

**From:** [Cathy Timmerman](#)  
**To:** [MN COMM Pipeline Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Comment CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137  
**Date:** Friday, June 02, 2017 9:40:04 AM

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Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I support the replacement project. There has been enough delay.

Sincerely,

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**From:** PatnJess Tobin <jess.ahgduluth@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 10:13 AM  
**To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments  
**Subject:** Pipeline comments for Line 3 draft EIS

Hello,

I'm writing to express my support for the draft EIS for Enbridge's Line 3 project. This project has my full support and I know Enbridge's commitment to safety. My husband and I were at the Bemidji meeting, and he spoke, but I'm emailing my comments.

This is energy everyone uses, no matter how much people speak about using less energy, or using other forms of energy (solar, wind, etc.). The reality is we all use oil and oil products and we will be for decades in the future. I know many people spoke about other energy forms at the Bemidji meeting. I would encourage them to become engineers and work on that technology to help be part of the solution.

Replacing Line 3 makes sense for safety. Nothing lasts forever, and Line 3 needs to be replaced. If people care about pipelines leaking, they should be excited about this replacement, not protesting it.

Thank you for all of your hard work. We appreciated your professionalism and hard work.

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**From:** Kari Tomperi <ktomperi@wcta.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 09, 2017 8:13 PM  
**To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments  
**Subject:** Effective and full review of such a large EIS document is being limited by such a short review timeline...

I am thankful that Line #3 "Replacement" EIS process has begun. However, I am concerned about the source of the data when mostly supplied by Enbridge. Definitely a conflict of interest as I see it. I am concerned there is not enough review time for all involved to make an educated decision or if needed, time to request more information if some appears to be lacking. I am very concerned about the claim that this is a replacement pipeline when it clearly follows a new and clearly never before used energy corridor for pipelines. I am concerned about the width of the installation of the pipeline and disappointed the EIS focuses on width after installation and not during. Clearly there are wide swathes of land affected by implementation and even whole watersheds affected by installation when placed through rivers, lakes and wetlands. I have seen how bitmoss can seal a retention pond, it rendered it useless. The contents of this new pipeline are dangerous chemicals.

I am concerned we are giving a foreign country access to cross our precious water rich vulnerable sands for profit. I believe we have enough pipelines and DO NOT need more. We should maintain and take care of the ones already in existence. Like where line 3 already exists. To abandon and build new should not be an option. If it is that in need of repair it should be rebuilt to higher safety standards where it lies. No new pipelines We should be transferring to safer more sustainable renewable energy sources and saving the oil for as long as we can for the serious uses it does have.



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**From:** Susan Tomte <stomte@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 06, 2017 11:34 AM  
**To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments  
**Subject:** Line 3 Replacement Project DEIS CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

Environmental stewardship is important in Minnesota. Pipelines have safely co-existed with our natural resource for many years. The safety practices and attention to detail that the pipeline companies have regarding natural resources is evident, especially in the reports showing that the Mississippi River Watershed has some of the cleanest waters in the state of MN.

Replacing the aging infrastructure is an important part of the process to deliver needed oil resources to end consumers. Pipelines are the most reliable, energy neutral, safest delivery system available in the near-term and must be monitored and maintained. Using existing pipeline & transmission line routes for the Line 3 Replacement has the least impact on the environment and population.

The regulatory process must be followed and not delayed. Please maintain the schedule and release the Final EIS on time, so that the process can move forward.

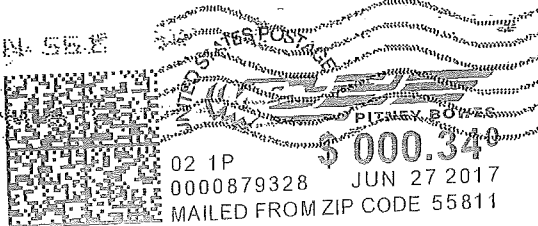
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## Line 3 Replacement Project DEIS

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Docket numbers: CN-14-916, EPC-15-337



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COMMENTS

I am very much in favor of this line

DECLARE THE EIS ADEQUATE WITHIN 280 DAYS

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**From:** John Tornes <jbtornes@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:03 PM  
**To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments  
**Subject:** Line 3 Replacement Project DEIS CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137 My wife and I fully support the replacement pipeline. We live within 1/4 mile of the pipeline, have never had an issue with it and believe it is the safest way to transport energy. We are also close to the railroad and highway 2. Rail and truck are the most dangerous way to transport energy. The jobs created would also help local and state economies. The DEIS has been well-prepared and that the regulatory timeline should continue on schedule.

