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July 10, 2017

Via Electronic Filing

Mr. Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: In the Matters of the Applications of Enbridge Energy for a Certificate of
Need and Pipeline Routing Permit for the Line 3 Replacement Project;
MPUC Dockets Nos. PL-9/CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137; OAH Docket Nos.
11-2500-32764 and 65-2500-33377

Dear Mr. Wolf:

The Laborers District Council of Minnesota and North Dakota, Intervenor in the
above-referenced matters, respectfully submits these comments regarding the
Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Line 3 Replacement
Project.

We have electronically filed this document with the Minnesota Public Utilities
Commission, and copies have been properly served on the parties on the attached
service list.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kevin Pranis
Marketing Manager

Enclosures

c: Persons on the Service List

STATE OF MINNESOTA
BEFORE THE
MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Dan Lipschultz	Commissioner
Matthew Schuerger	Commissioner
Katie Sieben	Commissioner
John Tuma	Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
NORTH DAKOTA PIPELINE COMPANY LLC
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF NEED AND PIPELINE
ROUTING PERMIT FOR THE LINE 3 REPLACEMENT
PROJECT IN MINNESOTA

MPUC Dockets Nos. PL-9/CN-14-916
and PPL-15-137
OAH Dockets Nos. 11-2500-32764
and 65-2500-33377

**LABORERS DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA AND NORTH DAKOTA'S
COMMENTS ON THE LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT DRAFT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Laborers Union of Minnesota and North Dakota (“Laborers Union”) wants to begin by thanking the Department of Commerce for producing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that meets and exceeds the requirements of state law. The DEIS is comprehensive, covering the full range of potential environmental impacts of Enbridge’s Line 3 Replacement project and proposed alternatives in exhaustive detail. At the same time, the release of the DEIS is timely, providing ample opportunity for public input and a final decision within the 280-day time frame established by state law.

The DEIS reinforces the Laborers Union’s view that the project is both critically necessary and the best option for protecting Minnesota’s communities and environment. We believe that Replacing Line 3 is crucial to the safety and reliability of Minnesota’s pipeline infrastructure, and we appreciate the work done by the Department of Commerce to create a comprehensive DEIS in a timely fashion, which should allow the Public Utilities Commission to address the issue within the 280 timeline established by state law.

The DEIS shows that Line 3 is old and out-of-date, and that the proposed replacement would protect Minnesota’s lakes, rivers, and streams by reducing spill risk nearly 40%. Protecting the natural environment is

important to our members because so many of us hunt, fish, and enjoy the outdoors, and we're committed to having pipelines operated safely.

Minnesota depends on Line 3 for the fuel that keeps the state moving. If anything happened to the pipeline, our members and contractors would be hardest hit. Construction workers often drive long distances to reach job sites, and fuel is a major factor in construction costs. The proposed Line 3 Replacement would help to prevent shutdowns or other impacts that would harm area consumers. The DEIS shows that alternative modes of transport are neither viable nor preferable to replacing Line 3

Finally, the pipeline industry is a leading source of the quality, family-supporting jobs that are in increasingly short supply in Northern Minnesota. It's not just construction workers: pipelines employ engineers, inspectors, technicians, marketers, etc. The Line 3 Replacement will keep our pipelines operating safely and efficiently so we keep Northern Minnesota working.

As stated previously, we believe that the DIES is substantially complete with respect to analysis of environmental impacts, but we have identified a handful of areas where the document falls short in its review of the potential economic and community impacts of the project and proposed alternatives.

Construction job impacts. The analysis of construction job impacts in the DEIS is based on the flawed assumption that the project would not create any local construction jobs, and would instead be built by non-local workers. The document makes clear that a non-local workforce is a hypothetical placeholder rather than a finding or even a prediction about the project.

Nonetheless, it is disappointing that the authors clearly did not consult sources with expertise in the staffing of pipeline construction projects, including organizations such as the Laborers Union that participate actively in the Line 3 permitting process. Our members could have explained that local hiring is not only commonplace, but actually required under our Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), which specifies that contractors hire at least half of their workforce through local union hiring halls.

It would be more realistic to assume, based on past projects, that at least half of the construction jobs on the project will be held by Minnesota residents, and that Northern Minnesotans will account for a third of the workforce. This is likely to be true, not only because our CBA requires local hiring, but also because Minnesota has a heavy concentration of skilled

pipeliners, including many who typically work out-of-state but would return home to work on Line 3.

The document's non-local workforce assumptions skew the report's findings on community and economic impacts, exaggerating the potential strain created by a traveling workforce and understating the short- and long-term economic impacts of the payroll, benefits, and career opportunities that the project would generate for local residents. This shortfall could be corrected through the use of more realistic local hiring assumptions, which we and other pipeline unions could help to substantiate.

In addition to correcting assumptions concerning the residence of the workforce, we suggest that the DEIS make a greater effort to articulate the collateral benefits that can be produced by a union construction project such as the Line 3 Replacement. For example, in addition to union paychecks, hours worked on the project will provide high-quality family health coverage for hundreds of union households, as well as pension contributions that help to pre-fund a dignified retirement.

On a typical project, benefits for a pipeline laborer could include 13 months of fully-paid family health care and over \$10,000 in pension contributions. Further, large projects such as the Line 3 Replacement typically create new opportunities for local residents without previous union construction experience to begin construction careers. In fact, many Minnesota residents currently working on pipeline projects elsewhere got their start on a big local project such as the Alberta Clipper pipeline.

Our union would be happy to provide Department of Commerce staff and consultants with additional information about our experience with local hiring and the collateral benefits of employment in the union pipeline construction industry.

No-Action Alternative: The DEIS provides a fairly thorough comparative analysis of the spill risks associated with proposed project and its alternatives, but we believe that the document understates risks associated with the No-Action Alternative for two reasons.

First, the analysis lumps Line 3 with other aging pipelines for the purpose of calculating a spill incidence rate, ignoring the extensive evidence and analysis filed in Enbridge's direct testimony which show that Line 3 faces integrity challenges that are much greater than aging peer lines, including Enbridge lines located in the same corridor.

By simply treating L3 as an “old” pipeline rather than a line with a unique set of problems, the DEIS underestimates the risks posed by the No-Action alternative and the relative benefit of replacement. Laborers Union members who have worked on Line 3 can testify to these unique challenges. As one member put it:

“You look at the pipe and you can see the problems with the materials they used and how it was installed. We haven’t built pipelines that way in my lifetime. It’s in much worse shape than other Enbridge pipelines I’ve seen, the tape coating has mostly come off and there’s corrosion and cracking all over.”

Second, while the DEIS provides extensive analysis of spill risks, there is relatively little information on the potential impact of a Line 3 shutdown that could occur as the result of a spill, spill-prevention efforts, or other operational problems. Line 3 is a major source feedstock for area refineries that provide thousands of jobs and fuel for millions of Minnesota residents, and any disruption could have an immediate impact on local jobs, fuel prices, and fuel supplies.

Rail Alternatives. We have learned over the past few years what can happen when rail lines get crowded with oil tankers, but the DEIS apparently makes no mention of how the rail alternative could lead to more accidents and injuries at rail crossings. The US State Department has looked at this issue in their Keystone analysis, and MnDOT has done the same. We recommend that the DEIS incorporate the findings of these reviews, which show that shifting crude oil from pipelines to rail lines is likely to be directly associated with an increase in injuries and fatalities at rail crossings.

SA-04 – Pipeline to Nowhere. We anticipate that other parties may have other areas where they would like to see expanded analysis. One that we do not recommend is further review of SA-04, a so-called system alternative that we believe does not deserve consideration because it serves no purpose. The problem with SA-04 should be obvious: it not only fails to meet Enbridge’s need to make deliveries of crude oil at existing terminals in Clearbrook, MN and Superior, WI, but even worse, would cut off Enbridge’s Minnesota customers – including the Pine Bend and St. Paul Park refineries that supply the bulk of the region’s gasoline – from Line 3 shipments. SA-04 is, in effect, a pipeline to nowhere, and we believe that resources would be better spent investigating impacts of alternatives that at least theoretically serve the need and might be built.

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Joe Jensen
Address: 24989 Heath Ave N City: Forest Lake State: MN Zip: 55025
E-mail: jjensen@Edu.com

Comments (Please Print): I Believe this pipe Line Needs to Be
replaced Before it Fails & causes A Environmental Hazard
Also causing A physical Hazard to the residents in the area.
It is unreasonable Not to replace this line that Has
reached its MAX LIFE!!!
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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Dan Brady
Address: 7601 63rd Ave N City: Brooklyn Park State: MN Zip: 55428
E-mail: dbrady@local563.org

Comments (Please Print):

Kicking the can down the road is unacceptable.
Line 3 is 50 years old and must be replaced to protect
residents and the Environment from potential damaging
spills or major disruptions to fuel supplies.

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Tom Pender

Address: P.O. Box 887 City: Elk River State: MN Zip: 55332

E-mail: _____

Comments (Please Print):

I'm a 47 yr member of LIUNA. I've worked on many different types of construction jobs over the years. I recent years, safety has become a more important part of the jobsite. Safety has been a very important part of a laborers career. Hoping that line 3 goes with Union laborers on the job.

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Keith Petersen

Address: 1023 West Broadway City: Monticello State: MN Zip: 55362

E-mail: Kpetersen@local563.org

Comments (Please Print):

Its 50 years Old lets fix the problem now

There will be alot of good jobs this will create

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Ryan Connelly
Address: 901 14th Ave NE City: Minneapolis State: MN Zip: 55413
E-mail: rconnelly@local563.org

Comments (Please Print):

Fix Line 3 now it can't wait.

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Tony Wicken
Address: Blaine 2125 119th Ave City: _____ State: MN Zip: 55449
E-mail: twicken@liunagroup.com

Comments (Please Print):

Line 3 is 50 yrs old its time is up.

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: DWIGHT ENGEN
Address: 994 Bavaria Hills Circle City: Chaska State: MN Zip: 55318
E-mail: deets81@gmail.com

Comments (Please Print):

I work with Laborers Union members and union contractors who do this important work which gives America more energy independence. Our stakeholders are the highest skilled, best trained and build pipeline projects with the highest integrity, which benefits the economies and America.

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Greg Hegeholz
Address: 1919 Waterford Cir City: Chaska State: MN Zip: 55318
E-mail: ghegeholz

Comments (Please Print):

Replace live 3 it need updating Very Bad

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Union of
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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name:

DAVE KEPHART

Address:

300 MORGAN

City:

ATLANTA

State:

GA 3001

E-mail:

Comments (Please Print):

Repl/ace

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: GARRY CANTIN
Address: 7625 173rd ST W City: LAKEVILLE State: MINN Zip: 55044
E-mail: CANTIN@CHARTER.NET

Comments (Please Print):

Line is 50 year old should be replace
I was 7 year old went it when in, now now
I'm 57 year old

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Richard Benson
Address: 509 1st Ave NE City: Buffalo State: NW Zip: 35313
E-mail: _____

Comments (Please Print):

We need People with the
Back Bone to Stand-up to the
GOP and Tell them the way it
Should Be

RAB

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Scott Wilson

Address: 1592 US Highway 12 City: Hammond State: WI Zip: 54045

E-mail: _____

Comments (Please Print):

Big projects like line 3 create new opportunities for the workforce.
Line 3 will be a pipeline to the middle class, connecting vocational
opportunities to careers in the trades.

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Travis Strozyk
Address: 921 Rice Creek terrace NE City: Fridley State: MN Zip: 55432
E-mail: TStrozyk@yahoo.com

Comments (Please Print):

I live in the local community and support line 3.
Kicking the can down in the road is unacceptable.

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Curtis DeYoung

Address: 46725 Tucker St City: Stanchfield State: NM Zip: 55080-7900

E-mail: _____

Comments (Please Print):

Union jobs with good pay & supporting a family

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Randall Spencer
Address: 4120 Maplehurst Dr So City: Rockford State: MA Zip: 55373
E-mail: ~~RJ~~ rspencer @ umn.edu

Comments (Please Print):

50 years old and needs to be replaced

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Austin Judge

Address: 8500 Park Ave S City: Bloomington State: MD Zip: 55420

E-mail: amjudge04@msn.com

Comments (Please Print):

Line 3 needs to be replaced and now is
the time.

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Johnny Harris

Address: 11133 Louisiana Ct. East City: Champlin State: WY Zip: 55316

E-mail: N/A

Comments (Please Print):

We need work for every one

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name:

CARL May

Address:

6810 63 AVE N APT 306[#]

City:

BROOKLYN PARK

State:

MN

Zip:

55428

E-mail:

Comments (Please Print):

This is a great opportunities for long term work.

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Mark Asher

Address: N2605 W. Co. Rd. C City: Elmwood State: WI Zip: 54740

E-mail: mmasher@gmail.com

Comments (Please Print):

Line 3 integrity issues are a big hazard to the locals, spills, ground
water contamination.

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Nick Slavick

Address: 38395 Co Hwy 26 City: Rochester State: MN Zip: 56578

E-mail: Nslavick@local563.org

Comments (Please Print):

Being pro active is the only way to protect the environment and
still help develop jobs. By doing this project we are helping both
sides of the issue. Jobs/Environment

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Matt Kirs

Address: 4050 Clearwater Trail City: Concord State: MA Zip: 03306

E-mail: _____

Comments (Please Print):

Big Project like Line 3 create new opportunities for workforce like 3411
bec pipeline to the middle class connect local opportunities connect the
trades

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Tom Vevea
Address: 28230 Durant St. City: Isanti State: MN Zip: 55040
E-mail: tvevea@local563.com

Comments (Please Print):

I would like to see a new line installed
Because the old line is in need of
complete replacement! no more leaks!

