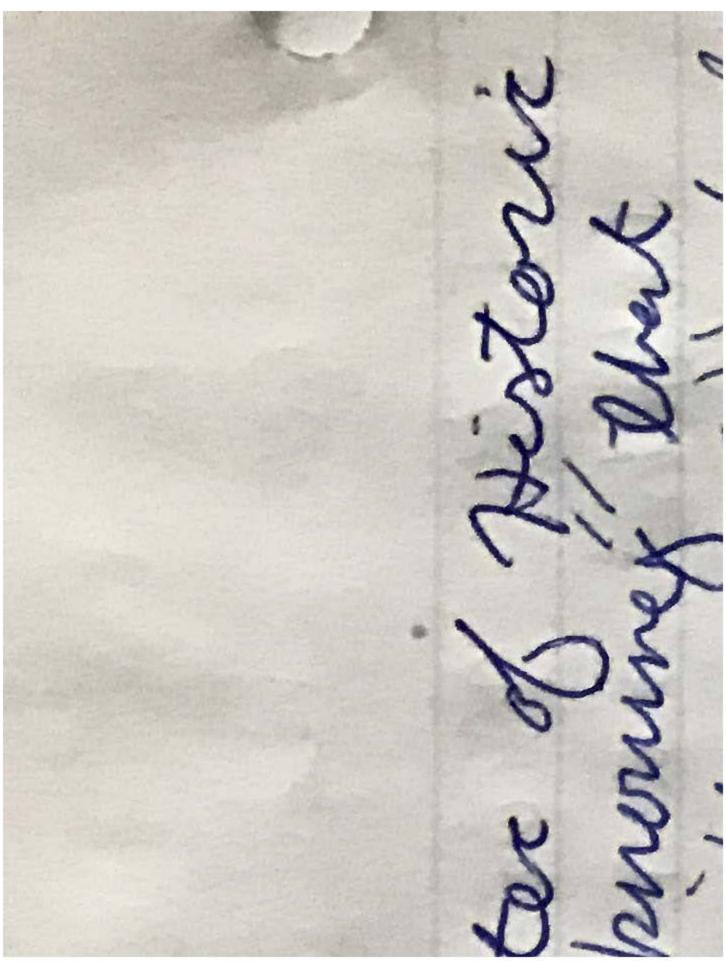
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From: Ross Hunter <rossh.87@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 10:58 PM
To: MN COMM Pipeline Comments

**Subject:** Public comment on CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

I generally oppose Enbridge's proposal to construct a new Line 3 as I oppose all new fossil fuel extraction and infrastructure. It is unreasonable that the people of Minnesota be expected to absorb the unavoidable and universally-admitted environmental impacts of another pipeline in exchange for no clear or lasting benefit, and for the promotion of an activity which promises displacement, impoverishment, and death in the form of climate change.

#### I specifically object to the draft EIS on two fronts:

First, it does not evaluate the environmental impact of shutting down the existing Line 3 and displacing the volume it is currently transporting onto other pipelines, or eliminating that volume entirely. Given that the Department of Commerce apparently takes seriously the possibility of transporting said volume entirely by truck (and passing the enormous economic and health impacts of doing so on to the public), it is reasonable to consider the only alternative which does \*not\* expose the public or the environment to those risks. A "no new pipeline, no new volume" alternative is also the only alternative aligned with Minnesota's emissions reduction goals.

Second, the draft EIS assumes Enbridge's compliance with its own mitigation plans without establishing robust protocols for third-party monitoring. Given Enbridge's environmental track record and the host of ecological and social issues associated with constructing and maintaining fossil fuel infrastructure (sex trafficking, environmental injustice, etc.), it is unreasonable that Enbridge and its contractors be given such broad authority to self-police. I look forward to seeing these issues addressed in future versions of the EIS, along with those raised in other comments. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Ross Hunter Saint Paul, MN

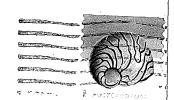
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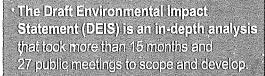
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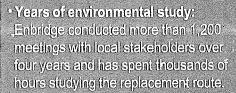
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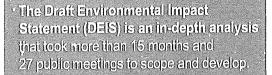
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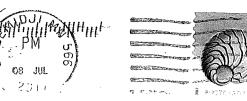
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