Sincerely,

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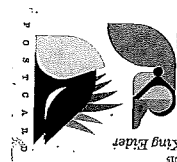
We need the pipeline

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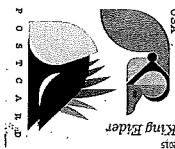
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It's safe and I agree this should go through!		

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**From:** [Julia Travers](#)  
**To:** [MN COMM Pipeline Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Line 3 Pipeline comment  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 8:06:31 AM

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Helo,

I oppose Enbridge's proposed new Line 3 pipeline. This pipeline would threaten our Anishinaabe territories. It would endanger our water and climate. We don't need it -- we need clean energy.

Thank you,

Julia A. Travers

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**From:** Greg Trettin <greg.trettin@enbridge.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2017 8:33 AM  
**To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments  
**Subject:** Comment CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

I am a lifelong resident of the Twin Ports and have worked for Enbridge as either a contractor or employee for the past 10 years. I love this area which is why I chose to stay for college, as well as, to pursue my career and start my family here. Like a lot of people in the area I often take for granted the abundance of natural resources we have. Every day I get the chance to drive by the largest body of fresh water in the world and often don't think twice about it. I do realize though, how blessed we are and as much as anyone, would like my children and future grandchildren to be able to enjoy all that living here has to offer. That's why it pains me to hear when pipeline opponents (many of whom don't live in the area) say that Enbridge is a greedy foreign corporation that doesn't care about our environment. For decades, Enbridge has had several active pipelines running through pristine areas of the state where beautiful forests, rivers and lakes are found. Even with all of the active pipelines and a tank farm in Superior, WI, I hadn't heard of Enbridge until I started working for them, despite having lived here my entire life. I believe this goes to show how well pipelines and the environment can coexist together.

When I began looking for a job after finishing school I kept getting the same response after interviewing. Everyone was looking for more experienced workers. Instead of following in the footsteps of quite a few of my friends and moving to the Twin Cities or to Madison I chose to stay and continue looking around the area. Almost a year after school had finished I was able to land a job as a contractor at Enbridge. Enbridge is one of the biggest employers in the Twin Ports and one that helps the area keep their skilled workforce around, whether they are young or old. Enbridge's pay to employees is also second to none in an area with many low pay low skilled jobs. While job creation alone doesn't warrant complete replacement of line 3, it is a huge added benefit. The real reason to replace line 3 is because I believe it is the right thing to do to protect our natural resources. The current line 3 is an aging pipeline that requires a lot of maintenance and upkeep in an area of great environmental significance. The pipeline industry has made several technological advances since the original line was built so why not have these incorporated in a new pipeline instead of using the old outdated line, all while creating new highly skilled jobs?

I can agree with pipeline opponents that we need to move away from fossil fuels and make a shift towards renewables. Unfortunately, technology is not at that point yet. Our society still relies heavily on oil and without it our living standards would take a huge step backwards, more than most people realize. We all know that due to demand oil is going to get to market one way or another. Right now the most environmentally friendly way to get that oil to market is via pipeline. To move the amount of oil needed to run our society safely via rail or truck is just not feasible. According to PHMSA, pipelines are the safest way to get oil to market. Moving oil by pipeline is also more cost effective, a savings that is in part passed on to the customer. Replacing line 3 is the responsible thing for Enbridge and state legislators to do. The people of Minnesota deserve it.

Sincerely,

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## COMMENTS

The pipeline is the safest & most efficient way to transport products. The jobs are certainly needed in the area

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## I SUPPORT THE LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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COMMENTS

I fully support the pipeline  
we need the work to support  
the system

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**From:** [jennifer trotter](#)  
**To:** [MN\\_COMM Pipeline Comments](#)  
**Subject:** CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 3:50:25 PM

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Comment submitted for

CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

I believe no good can come from this! The destruction of our Country's natural resources for the profit of the elite is unacceptable! Fossil fuels are old technology! Why would a country invest in its own destruction when there is so much that can be made threw renewable energy sources. The citizens of this country deserve the best, newest technology available! Please don't allow this corporation to fart its solution at us