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Todd Mutch

Address: 1018 Whitney DR City: Apple Valley State: mn Zip: 55124

E-mail: _____

Comments (Please Print):

replace it it's 50 year's old

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Will Wilson

Address: 8611 36 1/2 C N City: New HOP State: MA Zip: 59427

E-mail: _____

Comments (Please Print):

help keep us a job.

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Kyle M Sobarski
Address: 6864 Rustic Ln City: Lino Lakes State: MA Zip: 55014
E-mail: ksob2008@gmail.com

Comments (Please Print):

put my brother and sister to work

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Chris Peltier

Address: 9586 Junco Rd n City: Lake Elmo State: MI Zip: 55842

E-mail: CPeltier@Local563.org

Comments (Please Print):

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: BRIAN AVRE

Address: 4146 41 ave so City: Mpls State: mn Zip: 55406

E-mail: avre 4146@gmail.com

Comments (Please Print):

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Charles Snell
Address: 15 Wyoming St. E City: St. Paul State: MN Zip: 55007
E-mail: _____

Comments (Please Print):

Re Place it it's Time To UP Date-
to safe SPECKS

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Mike Schulenburg
Address: 1705 Ivy Ave East City: St Paul State: MA Zip: 55106
E-mail: _____

Comments (Please Print):

The line is older than me and I SS
I feel it should be replaced
safely first

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: ERIC ENGSTROM

Address: 10236 KARSTON AVE NE City: ALBERTVILLE State: MN Zip: 55301

E-mail: ceengstrom@local563.org

Comments (Please Print):

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Ron Huhue

Address: 3017 140th Ave NE City: Ham Lake State: MN Zip: 55704

E-mail: _____

Comments (Please Print):

Please take care of our old
infrastructure before we have
more problems and more ^{unnecessary} expense

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name:

JIM BECKLIN

Address:

3667 91ST DR NE

City:

SINCE
PINE

State:

IN

Zip:

55014

E-mail:

Comments (Please Print):

I SUPPORT UNION PIPELINES

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: SETH TAYLOR

Address: 768 MCKNIGHT RD. N. City: MAPLEWOOD State: MN Zip: 55119

E-mail: staylor@local563.org

Comments (Please Print):

OLD, OUTDATED PIPE WILL CAUSE MORE HARM TO
THE ENVIRONMENT THAN REPLACING WITH A NEW LINED
PIPE

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International
Union of
North America

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: FT Loeffler
Address: 3244 Hiway 61 City: VA DNB'S State: MA Zip: 55110
E-mail: floeffler52@gmail.com

Comments (Please Print):

THIS IS a replacement liup!
it is essential that infrastructure
is up to date not only for oil transport
but To protect the ENVIRONMENT
and the people who reside nearby!

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: TOM SONDAY

Address: 2515 XYLON AVE, S. City: ST. LOUIS PARK State: MN Zip: 55426

E-mail: TCSONDAY@OUTLOOK.COM

Comments (Please Print):

At 50 years old, it is time to replace Line 3 before
it has a failure.

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: James S. Mackey
Address: 928 W 7th St City: Hastings State: MN Zip: 55033
E-mail: JKMACKLEY@COMCAST.NET

Comments (Please Print):

Having Been in the construction industry
for more than 20 years, knowing how safety conscience our
contractors are and knowing that the line is 50 years old
and need of replacement, I believe we "need" to move ahead
with its replacement. The longer we wait, the more
expensive it will become and the chance of leaks and
ruptures become greater. Let's Get this done.

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Joe Navejas
Address: 1308 Spring Rd City: Faribault State: Mn Zip: 55021
E-mail: jnavejas@liunagrac.com

Comments (Please Print):

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Benjamin Long
Address: 75 Victoria St. S Apt. 19 City: ST Paul State: MN Zip: 55105
E-mail: BenLong66@gmail.com

Comments (Please Print):

Fix the leaks and put us to work!

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Line 3 DEIS Comment Form

Name: Tim Ohlgrén
Address: 2531 Alpine Dr. City: Woodbury State: MN Zip: 55125
E-mail: tdohlgrén@yahoo.com

Comments (Please Print):

I SUPPORT THE LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT

FULL NAME

Louis LaBassiere

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL

ADDRESS

34031 Unity AVE

CITY, STATE, ZIP

Taylors Falls MN 55084

COMMENTS

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From: [Katie Lacy](#)
To: [MN COMM Pipeline Comments](#)
Subject: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 12:33:22 PM

To Whom it may concern:

This is my comment for docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137.

Enbridge's new tar sands pipeline threatens the territories and survival of the Anishinaabe people. It would poison their water and bring more climate chaos for everyone. And we don't need it - now is the time to move to clean energy, and create a future for those who come after us.

The Great Lakes are one of the most important water resources in America, and the entire world. They are already threatened by invasive species, algae blooms from farm runoff, and other pipelines. We should not have any new threats to our water security.

DO NOT allow Line 3 to be built!

Best Regards,
Katherine Lacy

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Phil LaFlamme <pglaflamme@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 4:13 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Comment CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

Hello, I have been born and raised in northern Minnesota and want to see the environment protected as I spent much time outdoors hunting and fishing. I believe that we can protect the environment and have strong infrastructure simultaneously. As an engineer myself, I have had time to review information about the existing Line 3, and am familiar with how pipelines are currently designed and operated. I believe that there is much more risk to not installing a new pipeline then to continue to use the current Line3. The safety measure ensured during design and continued with operations makes pipelines much more safe then transporting oil thru the rail infrastructure that runs through the same forests, wetlands, and neighborhoods that the proposed pipeline would. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

P LaFlamme
3930 Munger Shaw Rd
Cloquet, MN 55720
pglaflamme@gmail.com

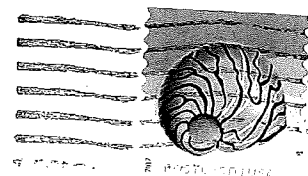
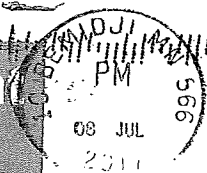
Line 3 Replacement Project DEIS

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

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

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

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



Jamie MacAlister
Environmental Review Manager
Department of Commerce,
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St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2198

I SUPPORT THE LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT

FULL NAME	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL
Peter Laine		
ADDRESS		
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CITY, STATE, ZIP		
Floodwood MN 55736		

COMMENTS

Its my livelyhood

DECLARE THE EIS ADEQUATE WITHIN 28 DAYS

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Jeffrey Sheldon <jsheldon@lakecountrypower.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 7:43 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Line 3 Replacement CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

My name is Jeff Sheldon

I live and work in northern Minnesota.

I am here as a resident and on behalf of Lake Country Power -- a rural electric cooperative that provides service to parts of eight counties in northern Minnesota.

We support the Line 3 replacement project. Having spent nearly 40 years in Minnesota after a tour of duty overseas in the military and having lived in the region for the past 20 years. My family and I own a small hobby farm on a lake only a couple miles from the existing Enbridge pipelines near the Mississippi River in Cohasset, MN. My family eats the wild rice & fish from these waters. I am also proud to report that neither my family nor myself have gotten sick yet from eating Walleye from the Mississippi River.

Enbridge has been a good steward and solid corporate neighbor since I've lived in the region.

From what I have seen, Enbridge leaves the land better than they found it. The existing pipeline routes are clean, flat and plush with green grasses. The wildlife, especially the deer, enjoy them.

Enbridge is a great cooperate citizen and business. They employ people throughout the region. That is evidenced by the number of Enbridge families living in our communities, attending our local schools and churches.

Area counties would see an economic increase in their tax base along with the impact of hundreds, if not thousands, of high paying union construction jobs and many new permanent jobs to maintain the pipeline.

The process for proposing and reviewing pipeline projects is extensive and comprehensive. Enbridge has demonstrated a commitment to our region for 60 years ... this project demonstrates even more commitment for our region well into the future.

The Line 3 will also reduce reliance on crude oil imports from countries that are unstable or unfriendly to the U. S. and will move North America another step closer to energy independence and energy security.

The Lake Country Power Board resolution states:

- Enbridge provides tangible benefits to real people and jobs that pay family-supporting wages in rural Minnesota.
- It is my understanding that over Ninety-two percent of the landowners along the proposed route have signed right-of-way agreements and a broad coalition of labor, agriculture, elected officials and other industries have expressed support for the project.
- The use of this pipeline is an environmentally safe and cost-effective alternative to other transportation alternatives and the economic impact is well documented.

As an area resident and on behalf of Lake Country Power's board of directors which passed a resolution in support of the Line 3 replacement project, we support the need for this pipeline through northern Minnesota and the many benefits it will produce for the rural areas we serve -- along the preferred route to the Superior Terminal in Superior, Wisconsin.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Sheldon
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jsheldon@lakecountrypower.com

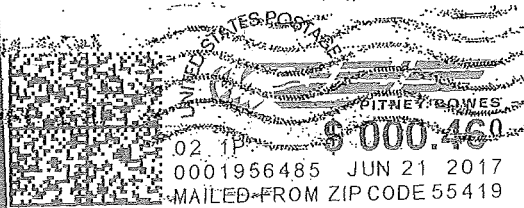
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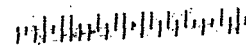
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Docket numbers: CN-14-916; PPL-15-137



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I SUPPORT THE LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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CITY, STATE, ZIP CROMWELL, MN 55726		

COMMENTS
Fully Support LINE 3. Pipelines are the only way to transport oil. Trucks and trains to me are unacceptable and dangerous. Keep working.

[Signature]

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Gertrude Lambert
12282 Rambler Rd
Onamia, MN 56359
320-532-3583

I am very opposed to any pipeline carrying crude tar oil through a state of 10,000 lakes and virgin forest land or prairies.

Enbridge has very bad history of oil spills with its pipelines. It is wealthy enough that it does not need more money at the risk of damaging Mother Earth. Do any corporation members live in areas where pipelines would cause personal injury when a spill occurs? I doubt any do.

Gertrude Lambert
June 21, 2017

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Gail Lampert <gaillampert@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 8:08 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Line 3 Replacement Draft EIS

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

Investing in aging infrastructure is essential to supporting healthy, communities. The U.S. infrastructure is outdated. I fully support the line 3 replacement project. Let's do this.

Sincerely,

Gail Lampert
14489 North Rd
Fenton, MI 48430
gaillampert@gmail.com

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Chris Lamprecht <Chris.Lamprecht@genmills.com>
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 7:56 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Cc: MacAlister, Jamie (COMM); chrislamprecht@comcast.net
Subject: Lamprecht - Proposed Line 3 Project
Attachments: Stone Arch Bridge.jpg

My Name is Chris Lamprecht (612-750-2428) I own property along one of the proposed routes for proposed line 3 project. I have attached a picture of a stone arch bridge that is in the path of your proposed route. (Parcel I.D. # R 14.00295.30) This bridge was built in the late 1870's by the railroad. My family has farmed this property for over 70+ years and this bridge was purchased by my uncle then passed down to me. This bridge has been a true treasure to this area between Bock and Ogilvie along state highway #23 for decades, countless graduation, and wedding photos have been taken with this bridge as a back drop. You will never see another like it in the state of Minnesota or the rest of OUR country. As you can see this bridge has stood the test of time it is still in very good condition and I would like to keep it that way. If the proposed route from St. Cloud to Hinckley is used I would ask that it follow the Power line and not the old railroad bed were this bridge lies. Thanks for reading, Chris Lamprecht
Contact info chris.lamprecht@genmills.com 17060 bison ST NW Ramsey MN 55303.

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: karen lander <k_lander@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 10:02 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Enbridge Line 3 Replacement

I'd like to express my support for the Enbridge Replacement Pipeline. This new pipeline will bring Line 3 up to today's standards and will offer a safe and secure means of transport of a commodity that is SO IMPORTANT to our daily living. It also offers employment to local Minnesota workers while providing tax dollars for counties on its route. I'm hoping you approve this vital project. Karen Lander

Sent from my iPad

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: tdlinc@midconetwork.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 8:14 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Project

I am sending this email to give my support to the proposed Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Project. I currently have a home less than a half mile from the pipeline as it runs thru Bemidji. The movement of oil by pipeline is the safest option we have. Even though renewable energy is becoming part of our energy picture, oil is the lifeblood of our economy and way of life; it is a part of our every day living and will be for a long time. The replacement of the existing line is a project that is needed and makes perfect sense.

Please approve this project so that we can continue to meet our energy needs using the latest pipeline technology.

