



**REVISED NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT AND PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS FOR THE
PROPOSED LINE 3 PIPELINE PROJECT**

Issued: May 15, 2017

Under the authority of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC), the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Enbridge Energy's proposed Line 3 Pipeline Project has been made available for public review and comment. At the direction of the MPUC, this DEIS has been prepared by the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Department) in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to evaluate the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed Line 3 Project.

The Department is accepting comments on the DEIS through July 10, 2017. Comments may be submitted orally during public meetings scheduled for June 6-22 (see schedule below) or in writing. Substantive comments will be addressed in a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

Public Comment Period

Comment Period: Written comments will be accepted through **Monday, July 10, 2017**. Comments may be emailed, mailed, or faxed.

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Important: Please include the docket numbers CN-14-916 and PPL-15-137 on all comments. Comments will be made available to the public via the MPUC's electronic docketing system (eDockets) and the Department of Commerce's website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Personally identifying information is not edited or deleted from submissions.

Public Information Meetings

Each public information meeting will provide an opportunity to learn about the information contained in the EIS and provide oral or written comments into record. A court reporter will record all oral comments; comment forms will be available for persons who wish to provide written comments. Each meeting will provide the same opportunity to obtain information and the opportunity to comment.

Public information meetings will be held at the following times and locations:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Tuesday June 6, 2017	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Rice Lake Community Center 13830 Community Loop Bagley, MN 56621
Tuesday June 6, 2017	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	IRA Civic Center 1401 NW 3rd Ave Grand Rapids, MN 55744
Wednesday June 7, 2017	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Park Rapids High School Cafetorium 401 Huntsinger Ave Park Rapids, MN 56470
Wednesday June 7, 2017	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Palace Casino Hotel 16599 69th Ave NW Cass Lake, MN 56633
Thursday June 8, 2017	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Downtown Fair Center 107 W 7th Ave Floodwood, MN 55736
Thursday June 8, 2017	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Central Lakes College Classroom E54, 501 West College Drive Brainerd, MN 56401
Friday June 9, 2017	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Maslowski Wellness & Research Center 17 5 th Street Southwest Wadena, MN 56482
Monday June 12, 2017	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Grand Casino Hinckley 777 Lady Luck Drive Hinckley, MN 55037

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Monday June 12, 2017	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	East Lake Community Center 36666 State Hwy 65 McGregor, MN 56718
Tuesday June 13, 2017	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College 2101 14th Street Cloquet, MN 55720
Tuesday June 13, 2017	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Intercontinental Hotel Saint Paul 11 E. Kellogg Boulevard St. Paul, MN 55101
Wednesday June 14, 2017	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Staples Community Center 425 4 th Street NE Staples, MN 56479
Wednesday June 14, 2017	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Initiative Foundation 405 1st Street Southeast Little Falls, MN 56345
Thursday June 15, 2017	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Henry's Catering and Banquet Hall 6774 MN-25 Foley, MN 56329
Thursday June 15, 2017	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Phoenix Hotel & Banquet Center 210 MN-23 Milaca, MN 56353
Friday June 16, 2017	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	The Grand Event Center 2025 Rowland Rd Mora, MN 55051
Tuesday June 20, 2017	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Marshall County Central Schools 310 West Minnesota Avenue Newfolden, MN 56738
Tuesday June 20, 2017	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Hallock City Hall 163 3rd Street SE Hallock, MN 56728
Wednesday June 21, 2017	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Ralph Engelstad Arena Imperial Room 525 Brooks Avenue North Thief River Falls, MN 56701

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesday June 21, 2017	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Plummer Senior Citizen Center 185 Minnesota Street Plummer, MN 56748
Thursday June 22, 2017	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Gully Community Center 120 Main Street Gully, MN 56646
Thursday June 22, 2017	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Sanford Center and George W. Nielson Convention Center 1111 Event Center Drive NE Bemidji, MN 56601

DEIS Availability

The DEIS can be viewed on the Department's Line 3 website:

mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/line3.

The DEIS can also be viewed through the MPUC's website: mn.gov/puc. Under the heading *Search Documents or File Here*, select *eDockets* and enter the year and the docket number ("14" and "916" or "15" and "137").

Electronic copies of the DEIS will be available at the public information meetings listed above. Copies on CD can also be requested from Department staff (see contact information below).

Electronic copies of the DEIS will be available for viewing at the following public libraries:

- Hennepin County Library - Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401
- Crookston Public Library, 110 N Ash St, Crookston, MN 56716
- Bemidji Public Library, 509 America Ave NW, Bemidji, MN 56601
- Duluth Public Library, 520 W Superior St, Duluth, MN 55802
- Kitchigami Regional Library, 212 Park Ave, Pine River, MN 56474
- Great River Regional Library, 1300 W St. Germain St, St. Cloud, MN 56301
- East Central Regional - Cambridge Public Library, 244 Birch St S, Cambridge, MN 55008
- Fergus Falls Public Library, 205 East Hampden Ave, Fergus Falls, MN 56537
- Montevideo Public Library, 224 S 1st St, Montevideo, MN 56265
- Willmar Public Library, 410 5th St SW, Willmar, MN 56201