**Levi, Andrew (COMM)**

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**From:** jennifer trotter via YouTube <noreply@youtube.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 09, 2017 10:25 PM  
**To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments  
**Subject:** jennifer trotter sent you a video: "Standing Rock Oct. 27th"



**jennifer trotter** has shared a video with you on YouTube



### **Standing Rock Oct. 27th**

by Mike Fasig

The Lakota Nation, joined by their allies from all over the world, stood up to militarized police and DAPL mercenaries on the Standing Rock Reservation and treaty territory, to protect one of our country's largest fresh water supplies, the Missouri river, from the eventual contamination from the Dakota Access Pipeline. This video details footage of the events of October 27th, wherein numerous events unfolded; the 134 Bridge Action, the exchange between an armed DAPL mercenary; and the raid of North Camp, one of the subcamps of the No DAPL encampments, which also included Sacred Stone Camp, Oceti Sakowin Camp, and Rosebud Camp.

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**From:** Bill And Sandy <wmsandy@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 12:18 AM  
**To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments  
**Subject:** CN-14-196 / PPL-15-137

Re: DEIS for proposed Line 3 Enbridge oil pipeline.

I am writing to tell you to deny the permit for a new Line 3 and require Enbridge to clean up the old one. There is currently a glut of oil on the market. We do NOT want or need Canadian oil to be piped across our beautiful northern Minnesota land. I understand that the DEIS fails to discuss the profound ecological and cultural violence taking place at the point of extraction in the Alberta tar sands. The impact to Minnesota's environment with the inevitable spillage and leakage is horrifying to imagine. And I have read that the international standard of obtaining the Free, Prior, and Informed Consent of impacted tribal communities, as outlined in the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, has not been met. Spills would violate treaties with the Ojibwe tribes that protect critical resources and the right to hunt, fish, and gather on ceded territories.

Consequently, this pipeline should NOT be built and Enbridge should be forced to clean up the existing line 3.

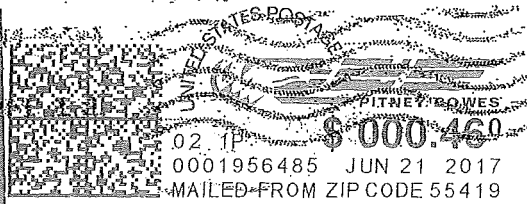
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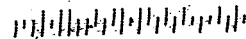
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COMMENTS

I Support it

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**From:** Janine Trutna <jtrutna@inkbig.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 23, 2017 5:53 AM  
**To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments  
**Subject:** Pipeline 3

Dear Review Manager MacAilster:

I am writing with concern over about the possibility of Line 3 being built, the docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137. Concern for the world's environment and even more for Minnesota inspires me to write. Pipelines are divisive. More and more people are seeing them for what they are - a real threat to the area in which they cross - and ultimately supporting global warming by providing structure to burn fossil fuels. I am often proud of the state of Minnesota and the positions we take. I have become a more active citizen because I feel it's important to be part of the decision making. I strongly urge you to not support the new pipeline. The old one already shows us there are always leaks. And the route of the new one goes right through the heart of many beautiful areas and Indian land. I will strongly protest any support for it. Thank you for your service and consideration. Janine Trutna, St. Paul MN



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**From:** tuckerb317 <tuckerb317@gmail.com>  
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**To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments  
**Subject:** Comment Regarding docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Below please find my public comment regarding docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission website states that “[t]he Commission's mission is to protect and promote the public's interest in safe, adequate and reliable utility services at fair, reasonable rates.” <https://mn.gov/puc/about-us/> (accessed June 25, 2017). It further describes that “[o]ne of the key functions of the commission in performing this mission is to balance the private and public interests affected in each docket, and to make decisions that appropriately balance these interests in a manner that is ‘consistent with the public interest.’” *Id.* The costs of the Line 3 pipeline in any of its proposed configurations greatly outweigh the benefits to Minnesota’s citizens, natural resources, and to tourists like me, who come to the area precisely because of its unique and unspoiled environment. Indeed, the people of Minnesota benefit from this project no more or less than the people of any other state and would benefit equally from a pipeline running south along the state’s western border to the Joliet, Illinois station. The Line 3 pipeline in any of its proposed configurations requires Minnesotans to bear economic, environmental, and cultural costs and risks vastly disproportionate to any benefit that they might receive. Even without considering the potential for a catastrophic oil spill, this project is not in the public interest.