Respectively,

Thomas D. Lander
Bemidji, MN

2863 Galtier Street
Roseville, MN 55113
jlandretti@gmail.com

Jamie Macalister
Environmental Review Manager
MN Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 280
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2198

Dear Jamie Macalister and Staff,

My name is John Landretti. I am a long-standing Minnesota resident who lives in Roseville. I attended the public hearing in Saint Paul on June 13th. Thank you for providing the opportunity for a public response. I join the majority of the attendees at that meeting to voice my strong objections to Enbridge's appeal to create a new Line 3. I am gratified to note that most of those present at the Saint Paul meeting spoke eloquently in favor of defending the environment against the degradation this pipeline poses to our land and water. I share their detailed concerns. What follows, in bullet fashion are my major concerns and objections:

- *Stewardship and Responsibility:* Why aren't we holding Enbridge responsible for funding and removing all of the original pipeline before granting them permission to lay an alternate line? Also, if Enbridge is issued a route permit, why isn't Enbridge required to set aside funds in an escrow account to cover potential mishaps and disasters while its pipeline exists on our lands? Individual landowners should not be expected to pay for the clean-up of potential superfund sites left behind by companies like Enbridge, which may go bankrupt or dissolve or otherwise change – and so escape accountability for the problems this project will create.
- *Guidelines and Definitions:* At the state level, we should establish abandonment guidelines and definitions for intrastate crude oil pipelines. Those guidelines should make clear what Enbridge's responsibility is for the pipelines it already has in place and for any future pipelines it creates in Minnesota. This should be done before any further construction occurs.
- *Risks of Profound Environmental Damage:* Pipeline 3 and the alternate route both pass through vulnerable wetlands so pose a grave risk to these environments. Tar sands oil is very dirty and heavy, so a ruptured or leaky pipe could devastate these waters, including the Saint Louis River watershed and Lake Superior. Enbridge's history of good stewardship is not encouraging. Need I site the 1991 spill that dumped 1.7 million gallons of oil near Grand Rapids? Along with this are numerous other leaks and spills throughout that pipeline's history. Tar sands oil mining is horribly destructive and unnecessarily serves a dying industry at the expense of the wider population and the land itself. We should not support such a ruinous enterprise. We need to invest in cleaner energies that will not contribute to climate change as significantly as this new pipeline would.

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

Sincerely yours,

John Landretti



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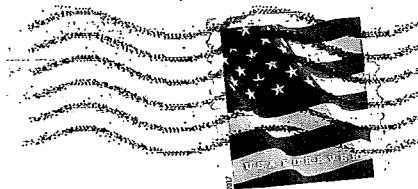
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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Douglas Langer <dlanger@umn.edu>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 10:29 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Line 3

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I think we should leave Canadian oil in Canada. There is no reason to run oil through lake country and reservations. Please vote no on line 3 being increased. It can be repaired .

Sincerely,

Douglas Langer
815 Horace Ave N
Thief River Falls, MN 56701
dlanger@umn.edu

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Paul Langis <aplangis5@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 3:32 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: DEIS concern

I am from New York, the Line 3 pipeline concerns me because it is a violation of treaty rights, and is hazardous to our people's health and our environment. I want the Department of Commerce to deny the permit for the purposed Line 3, shut down the old line, and remove it from the ground! Thank you!

Sincerely,
Paul Langis

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Becky LaPlant <rebeccallapant@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 9:45 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Enbridge Line 3

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

To: The Minnesota Department of Commerce and Public Utilities Commission,

Thank you for taking my comment. I have read enough of the EIS and other documents to feel comfortable sharing my thoughts.

I grew up in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, where I live today. I hold dear the values my parents taught me, "You always leave a campsite better than you found it," and that we "Clean up our own messes." I am opposed to Enbridge's proposed abandonment [in place] of the existing Line 3.

And I am deeply opposed to actions that do further harm to my Indigenous friends and neighbors. I appreciated that the EIS included a "Tribal Resources" section [and the Environmental Justice section too] that includes these words of truth, "American Indian communities and individuals have unique health issues associated with historical trauma and structural racism..." and this statement, "The impacts associated with the proposed Project [Line 3] and its alternatives would be an additional health stressor on tribal communities that already face overwhelming health disparities and inequities."

Once something has been seen it cannot be unseen. If we unpack the words "historical trauma and inequities" we see broken treaties, land grabs, boarding schools, cultural assimilation and genocide. We as a country have done enough to negatively impact Indigenous people, their health, culture, spirit and land. The Line 3 project and the new corridor perpetuates the master narrative that dictates their view as superior and that views Indigenous people and their rights as "less than". Here in Minnesota the majority of the dominant culture and most certainly those in positions of economic power have an ahistorical worldview that negatively impacts their ability to appreciate the gravitas of Indigenous voice or the intelligence of their concerns. I hope you're tracking with interest the news that on Wednesday of this week, U.S. District Court Judge James Boasberg for the District of Columbia said in 91-page decision that the Corps of Engineers did not adequately consider the impacts of an oil spill on the [Standing Rock] tribe's fishing rights, hunting rights, or issues of environmental justice when it issued the permits needed to complete the project. The Corps must

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Barry Lariche <barrylarich@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 12:25 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Enbridge Line 3 Public Comment

I urge the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to deny Enbridge a Certificate of Need and route permit to construct any Line 3 replacement and urge Enbridge to begin remediation of old Line 3.

This aging pipe as ten times as many corrosion anomalies per mile than any other Enbridge pipeline in the same corridor. Enbridge wants to abandon this legacy of contamination. There are currently no regulations for decommissioning pipelines. The State of Minnesota, including the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), has the power and responsibility to regulate pipeline abandonment. Enbridge should be obligated to begin a safe and complete remediation of old Line 3.

Enbridge is one of many corporations which has experiences catastrophic failures in their systems. Just ask the people of Marshall, MI or Romeoville, IL. The MN PUC should deny Enbridge a Certificate of Need and route permit to construct any Line 3 replacement based off Enbridge's extremely poor resume and track record.

A replacement Line 3 would specifically threaten the water resources of many Minnesota residents.

Regards,

Barry Larich
Minneapolis, MN 55407

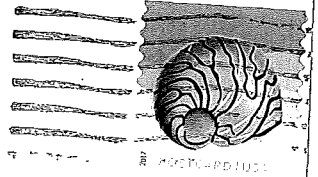
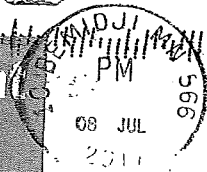
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I SUPPORT THE LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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Comment Form

Line 3 Project Draft EIS Public Meeting

Please provide your contact information. This information and your comments will be publicly available.

Name: Devin Larson

Street Address: 20586 500th St

City: Clearbrook State: MN Zip Code: 56634

Phone or Email: 218-766-4052

Please share your comments on the Line 3 Project Draft EIS. What could be improved in the EIS? What is missing?

I would like to comment on the Line 3 replacement project. I am in favor for the project. I have worked pipeline for 8 yrs and have made a great living. I am from a pipeline community "Clearbrook" and the pipeline is what keeps the town going along with hundreds of small towns bringing great amounts of business to all local businesses.



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Please provide your contact information. This information and your comments will be publicly available.

Name: Barbi Larson

Street Address: 1920 Hwy 59

City: TRF State: MN Zip Code: 56701

Phone or Email: thiefriverfalls.mn@americaonline.com

Please share your comments on the Line 3 Project Draft EIS. What could be improved in the EIS? What is missing?

As a business operator in the area our operations depend on bringing jobs and overnight visitors to the area. I fully support the replacement line and welcome it to the area. The community asks for help ~~with~~ from area business', whether it's fundraising or sponsorships we are asked to help somewhere almost daily. If we aren't bringing people & jobs to the area, our monetary support within the community decreases. We welcome anything that brings people into our area.

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Lyn Larson <lldl74@centurylink.net>
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 11:06 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Line 3 Replacement Project

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I support this project

Sincerely,

Lyn Larson
2619 E 3rd St
Superior, WI 54880
lldl74@centurylink.net

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Lori Larson <jldlarson@gvtel.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 10:25 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Line 3 Replacement Project DEIS CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

The DEIS has been well-prepared and the regulatory timeline should continue on schedule.

Sincerely,

Lori Larson
19837 500th St
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jldlarson@gvtel.com

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Charlie Larson <charslarson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 9:36 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Regarding docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

AS A LANDOWNER IN HUBBARD COUNTY, I OPPOSE THE BUILDING OF THE PROPOSED LINE 3 PIPELINE!!

I am concerned with the environmental impact and distrust big oils hollow pledges of environmental stewardship and having proper funding in escrow for clean up.

We are property owners at 28849 Marigold Drive, Laporte, MN

Thank you,

Charles & Mary Larson (Schmidt)

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Craig Larson <craigl@lavalleyindustries.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 10:43 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Line 3 Replacement CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I am a Minnesotan and want to see the environment protected like most others. I believe replacing aging infrastructure like pipelines is imperative to protecting the environment. 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.

I am a landowner/business owner/community member on Enbridge's preferred route and have witnessed many survey crews in my community looking for artifacts and examining our lakes and rivers over the past four years.

Pipelines are everywhere in Minnesota, according to the Environmental Quality Board's report. I'm familiar with pipeline right of ways in northern Minnesota around Bemidji, Grand Rapids, Cass Lake and Alexandria. Pipelines and natural resources have gone hand-in-hand in northern Minnesota for decades.

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

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

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

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. As a landowner, I'd rather have the pipe deactivated in place to avoid further construction on my property.

Sincerely,

Craig Larson
37672 US 71
Lake George, MN 56458
craigl@lavalleyindustries.com

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Greta Larson <gretamlarson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 4:38 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Regarding docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

It has been the greatest joy of my life to spend spring and summer months at lake Kabekona in Hubbard county. My grandparents were high school educators that took much pride in living sustainably in economic terms, a value that enabled them to purchase what became our family cabin. They found sanctuary and community on this lake where inhabitants were “teachers and preachers.” They imparted a reverence for nature. I know what my grandparents and many of their friends would have thought about the abandonment of the existing Line 3 and construction of a new line. They would echo the phrase that has been used to protest this project: “People over profits, people over pipelines.” We further it by taking into full consideration the risk this project poses for all life.

I hope to appeal to our fellow Minnesotans that work for the Department of Commerce and the Public Utilities Commission. Please know that more of us oppose this pipeline than support it. I hope every public hearing in every county was well attended. I hope that thousands of people send in public comments. Please know there is a silent majority of people that feel like their opinion may not be heard or for various reasons do not have the platform and resources to express it. A friend that lived out of state for many years came back to work with Friends of the Headwaters shared a thought that I think is true of people in our state. She said people in Minnesota are mostly sustainability- minded, but are afraid to be controversial. Influenced by my entire life’s experience and more recent interactions with our communities in affected areas, I can assure those in positions of authority that the vast majority have major reservations about this project and if more people were engaged and if the real truth of the matter were laid bare, overwhelming opposition would be more apparent.

It is safe to say that a majority of people do not want a pipeline decommissioned on their own land, whether they are landowners or citizens that have a right to enjoy public lands where they they work or recreate. No one wants an oil spill. Another 1991 Grand Rapids incident is possible. The DEIS estimates the annual probability of different kinds of spills-pinhole, catastrophic, and small/medium/large leaks- on the proposed route in Minnesota. Based on the numbers provided, in 50 years we can expect 14 pinhole leaks, 54 small spills, 4 medium, 3 large and one catastrophic. I cannot believe that Enbridge will go to the necessary lengths to protect our invaluable natural resources. This company wants to move the dirtiest oil in the world and abandon the existing Line 3, with old mainlines 1, 2 and 4 to go next.

I will continue to piece through the DEIS, questioning why we allow a few people to profit at the expense of so many of us.

We can choose to live in a world where innovation keeps apace with necessity and our need right now is to stop addressing climate change in abstract. Alternatives do exist. Please support the Removal of the existing Line 3 and the Abandonment of the replacement Line 3 project.

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Mary Larson <marylarson1124@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 9:50 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Opposition to pipeline 3

We vehemently oppose the construction of pipeline 3.! Pipelines ALWAYS leak. When will we elect officials who stand for land stewardship, and protecting the environment for later generations. The time is now to use conscience rather than dishonest manipulation of facts with false reassurances to mask corporate greed.

We have been land owners in Hubbard county for forty years. Please stop!

Docket nb. CN-14-916

PPL-15-137

We are a voting family of 5.

Mary Larson
22849 Marigold Ave.
Laporte

From: [Ulysses Lateiner](#)
To: [MN COMM Pipeline Comments](#)
Subject: Enbridge Line 3 public comment (docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137)
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 12:29:51 PM

To whom it may concern:

I write to you in regard to the proposed Enbridge Line 3 pipeline (docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137). This project is a potential disaster and an injustice on multiple levels:

1. It will poison the land and water that it crosses. There is no such thing as a truly safe oil pipeline, as the legacy of pipeline leaks and environmental damage across the country clearly shows.
2. It will contribute to the climate chaos that Minnesota, the United States, and the planet face in our near future as a result of our addiction to carbon-based dirty energy sources. Tar sands oil is one of the most carbon-polluting energy sources in use, and for the sake of the planet's long-term health, we cannot burn it.
3. It will increase reliance on outmoded, dangerous, unsustainable carbon-based energy, when we need instead to be focusing on clean, sustainable energy sources like wind and solar. Minnesota should be developing these alternative energy sources, which are sources of jobs and investment that have a long-term future, rather than making short-term investments that bear a grievous long-term cost.
4. It will threaten the environmental and cultural survival of Native American peoples whose territories lie in the pipeline path. Justice demands that the project should not be approved without the approval of these groups who stand to suffer so much damage from it, and who have been the victims of so much environmental injustice from similar projects already.

My children, your children, and the children of all Americans deserve clean air, clean water, and clean land. We do NOT deserve the sacrifice of these priceless public resources for the short-term private profit of fossil fuel corporations. You have an obligation to the future to make the right decision. Please reject this project.

Thank you,
Ulysses Lateiner
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I SUPPORT THE LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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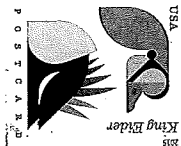
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St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2198

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: James Lawson <james.lawson@enbridge.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 10:29 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Line 3 Replacement CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I am in support of the Line 3 replacement project. The draft EIS hits several points that are very relevant and clearly shows that pipelines are the safest way to transport liquids and gasses. The preferred route follows existing utility corridors and would be the most unimpactful to the environment. The new pipeline would have significantly greater monitoring technology than the aging line 3.