- Blue Earth County Library, 100 E Main St, Mankato, MN 56001
- Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd St SE, Rochester, MN 55904
- Hallock Public Library, 101 1st St E, Hallock, MN 56728
- Godel Memorial Library, 314 E Johnson Ave, Warren, MN 56762
- Thief River Falls Public Library, 102 1st St E, Thief River Falls, MN 56701
- Red Lake Falls Public Library, 105 Champagne Ave SW, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
- McIntosh Public Library, 115 NW Broadway, McIntosh, MN 56556
- Bagley Public Library, 79 Spencer Ave SW, Bagley, MN 56621
- Park Rapids Area Library, 210 1st St W, Park Rapids, MN 56470
- Wadena City Library, 304 1st St SW, Wadena, MN 56482
- Crosslake Area Library, 14126 Daggett Pine Rd, Crosslake, MN 56442
- McGregor Public Library, 111 E Center Ave, McGregor, MN 55760
- Carlton Public Library, 213 Chestnut Ave, Carlton, MN 55718
- Cass Lake Community Library, 223 Cedar Ave, Cass Lake, MN 56633
- Grand Rapids Public Library, 140 NE 2nd St, Grand Rapids, MN 55744
- Great River Regional Library – Staples Public Library, 122 6th St NE, Staples, MN 56479
- Great River Regional Library – Little Falls Public Library, 108 NE 3rd St, Little Falls, MN 56345
- Foley Public Library, 251 4th Ave N, Foley, MN 56329
- Milaca Community Library, 235 1st St E, Milaca, MN 56353
- Mora Public Library, 200 W Maple Ave, Mora, MN 55051
- Hinckley Public Library, 106 1st St SE, Hinckley, MN 55037
- Wheaton Public Library, 901 1st Ave N, Wheaton, MN 56296
- Morris Public Library, 102 E 6th St, Morris, MN 56267
- Benson Public Library, 200 13th St N, Benson, MN 56215
- Olivia Public Library, 405 S 10th St, Olivia, MN 56277
- Sibley County - Gaylord Public Library, 428 Main Ave, Gaylord, MN 55334
- St. Peter Public Library - Central Library, 601 S Washington Ave, St. Peter, MN 56082
- Le Sueur Public Library, 118 Ferry St, Le Sueur, MN 56058
- Waseca-Le Sueur Library, 408 N State St, Waseca, MN 56093
- Albert Lea Public Library, 211 E Clark St, Albert Lea, MN 56007
- Austin Public Library, 323 4th Ave NE, Austin, MN 55912

Project Description and State of Minnesota Review Process

Enbridge Energy (Enbridge) is proposing to construct a new oil pipeline in Minnesota to replace its existing Line 3 pipeline. Enbridge proposes that the new pipeline follow the existing Line 3 pipeline from North Dakota to the Clearbrook Terminal in Clearwater County, Minnesota. From the Clearbrook Terminal eastward, Enbridge proposes that the pipeline be constructed in a new right-of-way, south of the existing Line 3, ending at an existing terminal in Superior, Wisconsin. Enbridge is proposing that the existing Line 3 pipeline be permanently deactivated and remain in place.

Enbridge's proposed Line 3 project requires two approvals from the MPUC – a certificate of need (CN) and a route permit. Enbridge applied to the Commission for these approvals in April 2015.

The Minnesota Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) requires that an EIS be prepared for major governmental actions that have the potential for creating significant environmental impacts. To fulfill its MEPA responsibilities, the Commission authorized the preparation of a joint EIS that addresses Enbridge's CN and route permit applications. By order of the Commission, the Department is preparing the EIS in cooperation with the DNR and MPCA.

The EIS has been issued in draft form so that it can be improved through public comment. A final EIS will be developed based on comments received on the DEIS.

Upon completion of the final EIS, public hearings will be held in the project area by an administrative law judge (ALJ) from the Office of Administrative Hearings. The hearings will address Enbridge's CN and route permit applications. At the public hearings, citizens will have an opportunity to submit comments, present evidence, and ask questions. After completion of the hearings, the ALJ will submit a report to the Commission with findings of facts, conclusions of law, and recommendations regarding a CN and route permit for the project. Decisions by the Commission on Enbridge's CN and route permit applications are anticipated in the spring of 2018.

How to Learn More

Department of Commerce Line 3 Website: mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/line3.

Project Mailing List: Sign up to receive notices about project milestones and opportunities to participate (meetings, comment periods, etc.). Contact docketing.puc@state.mn.us, 651-201-2204, or 800-657-3782 with the docket numbers (14-916 or 15-137), your name, mailing address, and email address.

Subscribe to the Docket: In addition to the project mailing list, interested persons can receive email notification every time new documents are filed in the CN and route permit dockets for this project by signing up at: mn.gov/puc. Under the heading *Email Alerts for New Documents Filed*, select *Subscribe* and follow the prompts.

Full Case Record: See all documents in the record for this project via the Commission's website: mn.gov/puc. Under the heading *Search Documents or File Here* select *eDockets* and enter the year and the docket number ("14" and "916" or "15" and "137").

Project Contacts

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If any reasonable accommodation is needed to enable you to fully participate in these meetings (e.g., sign language, foreign language interpreter, large print materials), please contact Commerce at 651-539-1530 or 800-657-3794 at least one week in advance of the meeting.