As “A Guide to the Line 3 Project Public Meetings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement EIS” clarifies, the PUC “first considers the underlying economic need for the proposed pipeline.” *See* p. 7. There is little to no economic need to the state for constructing Line 3. Specifically, Line 3 does not meet the requirements of section C of the Minnesota Administrative Rules Part 7853.0130. When considering the four sub-categories of section C, the consequences to society of granting the certificate of need are not more favorable than the consequences of denying the certificate. Line 3 is not necessary to meet the overall energy needs of the state, and the pipeline is not inducing future long-term development, particularly not future economic development. When comparing “[t]he effect of the proposed facility . . . upon the natural and socioeconomic environments [ ] to the effect of not building the facility,” it is clear that the result weighs in favor of denying the Certificate of Need. Minn. Admin. R. Pt. 7853.0130(C)(2). The project will have significant adverse impacts on the natural environment and, potentially, on the socioeconomic environment, particularly in the event of a leak or spill. The DEIS further indicates that there is no benefit to the socioeconomic environment: “[O]peration of the pipeline would have no measureable impact on local employment, per capita household income, median household income, or unemployment in the [study area].” DEIS Section 5.3.4.3.1. Additionally, the final sub-category of section C is also unmet. Line 3 presents no “uses to protect or enhance environmental quality.” *Id.* at 7853.0130(C)(4). And, in fact, the project has a high potential of for degrading environmental quality. (The not-yet-fully-operational Dakota Access Pipeline’s April 2017 spill contaminating a stream comes to mind. *See* <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2017/may/10/dakota-access-pipeline-first-oil-leak>). For these reasons alone, the Certificate of Need must be denied.

In addition to the project’s not fulfilling the requirements set forth in section C of the Minnesota Administrative Rules Part 7853.0130, the DEIS itself is deficient. It makes broad statements about potential impacts rather than addressing actual impacts of the pipeline’s construction and operation. The DEIS acknowledges, for example, that “unavoidable impacts on wetlands may require compensatory mitigation,” *see* DEIS Section 5.2.1.3.3, but continues, stating that “site-specific compensatory wetland mitigation has yet to be

identified.” *Id.* With these statements, the DEIS acknowledges that wetlands would be irreparably destroyed by construction and normal operation of the pipeline, but does not identify where such wetlands would be lost or the size of the wetland destruction. It could be that wetlands are irreparably destroyed in any number of areas, including in the federal-and state-identified conservation and protected areas, critical habitats, and endangered plant locations. (In Minnesota, there are 22,721.8 acres of wildlife conservation lands within the 0.5 mile radius of Enbridge’s preferred route. *See* Table 5.2.4-3.) It is completely unclear from the DEIS the extent to which compensatory wetland mitigation would be required in any location, let alone on lands designated as protected. As there are areas along the proposed routes that contain highly sensitive ecologies, it is important for the PUC to be able to consider whether such locations will be destroyed by the project. This information is critical to the decision-making process and must be included in the EIS.

As another example, the DEIS states on three occasions:

If rare species are located in disturbed areas of projects constructed in close proximity to one another, the cumulative potential effects could be detrimental to individual rare communities. Field surveys would be required, however, to confirm the presence of rare species in the respective project rights-of-way prior to construction. If species are found, the permittee would be required to coordinate with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) or Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (Minnesota DNR) regarding avoidance or mitigation.

DEIS Sections 12.3.1.4.5, 12.3.1.5.4, & 12.4.3.3.4.

Again, the DEIS completely avoids carrying out its purpose – to provide information on and address the environmental impacts of the project alternatives. Without examining where and to what extent rare species might be impacted along the proposed routes, the information in the DEIS does not apprise the PUC of the actual impacts of the project alternatives. The PUC cannot make an informed decision without having specific information regarding impacts. Again, the EIS must include such information for each of the proposed project alternatives.