Deactivating the current pipeline and leaving it in place is the most commonly used method in the industry. Even when deactivated the pipeline will be monitored to protect the environment.

There has been ample time for public comment, ample opportunity for people to voice their concerns, and based on science the EIS has been prepared very thoroughly. Please keep the EIS timeline to the deadline of 280 days.

Sincerely,

James Lawson
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South Range, WI 54874
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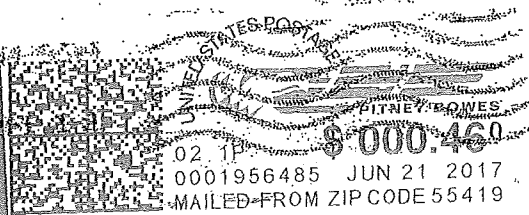
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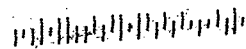
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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: MacAlister, Jamie (COMM)
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:45 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: FW: Comments Line 3 DEIS Ability to Remove Pipe
Attachments: Line 3 Replacement DEIS Ability to Remove Line 3.pdf

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From: dlearmon@2z.net [mailto:dlearmon@2z.net]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:43 PM
To: MacAlister, Jamie (COMM) <jamie.macalister@state.mn.us>
Subject: Comments Line 3 DEIS Ability to Remove Pipe

R. D. Learmont
PO Box 2756
Warba, Minnesota 55793
July 10, 2017

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

By e-mail

Re: Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Ability to Remove Abandoned Line 3
Proposed Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Project
Dockets 14-916 and 15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister:

Thank you for keeping me informed of proceedings regarding Enbridge's proposed replacement of their Line 3, most recently the Draft Environmental Impact Statement that was recently issued for review and comment. In addition to being technically knowledgeable on many of the issues covered in the draft FEIS and also many issues not covered by the DEIS, I am also owner of property through which Enbridge's Mainline passes, such land owned by me including close to 6 miles of Enbridge pipeline, including Enbridge's Line 3 but also including Enbridge lines 1, 2, 4, 13, and 67, in addition to other high pressure pipelines not owned/operated by Enbridge. Having long experience with Enbridge and its predecessor; having some familiarity with pipeline construction and operations practices including being present when Line 3 was constructed and has subsequently been repaired; and having substantial financial and other interest in land that Enbridge mainline pipelines traverse, I respectfully request your attention to points that I make in this and other letters with comments that I submit.

A factor that DOC and PUC will be weighing among many factors in making CN and routing decisions will be the ability to physically remove the existing Line 3 pipe. This is discussed, among other places in, Chapter 8 of the DEIS, and it appears that both state and federal regulations regarding in situ pipeline abandonment are minimal and weak on this subject.

Discussion of Line 3 removal options in the DEIS appears to rely quite heavily on statements and plans developed by Enbridge. However, the DEIS should also include significant input and review by third parties, not simply from Enbridge, which is, after all, the project proponent who wants to leave Line 3 in place and will reasonably be expected to present information which favors its position. This needed review by and input from

others seems to be sorely lacking in most parts of the DEIS, including the portion regarding the ability to physically remove Line 3.

It is acknowledged that removal of a buried pipeline has its challenges. Without repeating discussion that already appears in the DEIS or information that has been presented by others, please note:

- a. Enbridge is able to physically deal safely with Line 3 - its integrity digs attest to that, to be able to work safely in the vicinity of other buried pipelines, as does its ability to install new pipelines (which it does) within the same mainline corridor without incident, so removing the old pipeline has a cost, which is a cost of being in the business of hydrocarbon transport by pipeline. If Line 3 has reached the point in its life cycle that the cost of maintenance has exceeded the price of replacement, then the normal business decision would be to remove the existing Line 3 and replace it if the transportation capacity is still needed;
- b. The DEIS refers to detecting unknown leaks from the existing Line 3. Methods exist to discern the possibility of subsurface leaks without digging into the ground; if Enbridge is using those non-destructive techniques, it ought to be able to locate and repair leaks detected by those means. However, if Enbridge has detected leaks that they have not repaired, then they have likely violated certain requirements with regard to safe operation and repair. If Enbridge has not detected leaks through those nondestructive means, or says that they can not, but there has in fact been a subsurface leak, then the only way to detect undetected underground leaks will be to dig the length of the existing Line 3 and remove the pipe and contaminated soil where it occurs. Either way, it appears that the proper thing is to remove all of the unused pipe, as it will all need to be excavated to test for undetected leaks.
- c. That Enbridge can provide an estimate of the cost of removing the to-be-unused pipe is an indication that they have the ability to do so.

I hope that the preceding commentary will be helpful as DOC/PUC considers portions of the DEIS for revision/completion.

Thank you.

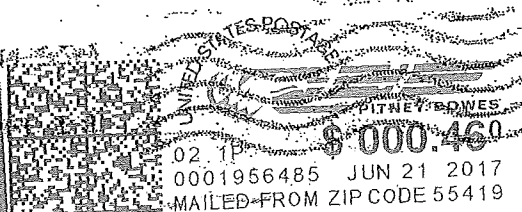
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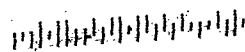
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COMMENTS

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Sarah Lechner <lechner.sarah@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 12:02 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Pipeline

No

No

No

No

No

This shouldn't even be a question. There are so many factors that argue against this new Pipeline! If we simply increased our energy conservation and efficiency efforts we wouldn't even need this oil. Build solar, build wind farms, turn down the a/c, make cars and trucks more efficient/hybrid. Leave the damned tar in the ground.

Thank you



Comment Form
Line 3 Project Draft EIS Public Meeting

Please provide your contact information. This information and your comments will be publicly available.

Name: Dennis Leff
Street Address: 8486 Onigum Rd NW
City: Walker State: MN Zip Code: 56484
Phone or Email: 218-547-2343

Please share your comments on the Line 3 Project Draft EIS. What could be improved in the EIS? What is missing?

I attended the meeting on June 7th at the Palace Casino. I was afraid to speak about my support of the pipe line project because everybody that spoke was against it. I was afraid I'd be followed home.

I live on Leech Lake, in the Leech Lake Reservation, and I am fully in support of the Line 3 project. I think the sooner it gets done, the better off we will be.



Comment Form
Line 3 Project Draft EIS Public Meeting

Please provide your contact information. This information and your comments will be publicly available.

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Street Address: 8486 Oregon Rd NW

City: Walker State: MN Zip Code: 56484

Phone or Email: leffs@arvig.net

Please share your comments on the Line 3 Project Draft EIS. What could be improved in the EIS? What is missing?

I am 100% in support of the Line 3 project.
I live on the Leech Lake reservation and I
totally approve of putting the pipeline
through the Leech Lake Reservation.
I attended the meeting at the Palace Casino
on June 7, 2017.

~~15-137~~**Rice, Robin (PUC)**

From: Richard <rr_lehmann@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 11:07 AM
To: staff, cao (PUC)
Subject: Enbridge Line 3

To whom it may concern,

We would like you to consider having the old line removed and the land replaced to what it was prior to the install of line three in the early 60's

As a matter of background, my wife and I live within 500 feet of the current line three pipeline, we also own land in Clearwater County the existing pipeline crosses. We have grandchildren that some day will inherit that land and would like to know the land will not be caving in under them in the future.

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Sincerely,

Richard Lehmann
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Bemidji, MN 56601
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218-766-4055 (c)

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: George, Kevin (PUC)
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 9:05 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: FW: Enbridge Line 3 PPL-15-137

Hi Jamie, Ray,

The Commission received the comment below from Richard Lehmann. Forwarding it so it can be included. Comments are backgrounded with gray.

Kevin

Kevin George

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
 121 7th Place East, Suite 350 | St. Paul, MN 55101
 (651) 201-2251 | Kevin.George@state.mn.us | mn.gov/puc/

From: PUC, Docketing (PUC)
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 8:39 AM
To: George, Kevin (PUC) <kevin.george@state.mn.us>
Subject: FW: Enbridge Line 3 PPL-15-137

I am forwarding this to you, I have not done anything with it.

J

Jamie Eschbach

*Administrative Services/Office Administrative Specialist, Senior
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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Betsy Leighton <bleighton2@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 02, 2017 11:13 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Pipeline comments

Hello,

I'm Elizabeth Leighton from Minneapolis. 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 no-build 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.

Elizabeth Leighton
5416 Emerson Avenue S
Minneapolis, MN 55419

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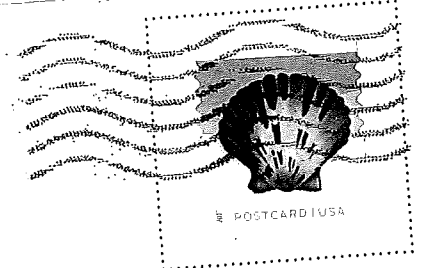
COMMENTS

Crow Wing County Farm Bureau
Supports this project.

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HI I know
 about Minnesota
 is now awesome
 their wild life
 is protected

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Marty <martyl@scandiacustomcabinets.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 8:19 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Enbridge 3 replacement

All Pipelines Leak

We have a responsibility to protect our greatest natural resource, our lakes and rivers

Water Is Life

Do not approve the new route without proper study, and industry putting up money upfront for clean-ups

--

Marty Lemke

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CITY, STATE, ZIP <i>Duluth, Min</i>		

COMMENTS

3 year ironworker, this work is my livelihood

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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Sandy Leuthner <sreedner@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 6:11 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: No Line 3 CN-14-916 and PPL15-137

CN-14-916 and PPL15-137

Please do not allow Enbridge to shove a massive new tar sands line through Minnesota's watershed, wild rice, and wetlands. Make Enbridge clean up its old mess!

It is our time to recognize the tragedy and genocide of the US Government against the first people of this land, and RESPECT tribal concerns about cultural destruction, the violence it supported by funding Dakota Access, and the risks to Minnesota's environment and our future.

Lets stop trashing this planet, we have enough to be ashamed of already, quit adding to it.

Sincerely,

Sandy Leuthner

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Lee Lewis <leestevenlewis@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 4:25 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Enbridge Line 3 Expansion

Jamie MacAlister
 Environmental Review Manager
 Minnesota Department of Commerce

RE: Enbridge Energy's Proposed Line 3 Pipeline Project: Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and present comments and concerns regarding Enbridge Energy's Proposed Line 3 Pipeline [the Pipeline] Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement [DEIS], docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137. My comments will focus on two only aspects of the Pipeline and DEIS. First, the location of the proposed route that runs through the headwaters of the Kettle River, a Minnesota designated "Wild and Scenic River," which directly drains into the nationally designated "Wild and Scenic" St. Croix River. Second, the impact of the Pipeline on further climate change.

The Kettle River and St. Croix Wild and Scenic Rivers

The proposed preferred route for the Pipeline runs through remote wetlands and rivers across northern Minnesota and, specifically, crosses the headwaters of the Kettle River in Carlton County. The Kettle River is a Minnesota State designated "Wild and Scenic River" that drains directly into the nationally designated "Wild and Scenic" St. Croix River. As far as I can determine, given the maps in the DEIS, the crossing is fairly remote and distant from any road. This has the potential of making detection and response to a spill difficult.

The Kettle River is an exceptional tributary to the St. Croix River, boasting high biodiversity as well as some of the most impressive whitewater rapids in Minnesota. Its watershed includes large areas of intact wetlands, pristine perennial headwater streams, and diverse mussel and fish faunas. It is home to 17 species of mussels, ancient lake sturgeon, and nationally significant brook lamprey and gilt darter. Several threatened, endangered, and sensitive species including bald eagles, Blanding's turtle, wood turtles, and osprey are also found in this area. Overall the water quality and aquatic systems of the Kettle River are in exceptional condition, as indicated by consistently high indices of biotic integrity.

Given the uniqueness and ecologically sensitive ecosystems within the Kettle River watershed, I oppose the proposed preferred route outlined in the DEIS. That route crosses through the most sensitive headwater areas of the Kettle River watershed and does not adequately mitigate or minimize the environmental impacts of pipeline construction or a potential pipeline spill. The water resources, wildlife habitat, recreation opportunities, and rare ecological features in this area far outweigh the risks associated with the installation of Line 3.

Furthermore several governmental and nonprofit organizations have identified the headwaters of the Kettle as a focus for protection. These include agencies like the Carlton County Soil and Water Conservation District, which has been working with landowners for many years to reduce sediment and nutrients in the Kettle River, the St. Croix River Association, of which I am a member, and the Nature Conservancy. Public and private resources have been devoted to protecting this portion of the Kettle. To run several hundred thousand barrels of highly toxic tar sands under the river every day runs counter to these efforts.

The proposed preferred route places countless wetlands and waterways at risk. I highlight the Kettle as one example, a river of exceptional ecological value that drains directly into one of the nation's cleanest and most pristine rivers. In terms of protecting the waters of the state, I urge selection of the proposed alternative route 03.

Threats of further climate change

Climate change is real. The internal combustion engine is a dinosaur going extinct. There is no long-term future in fossil fuels. It is a stated Minnesota policy to reduce carbon emissions. Though the current United States administration has taken a misguided and temporary step back from reducing carbon emissions, all of the other G-20 nations and most of the nations across the globe are committed to the carbon reduction goals of the Paris Climate Agreement.

The Pipeline is not in the public interest nor is there a public need. Quite the opposite.