The DEIS further evaluates the impacts on the sensitive aquatic resources in the project area. It states that construction impacts are not anticipated or are “expected to be short term and negligible to minor.” DEIS Section 5.2.4.3.1. This section also addresses impacts during normal operation. It states that “habitat fragmentation during operation of the Applicant’s preferred route would cause permanent minor to major impacts on wildlife, depending on the location and species,” but again does not identify the affected locations, species, and whether the impacts are minor or major. *Id.* The DEIS also does not examine the impacts along each of the various proposed route alternatives, nor does it define what “minor” and “major” mean in the context of impacts on wildlife. This is yet another example of the DEIS’s failure to examine or explain in any meaningful way the environmental impacts of the project alternatives.

For all these reasons, the PUC must conclude that the potential costs and risks of this proposed project either outweigh the negligible potential benefits or are this point still unknown. Either way, this project is not in the public interest.

Thank you,

Danielle Tucker

## Levi, Andrew (COMM)

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**From:** Cathy Velasquez Eberhart at CARS Twin Cities <saferailstwincities@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 10:25 PM  
**To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments  
**Subject:** Comments on Draft EIS for Enbridge Line 3 - docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

In response to the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Enbridge Energy's proposed Line 3 tar sands oil pipeline (docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137), the Twin Cities Chapter of Citizens Acting for Rail Safety respectively submits the following comments.

*Citizens Acting for Rail Safety is a non-partisan, grassroots advocacy group that works with residents, legislators, and agency officials to improve rail safety to benefit the health and security of people, wildlife and the environment. Formed in response to the exponential growth of crude oil and ethanol transportation by rail over recent years, Citizens Acting for Rail Safety strives to bring the citizen voice to bear on issues associated with high hazard freight trains going through our communities.*

*In October 2016, our Midwest group with five chapters in Minnesota and Wisconsin adopted the following statement against new oil pipelines which we submit at this time in opposition to the Line 3 Pipeline project proposed by Enbridge Energy.*

### Citizens Acting for Rail Safety – Statement Against New Oil Pipelines

Oil industry statements promoting new pipelines as the solution to the hazards of shipping oil by rail<sup>(1)</sup> are misleading and undermine efforts to improve public safety. Citizens Acting for Rail Safety opposes new oil pipelines because:

- **More pipelines will not stop the movement of oil by rail.** Rail and pipelines are not interchangeable and play different roles in our energy infrastructure networks. Shippers and refineries will continue to take advantage of the speed and flexibility that freight rail transport offers over pipelines.
- **Expanding oil transportation infrastructure dilutes limited safety resources.** Presently, there are not enough independent inspectors to ensure the safety of existing rails, tankers and pipelines. Rather than building new structures, current limited resources should focus on reducing risk to communities from the existing rail and pipeline infrastructure.<sup>(2)</sup> Pitting oil trains against pipelines is a false choice that may distract communities from pursuing efforts to improve rail safety through common-sense regulation, while absolving oil and rail industries and regulators of their responsibility for rail safety.
- **Expanding oil transportation infrastructure increases risk to more communities.** Pipelines and oil by rail are both dangerous to the communities they impact. Rail may be more likely to spill, but pipeline ruptures are typically larger and more expensive to clean up. Residents, local governments, water resources and the environment are all threatened — starting at the well heads and all along the rail and pipeline routes, through our prairies, wetlands, watersheds, agricultural lands, native lands, cities, towns, and industrial areas, across our rivers and streams, all the way to the destination refineries and port facilities.
- **Building additional oil infrastructure that will soon be obsolete is short sighted.** The United States has a record-breaking glut of crude oil in storage because more is currently extracted than is being used worldwide. Demand for oil is unlikely to reach levels equal to supply as our society transitions to a cleaner economy run on safer and more affordable renewable energy. Many communities across the country are already successfully resisting efforts to expand oil processing and export facilities served by either pipelines or oil trains.<sup>(3, 4, 5, 6)</sup>

Citizens Acting for Rail Safety therefore encourages communities to focus on improving safety and reducing environmental risk inherent in both pipelines and oil by rail, and on holding oil companies, railroads and regulators responsible for protecting the environment and public safety in an era of fundamental change in world energy markets.