To make a huge, long-term investment with significant environmental cost and risk in mining and transporting Alberta tar sands is not warranted. Simply put, building the Pipeline will enable and encourage more burning of an incredibly dirty, carbon-intensive fossil fuel. While full DEIS attempts to compare additional carbon costs of the greenhouse gas emissions created during the construction and operation of various pipeline and transport options, the costs, although steep, are dwarfed by the social cost of carbon^a [SCC] that is released when one considers the entire life-cycle of tar sands oil from extraction to refining and finally combustion.

Finally, from the National Resources Defense Council's August 13, 2015 [10 Threats from the Canadian Trans Sands Industry](#):

1. Digging up tar sands wreaks havoc on Alberta's boreal forest
2. The production process wastes enormous quantities of freshwater
3. Tar sands development produces huge amounts of toxic wastewater
4. Burning tar sands oil creates more pollution than regular crude
5. A web of new pipelines will fan out from Alberta's tar sands pits
6. We aren't prepared to deal with tar sands spills [see: National Academy of Science, 2016, [Spills of Diluted Bitumen from Pipelines: A comparative study of environmental fate, effects and response](#)]
7. Exporting tar sands will put rivers and coastlines at risk of spills
8. Rail cars carrying tar sands crude will pass through densely populated areas
9. Tar sands oil refineries produce dangerous petcock waste
10. Low income communities will be disproportionately impacted

In short, none of the routes proposed in the DEIS is in the public interest. Though they may be needed, in the sense of producing a profit for a private company in the exportation of oil, there are better and much more needed investments in our energy future.

Note

^a EPA and other federal agencies use the SCC to estimate the climate benefits of rulemakings. The SCC is the total cost to society arising from man-made emissions of CO₂ and other GHGs. It is typically measured in U.S. dollars per metric ton of CO₂ or CO₂e. The SCC is meant to be a comprehensive estimate of climate change damages. It includes changes in net agricultural productivity; human health; property damages from increased flood risk; and changes in energy system costs, such as reduced costs for heating and increased costs for air conditioning.

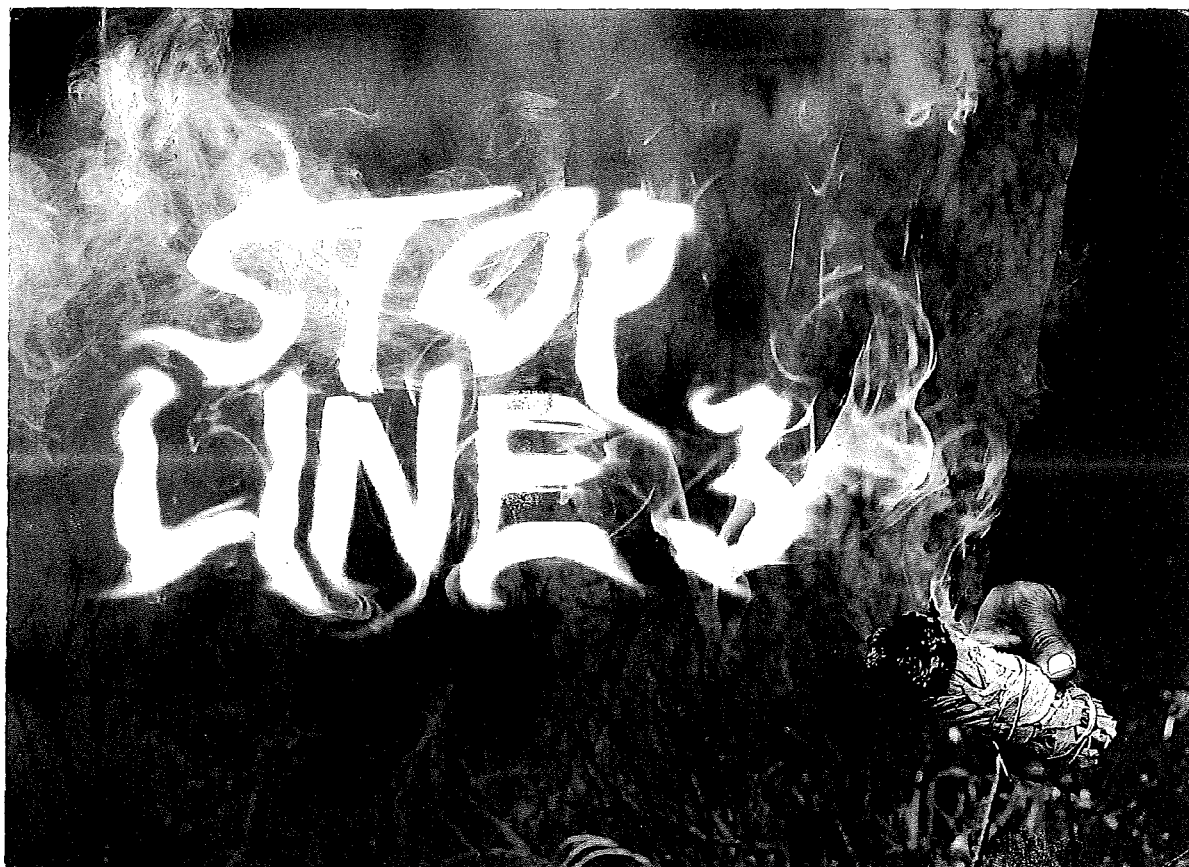
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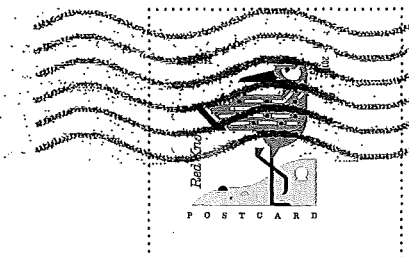
Lee Lewis

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Pessimism is the analysis of the situation; optimism is the orientation of the spirit



DEAR DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINNEAPOLIS MN 553
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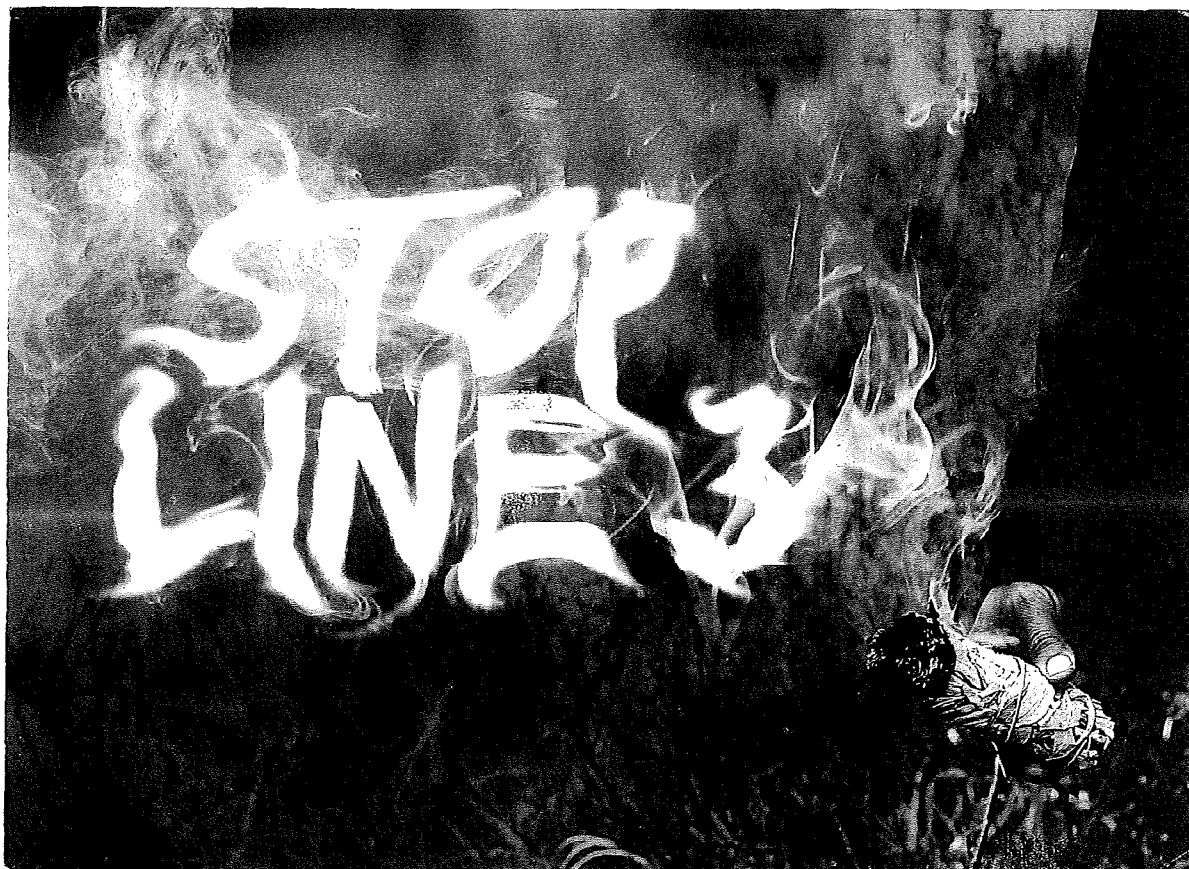


Do not approve the
 tar sands pipeline. It
 is another violation
 of treaty rights in
 support of commercial
 enterprise. Clean water
 is more valuable than
 proceeds from sale to
 China. Think about the
 ancestor you want to
 be.

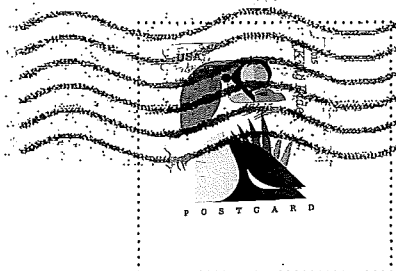
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 Hannah
 Lewis

Hannah Lewis
 Minnesota native, now living in
 France - feeling helpless

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We don't need this
 pipeline to deface MN
 in order to send dirty
 oil to China. Construction
 will destabilize local
 communities and the
 pipeline will interfere
 with the supply of clean
 water. Jobs do not go ^{even} to
 Native Americans, whose
 treaties are being violated again.

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From: Victoria Li <vvli@colorado.edu>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 1:50 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: comment (re dockets CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137)

The Native American Nation is teaching its young people to stand up for justice through peaceful activism, law, technology, international relations, and spirituality.

What are you teaching your young people?

-a young person

(re dockets CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137)

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Tami Liberty <ikwe_1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 6:18 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Line 3

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

It is most important that enbridge take out line 3 from the ground. It is a danger to the waters of Minnesota. It doesn't need replacement just needs to be removed.

Sincerely,

Tami liberty
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ikwe_1@hotmail.com

From: [David Lick](#)
To: [MN COMM Pipeline Comments](#)
Subject: Enbridge pipeline
Date: Friday, May 26, 2017 9:01:42 AM

Hello,

In this State if a business vacates a gas station the tanks are pulled out of the ground and the ground is inspected for leakage. If there is leakage the soil has to be removed and clean soil is added back. If a building in a town is vacated and left to deteriorate the local unit of government has the authority to force the clean up. I understand that we need oil, I also drive a car, I am not in favor of tar sands oil but the issue with the abandonment of number 3 by Enbridge is another example of blight. Anyone who favors efficiency over waste would suggest that this pipe be removed and recycled. The space left could be used years from now for another pipe if that becomes necessary. The argument that removal is environmentally unfriendly suggests that installing in the first place is environmentally unfriendly. Please insist that Enbridge remove the vacated line and pass the costs to the consumer.

David Lick
36514 Birch Trl.
Grand Rapids, MN. 55744

From: [Olivia Lim](#)
To: [MN COMM Pipeline Comments](#)
Subject: Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline
Date: Monday, June 05, 2017 5:22:41 PM

Oil pipelines have a terrible track record of causing oil spills that pollute important land and bodies of water. Do not allow the Line 3 pipeline to transport tar sands (one of the dirtiest types of oil). Overall, we need to keep fossil fuels in the ground, unburned. If we do not, if we extract them to be refined and transported around the country to then be used and emit greenhouse gases, climate disaster will occur. Besides there is great opposition from the local people who will be most affected by the pipeline.

From: [Danette Lincoln](#)
To: [MN COMM Pipeline Comments](#)
Subject: Enbridge
Date: Monday, June 12, 2017 1:19:22 PM

To Whom it may concern:

What can I say that hasn't already been said? What can I say that will make a difference? I don't know. What I do know is that the Indigenous people of this country have been horribly mistreated since the day Europeans set foot here. I actually thought MN was better than that. The reroute of Enbridge pipeline 3 will continue to exacerbate the mistreatment of our Native Americans. When is enough, enough?

If forced, Enbridge will be able to come up with alternatives to this route. Right now they are seeking the least costly and least resisted route. If we stand strong against this route, they will be forced to rethink.

Please make the right decision for our Native Americans and stop the pipeline. Clean energy is on the way and that should be our focus.

Thank you,

Danette Lincoln

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

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Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 8:40 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Enbridge Pipeline 3, Docket CN-14-916 Docket PPL-15-137

Environmental Review Manager: Jamie MacAlister

I am writing to you today to express my opinion regarding the proposed re-route of Enbridge pipeline 3 through northern Minnesota. I have debated in my mind days over end to come up with the most convincing words possible to sway the MN Dept. of Commerce and the PUC to end this project. I, however, could not find the magical words. They and you have, no doubt, heard every argument for and against this proposed line. So what I have to offer is this: my simple, yet heartfelt, advise:

Just remember that at the end of the day, everything as we know it is temporary. Our lives, jobs, wealth, all temporary. What is not temporary is our legacy, our soul. The decisions we make, the actions we take will determine our legacy in a place far greater than what we can imagine. So I ask those involved to make the morally right decisions for our Native Americans, our Earth, our animals. To do so, ask and answer one question: What do you want your legacy to be?