### Footnotes

1 Dakota Access Pipeline: Police remove protesters; scores arrested by Marlena Baldacci, Emanuella Grinberg and Holly Yan – CNN (October 27, 2016) <http://www.cnn.com/2016/10/27/us/dakota-access-pipeline-protests/index.html>

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3 Vancouver City Council Bans Crude Oil Terminals by Washington Chapter of Sierra Club (July 2015) <http://www.sierraclub.org/washington/vancouver-city-council-bans-crude-oil-terminals>

4 Maine port city's ban on crude exports prompts oil industry threats by Neela Banerjee, Los Angeles Times (July 22, 2014) <http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-maine-oil-sands-crude-20140722-story.html>

5 Fighting dangerous oil trains in Baltimore, Chesapeake Climate Action Network <http://chesapeakeclimate.org/maryland/fighting-crude-oil-by-rail-in-baltimore>

6 State denies permit for Baltimore crude oil terminal, by Jeff Barker, Baltimore Sun (June 3, 2015) <http://www.baltimoresun.com/business/bs-bz-crude-oil-20150603-story.html>

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**From:** Deb McMillan <deb@twinwest.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 4:40 PM  
**To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments  
**Subject:** Support Advancing Line 3  
**Attachments:** Line 3 Support Letter.doc

Please find attached our letter of support for the advancement of Line 3. Thank you.

Deb McMillan, IOM  
Director of Government Affairs  
[TwinWest Chamber of Commerce](#)  
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July 10, 2017

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

Dear Ms. MacAlister:

The TwinWest Chamber of Commerce was formed in 1984 out of the merger of several smaller, local chambers of commerce in the West Metro area. Today, our members make up a variety of businesses and industries, ranging from national and internationally renowned corporations and manufacturers, to home-based businesses and companies involved in the service and professional sectors.

TwinWest Chamber of Commerce has long been an advocate of thorough, yet efficient and predictable regulatory review. I am writing today to urge the Dept of Commerce to advance the regulatory approval process toward an ultimate decision that will allow the replacement of Enbridge's Line 3 with a new state-of-the-art petroleum transportation pipeline system.

Line 3 replacement is an important infrastructure project that stands to benefit the entire state of Minnesota, the upper Midwest and the nation as a whole. A new Line 3 will bring thousands of needed jobs to northern Minnesota and to the suppliers and vendors involved with the \$2 billion plus project from around the state.

Our railroads are congested with oil trains creating issues for other industries reliant upon rail to get their products to market. Line 3 will help alleviate some of that congestion. Line 3 replacement will be a safer more efficient transportation option, benefiting the economy and the environment. The regulatory scrutiny applied to Line 3 replacement has been thorough and informative.

We urge the completion of the regulatory review of Line 3 replacement, a project that is clearly important to the economy of State of Minnesota.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra McMillan". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "D" and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Debra McMillan, Director, Government Affairs  
Twin West Chamber of Commerce

Sent via e-mail: [Pipeline.Comments@state.mn.us](mailto:Pipeline.Comments@state.mn.us)



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**From:** Gerald Tyler <gmtwalleye@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 06, 2017 3:02 PM  
**To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments  
**Subject:** Line 3 Replacement Project DEIS CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

It is safer to move oil by pipeline with the new technology to be employed. The construction jobs will aid us here in the North. The property taxes the pipeline will pay for the next 40 years will aid the counties across which the line p[asses]. There is no facts that support the opposition to this pipeline upgrade.

Sincerely,

Gerald M. Tyler  
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# I SUPPORT THE LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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Anna Theriault

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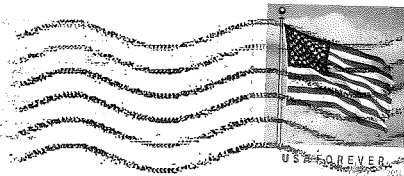
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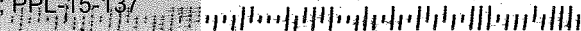
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Docket numbers: CN-14-916; PPL-15-137



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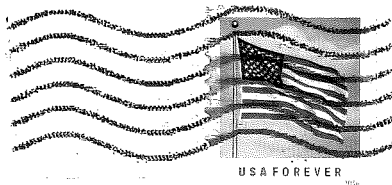
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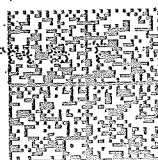
**From:** Rose Thelen <rosethelen@frontiernet.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 11:04 AM  
**To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments  
**Subject:** deny the pipeline

Please please have the political courage to deny the pipeline...the future of the planet depends on it... thanks Rose Thelen 15510 Huber Ave. NW, Clearwater MN, 55320

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## Thief River Falls Convention & Visitors Bureau

Thief River Falls Convention & Visitors Bureau  
102 Main Ave. N  
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

June 13, 2017

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

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is in support of the Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Project. The Thief River Falls Convention & Visitors Bureau is funded by the 3% lodging tax that is paid by overnight visitors and collected at all seven hotel properties in Thief River Falls, as well as our city campground. We are supportive of any project such as this that will bring overnight visitors to our community and positively affect our economy. This project would have significant economic impact on our lodging properties, restaurants and retail stores. This kind of boost will be felt around the entire community.