Thank you,

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Subject: Enbridge Pipeline 3, # CN-14-916, #PPL-15-137

Hello Jamie MacAlister,

I invite you to read the transcript of a speech given by Severn Suzuki at a Rio summit in 1992. Although some time ago, her words are still relevant because of the truth in the message. It is unbelievable that in twenty-five years, so little has changed in the hearts and minds of men regarding our environment and the well-being of people. Greed always seems to overcome our best judgement. Please use this child's words as a guide to making the right decision.

Full Text of Severn Suzuki's speech at the U.N. Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992:

Hello, I'm Severn Suzuki speaking for E.C.O. – The Environmental Children's Organization.

We are a group of twelve and thirteen-year-olds from Canada trying to make a difference: Vanessa Suttie, Morgan Geisler, Michelle Quigg and me. We raised all the money ourselves to come six thousand miles to tell you adults you must change your ways. Coming here today, I have no hidden agenda. I am fighting for my future.

Losing my future is not like losing an election or a few points on the stock market. I am here to speak for all generations to come.

I am here to speak on behalf of the starving children around the world whose cries go unheard.

I am here to speak for the countless animals dying across this planet because they have nowhere left to go. We cannot afford to be not heard.

I am afraid to go out in the sun now because of the holes in the ozone. I am afraid to breathe the air because I don't know what chemicals are in it.

I used to go fishing in Vancouver with my dad, until just a few years ago, we found the fish full of cancers. And now we hear about animals and plants going extinct every day – vanishing forever.

In my life, I have dreamt of seeing the great herds of wild animals, jungles and rain forests full of birds and butterflies, but now I wonder if they will even exist for my children to see.

Did you have to worry about these little things when you were my age?

All this is happening before our eyes and yet we act as if we have all the time we want and all the solutions. I'm only a child and I don't have all the solutions, but I want you to realise, neither do you!

- * You don't know how to fix the holes in our ozone layer.
- * You don't know how to bring salmon back up a dead stream.
- * You don't know how to bring back an animal now extinct.
- * And you can't bring back forests that once grew where there is now desert.

If you don't know how to fix it, please stop breaking it!

Here, you may be delegates of your governments, business people, organisers, reporters or politicians – but really you are mothers and fathers, brothers and sister, aunts and uncles – and all of you are somebody's child.

I'm only a child yet I know we are all part of a family, five billion strong, in fact, 30 million species strong and we all share the same air, water and soil – borders and governments will never change that.

I'm only a child yet I know we are all in this together and should act as one single world towards one single goal.

In my anger, I am not blind, and in my fear, I am not afraid to tell the world how I feel.

In my country, we make so much waste, we buy and throw away, buy and throw away, and yet northern countries will not share with the needy. Even when we have more than enough, we are afraid to lose some of our wealth, afraid to share.

In Canada, we live the privileged life, with plenty of food, water and shelter – we have watches, bicycles, computers and television sets.

Two days ago here in Brazil, we were shocked when we spent some time with some children living on the streets. And this is what one child told us: "I wish I was rich and if I were, I would give all the street children food, clothes, medicine, shelter and love and affection."

If a child on the street who has nothing, is willing to share, why are we who have everything still so greedy?

I can't stop thinking that these children are my age, that it makes a tremendous difference where you are born, that I could be one of those children living in the favelas of Rio; I could be a child starving in Somalia; a victim of war in the Middle East or a beggar in India.

I'm only a child yet I know if all the money spent on war was spent on ending poverty and finding environmental answers, what a wonderful place this earth would be!

At school, even in kindergarten, you teach us to behave in the world. You teach us:

- * not to fight with others,
- * to work things out,
- * to respect others,
- * to clean up our mess,
- * not to hurt other creatures
- * to share – not be greedy.

Then why do you go out and do the things you tell us not to do?

Do not forget why you're attending these conferences, who you're doing this for – we are your own children. You are deciding what kind of world we will grow up in. Parents should be able to comfort their children by saying "everything's going to be alright", "we're doing the best we can" and "it's not the end of the world".

But I don't think you can say that to us anymore. Are we even on your list of priorities? My father always says "You are what you do, not what you say."

Well, what you do makes me cry at night. You grown ups say you love us. I challenge you, please make your actions reflect your words. Thank you for listening.

Thank you, Danette Lincoln 2509 Bunker Lake Blvd., NE Ham Lake, MN

Line 3 Replacement Project DEIS

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To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear

I am opposed to the Line 3 Replacement.

My opposition is due to serious concerns about the draft environmental impact statement. I am a citizen, scientist, educator and father as well as someone that uses energy. I know that energy is required to support my country and my lifestyle. However the required energy needs to be balanced and future costs and concerns need to be weighed.

- 1) The climate change discussions in the DEIS are inadequate - principally they do not fully address the social cost off carbon.
- 2) The economics of fossil fuel based industries is becoming increasingly volatile. I totally understand why a company wants to build a pipeline to decrease their costs and hence increase their profits. However the public costs exceed the public benefits. This is especially true when you factor in the financial and social burden of cleaning up the pipeline after the company no longer has a need for it.
- 3) Pipelines that are not removed will only be monitored while the company exists and is solvent. The old pipeline needs to be removed to avoid it being abandoned and the costs shifted to the general public. Basically any new pipeline should only be allowed to be built when a clean-up contingency fund and removal costs are covered in a state account that is paid for by the companies involved.
- 4) It is fairly clear that there are treaty rights issues that have not been mitigated.
- 5) The environmental/social justice issues are only superficially considered.
- 6) There is a lack of professionalism in the DEIS. The sources are not referenced or can not be found leading one to wonder at their authenticity and hence the veracity of the report in general.
- 7) This is a very large-scale proposal. Each option needs a much more thorough analysis. The total amount and diversity of natural areas that are affected during the construction and maintenance require a much more complete study.

Every year I enjoy the different environments on both public and private lands throughout the state of Minnesota but especially the northern part of Minnesota. I know I am not alone in this enjoyment. I also use energy - much of it fossil fuel based. However, if one of my students turned in something akin to this DEIS I would tell them to redo it so I would not have to give them a failing grade.

Please consider a much more comprehensive environmental impact study. Do not allow the Line 3 Replacement to proceed at this time.

Sincerely,

- Steve Lindaas

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To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: CN-14-916 and PPL15-137 comments

I am writing with my comments in regards to the proposed Line 3 pipeline (CN-14-916 PPL15-137).

I do not believe that the assessments to date have sufficiently taken into account the threat to Native American tribal sovereignty, the threat to Minnesota wild rice beds, the long term costs to our climate, the no-build option, the risks of abandoning the old Line 3, and the appalling track record of this company when it comes to respect toward tribes and environmental remediation.

As a Minnesotan who is concerned about the future of this land and this economy for future generations, I do not believe it is wise to gamble with this line. There are better, safer alternatives that do not fill our environment with more destruction and fossil fuel waste.

I urge you to reject this proposed new line 3 and reject the abandonment of the old Line 3.

Sincerely,
Emily Lindell

From: [Jean Lindgren](#)
To: [MN COMM Pipeline Comments](#)
Subject: Docket #CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137)
Date: Sunday, June 11, 2017 2:04:12 AM

On Monday, May 15, 2017, the State of Minnesota released its Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Enbridge's proposed new Line 3 pipeline. This 5000+ page document is a failed attempt to analyze the potential impacts of the project on Minnesota's environment, public health, tribal resources, climate, etc, and to compare Enbridge's proposed route to several alternatives.

This Draft EIS is the result of several years of battle in the regulatory arena between Enbridge, the Minnesota state agencies, and grassroots groups working to protect the water - battles that began with the Sandpiper pipeline. The State of Minnesota tried its best to avoid doing an EIS for this project but a grassroots-funded lawsuit by Friends of the Headwaters was successful in overturning that decision.

The residents have been given only 3 weeks to analyze the 5000+ page draft EIS before the public meetings began on June 6. Obviously that is not enough time to do a thorough job of analyzing this very technical document. However, scrutiny so far has uncovered many inaccuracies.

In September 2015, the Minnesota Court of Appeals revoked the permit for the Sandpiper and ruled that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission start over and prepare an proper EIS. The same flaws are already apparent in this current draft EIS for Enbridge's proposed Line 3 Pipeline. It is vitally important that an accurate EIS be produced and the public be given much more time to analyse it before any findings is made and/or permits are issued.

Please send the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission back to the drawing board to produce an accurate EIS that factually reflects the impacts of this pipeline on local communities, that means Indigenous People too, and includes input from the people who live there.

Thanks for your consideration.

Jean Lindgren

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

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

It is time to replace line 3. No more wasting time and money no more talking about it. If the old line fails it will be a lot worse for the environment than replacing the line in a controlled environment.

Sincerely,

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

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I'm for the line 3 line as stated.

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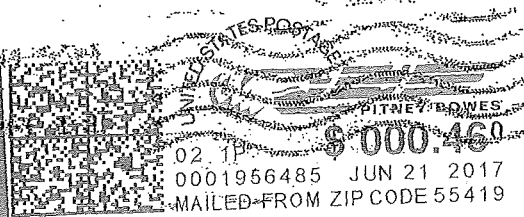
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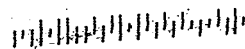
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Subject: Docket CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137 DEIS for Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline Replacement

submitted by Ruth Lindh on June 13, 2017 in St Paul, MN.

There are numerous flaws in this draft of the EIS.

Start with the document title. This is not a replacement for Line 3. It is a mostly new and different route, pumped-up and super-sized. It endangers Minnesota waters, lands, and wildlife. This EIS is a huge document, but the troubling part is what is missing.

1) To abandon the old, crumbling pipe in place with only the vague reassurance that it will be "monitored indefinitely" is not sufficient. We need specifics; dollars, time frame, guarantees. What if Enbridge has gone out of business or morphed into a new entity? Who pays then?

2) We know that the heavier tar sands oil, when leaked or spilled into bodies of water has never been successfully cleaned up once it has sunk. What would happen if a spill made its way into Lake Superior? Minnesota should be very uncomfortable with the fact that Enbridge classifies their "worst case" scenario spill data as trade secret so it cannot be reviewed by the public.

3) We are on the brink of enormous changes in this 21st century economy. How can any 30 year projection of costs not include consideration of rapid advances and demands for renewable energy, declining oil prices, and the growing scarcity and value of clean water?

Here are a few snippets from the news this past week:

"Coal is dead and oil faces peak demand" says Jim Barry, the global head of Blackrock infrastructure investment group, the world's largest...with \$5 trillion in assets..."the thing that has changed fundamentally is that renewables have gotten so cheap...in short,the smart money is headed away from fossil fuels and toward clean energy".

Solar Power in Minnesota is heating up (by Mike Hughlett ,Mpls StarTribune 6/9/2017)

Minnesota's national ranking for solar energy capacity has climbed significantly after a flurry of new projects have come online..."the community solar pipeline is finally coming in," Gallagher said.

Minnesota steps up the the plate on climate (by E.Anderson,G.Chan and M.Hortman, Mpls StarTribune 6/8/2017)

...Now more than ever, Minnesota needs to continue to make the case that moving away from fossil fuels is not just a moral imperative, but is also politically feasible and economically advantageous."

Water shortage looms (News Services, Mpls StarTribune, 6/7/2017)

U.N. Secretary General warned that by 2050 global demand for fresh water is projected to grow by 40%..."strains on water access are already rising in all regions."

It is foolhardy to grant this permit without consideration of these issues. The legitimate option of NOT building a new pipeline, but carefully maintaining the current line 3 until it's phased out could be, by far, the most prudent plan. This is not the right time to head in the wrong direction.

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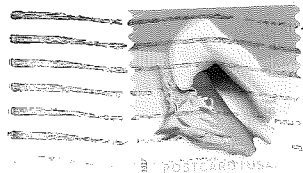
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Subject: Making Smart Choices For Our Future

To Whom it is Concerned,

I wanted to take a moment and let you know how I feel about the heartland of Minnesota. I want to tell you about how much I care about clean water for families to drink. I want to tell you about how much I care about the land, and the animals that make it their home. I want to tell you about how easily this could all be disrupted.

The heartland of Minnesota is full of pristine lakes that are the perfect habitat for everything from wild rice and cattails, to mallards, and swans, and fish of all varieties. You will find deer and beavers, and bears, and flowers. Lots of flowers. But truly all that would change with just one oil spill. All that would change with one anomaly. All that would change with one little mistake. No one who cares about the heart of Minnesota would want that to happen. No one who lives here wants that to happen. We live here because we love the land. We love the water. We love the beauty and greenery that is central Minnesota.

Please take the time to examine Line 3. Please take the time to insist that Enbridge be held responsible for cleaning up Line 3. Please think about the future of our great state and all that will come after us. Please think about investing in clean energy as we move forward. Protect our water. Protect our land. Protect OUR Minnesota.

Thank you for your time,
Kellie Lindquist

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

From: [Michael Line](#)
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Subject: Comment CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137
Date: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 2:50:04 PM

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I was raised in Wrenshall MN with the Refinery and several pipelines within a half a mile from my house. When I was still in school the big natural gas was built. We never had any problems with any of them. We need the new pipelines for national security, keeping gas prices to Americans low, and for jobs. New pipelines will be better build and safer than the old ones. The regulatory requirments and legal battles just make it all cost more. Ask the people that come to the meeting to protest h pipeline if hey drove a gas powered car to attend. When they smile and say no they drove an electric one show them how many parts of the car take gas to make. All the plastic. All the cloth. then you can add the petroleum energy it took to make the synthetic clothes they have on etc, etc,etc. Give thm a a horse to ride home on!

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Subject: Proposed Pipeline

Greetings, I humbly request you read the following.

I AM AGAINST THE PROPOSED PIPELINE BECAUSE:

- ~ The rest of the world is adapting to solar power on large scale, including China
- ~ Continuing to use fossil fuels and pipelines sets my country backwards with energy procurement and usage
- ~ We cannot drink oil; the potential to destroy essential resources -- water is not worth the potential benefit
- ~ Please make my country keep up with the rest of the world and deny the proposed pipeline.

Kind Regards,
Rose Liss

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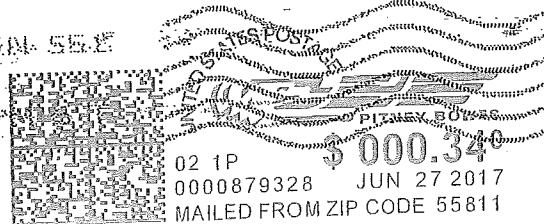
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Subject: public comment

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

Dear Environmental Review Manager:

There is nothing in the DEIS for Line 3 about the general economic picture for Minnesota if this project is approved as Enbridge prefers. Minnesota 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 economic analysis for the EIS to be complete.

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,

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

Dear Environmental Review Manager,

I am writing to voice my concerns over areas that I feel were not adequately covered in the draft EIS. I will start out first by saying with the depth of information provided insufficient time was given to read it, become educated about it by those able to read it in its entirety and know the subject matter well, comprehend and research it, and then write a letter responding to its content. **I cannot possibly convey all of my concerns and would ask that an extension be given on the time for public comment.**

1. Economic Analysis:

As Secretary of the Whitefish Chain Lakes Owners Association, as well as Secretary of the Big Whitefish Northshore Property Owners Association, I know that my neighbor's greatest concern is a tar sands oil spill in the Pine River Watershed and Whitefish Chain of Lakes, pristine lakes, lakes that attract many throughout the state of Minnesota and neighboring states. Tourism is a vital part of this community, it is a major employer and economic engine. A community that depends not only on those that use the lakes recreationally but also those that come to hunt, fish, snowmobile and just to observe and savor all that mother nature has to offer. Without tourism in Minnesota northern lakes how many jobs would be lost? How many restaurants, resorts, motels and businesses would be closed or lose revenues? How many residents would have to relocate? What would happen to property values? How about the lost tax revenues and jobs when businesses are closed, incomes decline, people are unemployed and property values plummet with a spill? How would towns along the route be impacted? Are the risks worth the benefits? **An economic analysis is needed to make the EIS complete.**

"The Impact of Tar Sands Pipeline Spills on Employment and The Economy," a report by Cornell University Global Labor Institute, well supports the reason for concern. It differentiates a tar sands spill from a crude oil spill, explains the difficulty in cleaning up a tar sands spill, defines the socio-economic impact, health concerns, the impact on natural resources and the increased risk of tar sands oil pipeline cracks, leaks and spills. They note the difficulty of cleaning up tar sands from lakes," a major spill could make our pristine lakes inaccessible for months and years as was the case in Kalamazoo." This document once again supports the topics covered by the EIS, some not. The document supports the need for an economic analysis. It was the conclusion of the study, consistent with the opinion of the Sierra Club (see #5), that the future lies in fuel efficient automobiles, decreased dependency on fuel, and a focus on renewable energy, not pipelines that pose a risk to our natural resources, citizens, and economy. Is a Certificate of Need warranted?

2. Integrated Contingency Plan:

One need only look at the Kalamazoo spill to know that our concerns are well founded. The timeline provided by the Kalamazoo News is alarming. Thank for providing Enbridge's new Integrated Contingency Plan/Emergency Response Plan, it is reassuring. However, it does not take into account a factor that the spill may have well been avoided all together were it not for management's complacency and deception. Enbridge was aware of defects in the pipeline where the rupture occurred for 5 years prior to the spill. The same was true of BP with the gulf spill, warnings by workers on the rig were ignored. Would you please address whether measures in place to make sure these behaviors do not reoccur?

NTSB Chairwoman Deborah Hemancon reported that “Enbridge’s employees and spill responders acted like a troop of Keystone Cops.” The EIS repeatedly states that to minimize the impact to our environment a quick and efficient response time is needed by Enbridge, State/National Agencies, and responders.

The Pine River Watershed and Whitefish Chain are in a rural area making for a slower response time. In addition, the closest Portable Emergency Response trailer is in Bemidji. **Is this close enough?** Does that put our area at greater risk? Would you please address this issue? The EIS also states rural areas would require regional or national response capabilities, another delay. Our beautiful lakes area is further threatened by the increased difficulty of containment and recovery due to the fact that it is an aquatic environment as well as the fact that our lakes, rivers, and streams freeze in the winter. Once again, do we really want to threaten our beautiful, pristine lakes for a pipeline? Is Certificate of Need in the best interest of the citizens of Minnesota, especially those impacted by the pipeline?

Would you also please address when the Emergency Response Team starts conducting their training exercises, is it before the pipeline is operational? If not there obviously should be reason for concern.

3. Mississippi River:

Little mention is made of the Mississippi which the proposed route crosses twice. The Pine River Watershed and Whitefish Chain feed into the Mississippi Basin. **How would a spill impact the drinking water that it provides to cities along its way including the Twin Cities? Would you please address this issue in the final draft?**

4. Enbridge Bias:

It is also disconcerting when you say that the DNR and Army Corp of Engineers had limited input into the DEIS and then to learn that Cardno, an engineering firm with ties to Enbridge, was instrumental in preparing part of the DEIS. **Would it not be fair to ask to have an engineering firm independent of Enbridge analyze the information to verify the facts as Minnesota requires?**

5. Certificate of Need:

A Certificate of Need must take into account whether the pipeline is a need of the state, not a national need. Even when using national statistics, the need is not supported. U.S. fuel demand was down 5% in 2015 compared to its 2007 peak. In Minnesota, fuel demand was down 19% in 2016 compared to its peak in 2004. As higher efficiency cars and electric cars become increasingly popular, it is doubtful that a pipeline will be needed to supply needed oil.

<http://www.sierraclub.org/files/sce/north-star-chapter/pdf/Energy/Security.pdf>

6. Aquifers:

The EIS defines the geological properties of an aquifer and the level of threat to varying types of aquifers should a spill occur. How does one know whether their aquifer is at risk of contamination or that it is contaminated? On the Whitefish Chain and surrounding areas, we are dependent on individual wells for our water supply. We cannot depend on a city to continually test our water supply. What is the contingency plan for monitoring drinking water for those in our situation? Would you please address this in the EIS?

7. Route Comparison:

And lastly, "Going to the lake" is synonymous with "Going up North." Not "Going to the lake" and "Going down south." When you calculate the bodies of water impacted by SA-04 and Enbridge's proposed route please consider the number of lakes on the SA-04 route that are unsalvageable compared to the pristine lakes of the north. Do we want to take the chance of contaminating some of Minnesota's greatest resources? Do we want to take the chance of harming some of Minnesota's largest tourist destinations? Minnesota, the land of 10,000 lakes. We have already lost too many to contamination, let's not lose anymore. Is it worth the risk? Is a pipeline in the best interest of Minnesotans? Is a Certificate of Need warranted?

Sincerely,

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

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

Dear Environmental Review Manager:

The northcentral and northeastern portions of Minnesota contain many water resources that are generally the highest quality water resources in the state. The applicant's proposed project would have construction impacts and introduce new risk of spills in northern Minnesota where the watersheds are in general very healthy and water quality is very good.

The Commission is required to consider corridor sharing in determining which route to select and permit. The applicant's preferred route creates an opportunity for future corridor sharing that could ultimately result in an accumulation of multiple pipelines within that corridor, additional clearing in forested areas, with more disturbed habitat and affected watersheds in populated areas of beautiful northern Minnesota lake country.

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.

Thank you,

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Dear Environmental Review Manager:

I was the fire chief of a rural volunteer fire department for 20 years and a member for 37 years. We had a pipeline release in our city and we were woefully ill-equipped to handle such an incident. We were fortunate that the contractor was on site to do some diking/damming or the product would have easily made it into the Rum River in Anoka County. The Enbridge Line 3 preferred route crosses the Pine River watershed, most of which has a high water table. It also has some of the best lakes in central Minnesota with fisheries in Pine River and Spire Valley north of Roosevelt Lake. A release of any kind in this environmentally sensitive area would be catastrophic. Yet there's nothing in the DEIS about the financial and environmental impact on fishing, fisheries, water recreation or tourism in this area of central 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 economic analysis for the EIS to be complete.

Thank you,

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From: Suzanne Long <slong79@hotmail.com>
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Subject: Line 3 Replacement Project DEIS CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

The only acceptable option is the guaranteed non-destructive removal of the existing pipeline and if more evidence is presented that its replacement is necessary then it could be considered. The world is moving to renewable energy. There is no reason to invest in oil (an certainly not dirty tarsands oil) at this moment except to increase the profit of the Enbridge, company, the koch brothers, not even much to the Canadian government. The destruction to the watershed and the lands surrounding the route is too high a price to pay for their increase. Their unreliable assurances and documented failures concerning damage to the communities and the lands they have harmed is reason enough to deny this project. Their use of deceitful language and non-existent actions clearly and conclusively show that the company cannot be trusted with our land and our lives.

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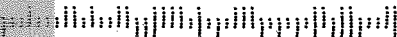
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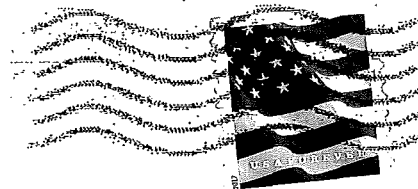
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COMMENTS

Replacing line 3 will be the safest
solution to transporting oil through Minnesota.
We do not need more trains transporting oil
around our state, which is the only alternative.

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WILL PASS THROUGH WILL ECONOMICALLY BENEFIT.
FURTHERMORE, PIPELINES ARE THE SAFEST WAY
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Pipelines are the safest mode of
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Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Gail Loverud <gail.loverud8@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 3:07 PM
Subject: Enbrige CN-14-196 and PPL15-137

This directly affects the watershed that threatens the only certified organic wild rice lakes in Minnesota. This Canadian company gets the benefits while probably polluting our Minnesota waters. Oil companies are constantly attacking our indigenous communities, not to mention our gorgeous Minnesota lakes. I do not believe for one second that there will not be an oil spill. Solar & wind is where it's at & getting more economical all the time. Sincerely, Gail Loverud.

Sent from my iPad

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Jason Lozano <jlozano@lsconsulting.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 9:15 AM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Line 3 Replacement CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

Good day. It is my belief that pipelines are the safest and most effective way of transporting product. I believe it is vital for line-3 to commence as it will provide a safer more efficient way of transporting product. I have seen first hand the amount of work that goes into planning and executing any project related to the pipeline industry. It will hurt our economy and will put our environment at risk if we do not continue this work. If you want to improve the industry this is not the way.

Thank you,

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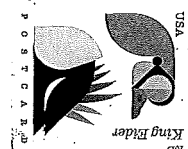
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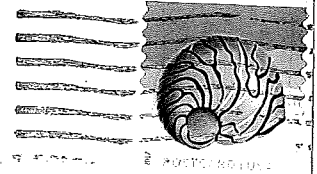
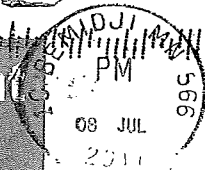


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To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

I have several comments about the proposed Enbridge pipeline which are not properly/thoroughly addressed in the DEIS.

Why is there no discussion of corrosion from co-location of the pipeline with high voltage transmission lines? Keystone 1, only 4 years old, suffered leaks from accelerated corrosion due to stray voltage from powerlines.

Pipelines have a history of frequent, even daily leaks. This proposed line passes within close proximity to the watershed of major recreational lakes. What reassurance does the public have that spills/leaks will be detected quickly and mitigated promptly? Does Enbridge put aside money into a clean up fund so that if they go out of business, leaks can still be cleaned up? Or do they dump responsibility on the public, similar to the current Brownfields Clean Up programs?

Will baseline data be collected from our many lovely lakes so that damage due to inevitable leaks is the responsibility of this company?

Why are we continuing to risk the danger and pollution from fossil fuels rather than insisting that these companies develop renewable energy sources?