On behalf of the Thief River Falls Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors, I offer our support of this project. We feel confident that our city has the facilities necessary to accommodate the pipeline workers; from our 315 hotel rooms to our wide range of dining and retail amenities. This project would have substantial economic impact on Thief River Falls, as well as the state of Minnesota, so we are hopeful that it is approved as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Laura Stengrim, Executive Director

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Sincerely,

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12510 58<sup>th</sup> Ave N.

Plymouth, MN 55442

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**From:** June Thiemann <june@visi.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 11:08 AM  
**To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments  
**Subject:** Comment CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

Dear Ms. MacAlister,

As a conscientious citizen, I will certainly do everything I can to physically protest and alert my family, friends, and social media community to the backwardness of this project if it goes forward. Why would we as a society continue to support projects which invariably end up failing, leaking, and costing us more than any financial gain they temporarily bring? We wouldn't approach home improvement projects this way. Why are we so reckless with an immensely bigger piece of earth?

Sincerely,

June Thiemann  
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**I SUPPORT THE LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

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Tom Thompson		
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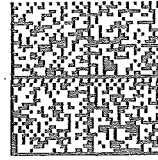
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**From:** Cat Thompson <cat@emote.ws>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 1:24 PM  
**To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments  
**Subject:** Docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137

This pipeline is a BAD idea for many reasons. Here are a few:

New supply and weak demand is pushing down oil prices globally, threatening to make costly US shale extraction uneconomic. Limited pipeline capacity and overproduction of natural gas in the Marcellus shale has pushed prices down, making it hard for producers to turn a profit. [Drillers are taking on ever increasing amounts of debt to finance their operations.](#) And there may not be as much shale oil and gas as the US government forecasts, according to a [new report](#) from the [Post Carbon Institute](#), a California-based think tank that promotes sustainable energy. (Christian Science Monitor)

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

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

And the project would create zero permanent jobs, but contribute significantly to climate change, as well as degradation of vital wetlands, agricultural lands, and tourism.

Do the right thing. Deny the permits. Stop the pipelines.

Cat Thompson

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612-405-0165

“Everything you can imagine is real.”

— Pablo Picasso

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**From:** Elle Thoni <elle.thoni@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 10:57 AM  
**To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments  
**Subject:** Line 3 Comment

The Mississippi and Lake Superior watersheds are the life-blood of Minnesota's human and non-human ecosystems. These resources are far more important to life and livelihood than a pipeline carrying foreign oil. Enbridge has failed to guarantee the safety of these pipelines in the past, and is not proposing a fast enough response time to prevent a spill from causing devastating damage. Please do not endanger Minnesota's land, water, wildlife and communities and reject the draft Environmental Impact Statement (docket number **CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137**) for the Line 3 pipeline.

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**elle thoni**

*playwright \* performance-maker \* public artist \* cultural producer*

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**From:** C.A. Thysell <cthysell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 11:12 PM  
**To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments  
**Subject:** Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline

Concerning: CN - 916 and PPL 15 - 137

Please reexamine plans to lay a new pipeline through our state.  
Do not allow Enbridge to leave old pipeline in the ground.

This is the "Land of 10,000 Lakes". We should be protecting our water at all costs.

Signed,  
Charles Thysell  
1305 NE Monroe  
Minneapolis, MN 55413

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**From:** C.A. Thysell <cthysell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 1:41 PM  
**To:** MN\_COMM\_Pipeline Comments  
**Subject:** Enbridge Line 3 Pipeline

Concerning: CN -14 -196 and PPL 15 -137

Please reexamine plans to lay a new pipeline through our state.  
Do not allow Enbridge to leave old pipe-line in the ground.

We live in the "Land of 10,000 Lakes". We should be protecting our water at all costs. Pipelines leak. Oil and water truly do not mix.

Protect our environment

Signed,  
Charles Thysell  
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Minneapolis, MN 55413.