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

Dear Environmental Review Manager,

I attended the Park Rapids meeting and my biggest concern is not that a pipeline is being built but where it will be located. The preferred route goes through some of the most porous soil in the state. My understanding is the water table movement in Hubbard County is measured in feet, not inches as it is in most other areas of the state. My Well is 50 feet deep. My neighbors sand point wells are 25 feet deep. The shallow water table and the speed of the water movement would make cleanup of the water table nearly impossible in the event of a spill. Also complicating the cleanup process is the addition of benzene and other chemicals added to drill and make the oil less viscous so it will flow through the pipeline. To this point, Table 10.7-8 under Drinking Water areas of Interest, "High/very high hydrogeologic sensitivity" lists 81,805.5 acres, second most of any of the proposed routes. And as seen from Table 10.7-5, Resources of Concern, there are 83,833.7 acres of "Drinking water AOIs" and 94,028.5 acres of "Biological AOIs". These numbers along with the sensitive water table should be a nonstarter for the location of the preferred route. Table 10.7-6, the preferred route, shows 947.8 acres of "State park and recreation areas" and 1,299.3 acres of "Wildlife Management Areas". Both numbers are the highest of any of the proposed routes. Table 10.7-7 shows 25,016.2 acres of "MBS Sites of Biodiversity Significance". This number is vastly larger than the areas of any other routes. Also this table shows 16.3 acres of "Trout stream/lake". All other routes list no trout stream acres.

These are all valid points but another concern is the addition of some of the other pipelines that mirror the current Line 3 route. If they are also allowed in this corridor, it will just multiply the likelihood of a spill in these sensitive areas.

You may think my concerns are "not in my backyard", and there is some truth to that (my cabin is within a couple miles of the proposed pipeline) but I believe I have made some very valid points, especially concerning the water table which will be virtually impossible to clean due to its hydro geologic properties. My assumption is Enbridge picked this route since it is the cheapest and easiest to dig through sand instead of other types of soil. Cheapest isn't best when irreparable harm will be done to the environment.

Thank you for the forum to voice my concerns.

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Attachments: Comment - CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137.pdf

Hi Jamie,

Hope you're having a good Wednesday. Attached you will find my comments on the oil pipeline project proposed for Northern Minnesota, Line 3 Replacement: CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137.

As a MN resident and citizen, I thank you for taking time to read these comments and supporting the democratic process.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks again for your time!

Thanks!
Kelsey

Kelsey Lundberg
St. Paul, MN

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

Greetings Jamie,

I hope this note finds you well. I want to start by thanking you for your work and service to the state of Minnesota. I personally benefit from the work you do to assess environmental impact on our state and advocate for the protection of our natural resources, which I'm sure takes a lot of your time, energy, and care.

If you're like me, you believe Minnesota understands the complex dynamics of living among people with diverse opinions, and we pride ourselves on finding creative ways to thrive together and solve the common problems Minnesotans face. We're a leader in many areas, including education, public citizenship, and our ability to make necessary changes to support the greater good. The coming decades will be a defining period for our state, nation, and world as we face unprecedented challenges related to limited resources and creating a durable future. But I have hope Minnesota leaders will evaluate these challenges and come up with creative, long-term solutions that create healthy communities and a healthy state.

One such challenge is the proposed Enbridge Line 3 replacement pipeline project. I have three major concerns I would like to share as a Minnesota resident after reviewing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and considering the impact of this new oil pipeline on our state.

First, from what I understand about this project, Enbridge is planning to leave their old, deteriorating pipeline in the ground while they build a new one that will eventually end up in the same condition. This in itself raises concerns for me.

I live near the old Ford plant in St. Paul, and I've watched for years while they've worked hard to clean up their site to make it safe and usable for the future. Yes, this has cost Ford money and time, it's probably not their favorite task, but they're taking ownership of their waste and responsibility for the impact their business has had on the community and land. I like to think in Minnesota we hold all businesses accountable for their waste and impact. For me, I would

expect it to be a basic operating procedure for a pipeline company to remove their waste and restore any damage caused to the land or watershed.

Second, this pipeline seems to violate the rights of many people in northern Minnesota. I will admit I haven't studied law nor the intricacies of land ownership, but I'm unclear how a private business has the right to use land owned by others for their private business purposes without signed, mutual consent from each individual property owner, stakeholder, or Nation.

While I certainly haven't spoken with all property owners affected, it appears there are tribal Nations who are very public about their opposition to the pipeline impacting their lands, sacred sites, watersheds, wild rice beds, and other natural resources. To me, this would be considered a rights violation by Enbridge if they don't have Nation support.

In this regard, according to the DEIS:

Federally recognized tribes are sovereigns that retain the power of self-governance over their lands and members. The U.S. Supreme Court has characterized tribal governments as "domestic dependent nations" to whom the federal government has essentially a fiduciary relationship. One element of this fiduciary relationship has been to preserve tribes' status as self-governing entities within their territories, including protection from state interference without their prior, informed consent absent an act of Congress. Tribal sovereignty and the right to self-govern is the central tenet of federal Indian policy. (9.2.1)

The United States has a trust responsibility under which the United States has both moral and legally enforceable fiduciary obligations to protect tribal resources, lands, assets, and resources (BIA 2017). Therefore, when a project such as Enbridge's proposed Line 3 Replacement Project is under consideration, tribes must be consulted; they have legally protected standing because of the unique impacts on tribal rights and resources. (9.2.3)

Also when it comes to working with tribal Nations, Enbridge should take responsibility for working in and honoring the ways of each Nation, as would be expected for any other kind of foreign negotiation.

For environmental justice to have any meaning, it is important not to place traditional tribal spiritual beliefs and practices below those of more commonly understood Western religions. The constitutional system of government has too often robustly defended western religious practices while simultaneously allowing myriad assaults against the integrity of Native religions because they are categorized as something less than or too abstract to the Chapter 9 Tribal Resources 9-12 Line 3 Replacement Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement non-Indian understanding to be given parity with Western faith practices. A different model of government-to-government relations would

be to accept tribal cultural differences and recognize “tribal governments can form the basis for a different civic community with a different sense of the public good” (Ranco et al. 2011). (9.3.6)

All too often it seems that “consent” is not actually obtained because companies force projects through, finding legal and policy loopholes without actually creating a mutual agreement between two parties. Even if there is a regulation loophole allowing this, it seems the time has come for that loophole to be closed and that businesses no longer work behind the veil of complex legal systems and instead come out into the open to conduct business in an honest manner. It’s time for companies to actually be held accountable, and if they don’t have consent because they’re operations violate the well-being of their stakeholders, these companies must change their business model, plans, or services (just like in any other industry).

In the case of the Line 3 oil pipeline, “all of the proposed routes and route alternatives cross treaty lands” (9.5). If these Nations are opposed to the pipeline, it simply should not be constructed. If stakeholders will not support the old methods pipeline companies have used to conduct business, this is Enbridge’s burden to bear.

As culture continues to shift, pipeline and other old energy companies will have to change how they do business and reevaluate what services they provide for our changing communities. All businesses must adapt and change in light of new knowledge and shifting cultural values. These businesses and their leaders must determine how they will stay viable during any such culture shift. Our government leaders, instead, must recommit to supporting Minnesota residents and protecting the limited resources we all share, like freshwater, instead of protecting the businesses threatening these very things.

My third and final concern is a personal concern as a Minnesota resident. The general attitude of the report implies the pipeline will inevitably leak toxins often and, at some point, create a catastrophic oil spill. For example:

First, most releases ranging in magnitude from small to medium (up to 1,000 barrels [bbl]) would occur on construction sites or at operations and maintenance facilities. At these locations, spill response typically would be quick because of the presence of local staff and contractors and often mitigation systems, such as secondary containment, are employed. (DEIS, p. 12, LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT: ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL PINHOLE RELEASE)

The response time between initiation of the spill event and the response is an important factor in controlling the total volume of oil released and preventing potential impacts to the environment. The following describes the various processes that control the elapsed time between the release start and detection. (DEIS, p. 11, LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT: ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL PINHOLE RELEASE)

The report is dedicated to explaining that leaks and spills will happen and then details protocols for containment when toxic leaks and spills occur. In no way do the writers ensure the pipeline will not leak. Using historical data, the writers of the report actually indicate the pipeline will leak and will likely experience a catastrophic oil spill during it's lifetime.

Table 2-3 Summary of Crude Oil Pipeline Incidents, 2002 through 2015

Description	Number of Incidents		
	United States	Region (ND, MN, WI)	Minnesota
Crude Oil Pipeline incidents			
Crude oil mainline pipe incidents	591	44	20
Crude oil pipeline, equipment incidents (not mainline pipe)	1,227	93	41
Crude oil pipeline system, unspecified elements	641	45	19
Total crude oil pipeline incidents	2,459	182	80

(DEIS, p. 15, LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT: ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL PINHOLE RELEASE)

Table 2-4 Historic Incident Summary, Onshore Crude Oil Pipeline, and Reported Elements

Item	United States	Region (ND, MN, WI)	Minnesota	Unit
	Value	Value	Value	
Maximum Incident Volume Reported (bbl)	49,000	20,600	6,000	Barrels
Median Incident Volume Reported (bbl)	3	3	2	Barrels
Average Incident Volume Reported (bbl)	220	341	226	Barrels
0-50 barrels	81%	80%	88%	Percentage of incidents
50-1,000 barrels	16%	14%	6%	Percentage of incidents
>1,000 barrels	3%	6%	6%	Percentage of incidents

(DEIS, p. 16, LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT: ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL PINHOLE RELEASE)

From my perspective as a Minnesota resident, any leak or spill is a threat to the state's and, my own, freshwater resources. Only 2.5 percent of the Earth's water is freshwater (cited in an [NPR article](#) from January 2010). Every single human on Earth needs freshwater to survive.

Therefore, access to clean water is a right, and government leaders should be seeking to protect that right over the personal profits of businesses.

We're fortunate here in Minnesota to have an abundance (for the time being) of freshwater compared to the rest of the planet. Therefore, it should be our government leaders' duty and responsibility to protect this limited resource. From a moral perspective, it simply seems illogical to knowingly support any development that would deteriorate and contaminate the quality of Minnesota's freshwater resources.

The only argument I can see in support of the pipeline is a minimal amount of short-term jobs that might or might not be given to Minnesota residents. While this might seem like a nice momentary boost for a small town, it does nothing to provide long-term employment security for these residents and actually provides a false sense of growth and security for the state.

A better solution for job creation would be to explore ways to make Minnesota energy and food independent, which would actually create tens of thousands of long-term jobs in the state and improve overall well-being. Prioritizing the small amount of (possible) jobs over long-term durability of the state seems shortsighted, irresponsible, and isn't a solution that addresses the actual challenges in northern Minnesota.

Ultimately, we all want clean water and a clean Minnesota. I grew up floating in a canoe in the ponds at Crosby and down the St. Croix river. I've spend countless hours watching the loons dive on White Bear Lake and the eagles soar over the Mississippi. I wouldn't want a pipeline contaminating my favorite lake, my quiet stream, my local forest, or my home, and I'm sure that's a desire we both share.

Thank you for taking time to consider my comments as a Minnesota resident and citizen. I appreciate being able to share my concerns and participate in our democratic system. Thanks again for your time and energy in this effort. I appreciate it.

Wishing all things good for you today,

Kelsey

Kelsey Lundberg

Levi, Andrew (COMM)

From: Peter Lundholm <ppcnt@cloudnet.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 6:50 PM
To: MN_COMM_Pipeline Comments
Subject: Enbridge Energy's proposed Line 3 pipeline Project

I am referencing the docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137.

I am opposed to this project on the grounds that it places in jeopardy the wild rice land in an irreparable fashion as well as the natural environment of Northern Minnesota. While Enbridge has stated that they have made efforts to reach out to the Anishinabe bands of Minnesota, all of the bands are on record as opposed to this project. At a time when we ought to be making every effort to keep petroleum in the ground, this seems to me to be a monumentally flawed proposal. In the face of opposition, Enbridge has continued to build the line in Canada with a presumption that the necessary permits will be granted in Minnesota and the U.S.

This seems to me to be a classic example of a corporate entity that makes an offer of short term gain in exchange for long term pain. The Enbridge spill in Michigan does not engender confidence. While the alternative of rail transport does have safety risks, it does have the virtue of being above ground, subject to monitoring and more ready reinforcement of the rail cars.

Again, I am opposed to this pipeline construction project.

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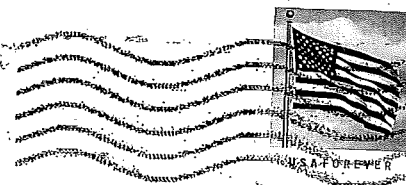
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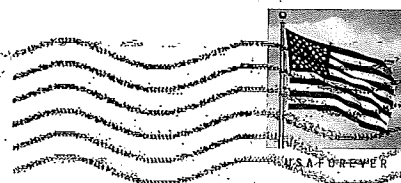
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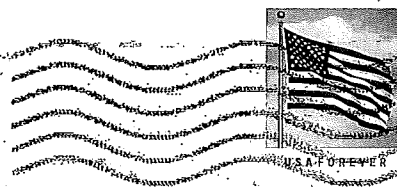
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my spouse and I want to add our voices to the many who object to the route Enbridge wants to build their pipeline. We should never allow pipelines to go through our sensitive water ways. Please insist they change the route to lessen the impact of a pipeline spill. Jane Dietl and James Lynskey of McGregor Mn. 55760 telephone # 218 768-2064.

From: [Barry Lyons](#)
To: [MN COMM Pipeline Comments](#)
Subject: Line 3
Date: Sunday, June 04, 2017 7:52:21 PM

To whom it may concern.

I live on the Mississippi River a little upstream from Bemidji. The proposed line 3 replacement will change the existing route so as to cross the Mississippi further upstream from me. I challenge the state and endbridge to show how there could be an adequate spill response downstream from the crossing. In this area there is little or no river access by motorized vehicles and oil pollution would inflict major damage to the pristine headwaters of Mississippi especially if it is the toxic tar sands oil.

Our economy is more dependent on tourism to our natural beauty than to temporary construction jobs promised by endbridge.

Barry