

## NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD ON ADEQUACY OF FINAL EIS FOR THE PROPOSED LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT

*Issued: August 23, 2017*

*In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership for a Certificate of Need for the Proposed Line 3 Replacement Project in Minnesota from the North Dakota Border to the Wisconsin Border*

*In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership for a Routing Permit for the Proposed Line 3 Replacement Project in Minnesota from the North Dakota Border to the Wisconsin Border*

**PUC Docket Numbers:** PL-9/CN-14-916 and PL-9/PPL-15-137

**OA# Docket Number:** 8-2500-34602

### WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

**Comment Period:** Comments on the adequacy of the Final EIS will be accepted through 4:30 p.m., **Monday, October 2, 2017**. *Comments received after the comment period closes may not be considered.*

**Topics Open for Comment:** The Commission is seeking comments on the adequacy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS). Pursuant to [Minn. R. 4410.2800](#), comments should be focused on the following conditions that must be considered by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission when making its adequacy determination:

- Does the Final EIS address the potentially significant issues and alternatives raised in scoping so that all significant issues for which information can be reasonably obtained have been analyzed in conformance with [Minn. R. 4410.2300](#), items G and H?
- Does the Final EIS provide responses to the substantive comments received during the Draft EIS review concerning issues raised in scoping?
- Was the Final EIS prepared in compliance with the procedures of [Minnesota Statutes Chapter 116D](#) and [Minn. R. 4410.0200 to 4410.6500](#)?

Comments may be submitted via:

**Email:** [publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us)

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Please include “Line 3 Project Final EIS Adequacy” and the Commission's docket number 14-916 or 15-137 on all comments.

**Important:** Comments will be made available to the public via the Commission’s electronic docketing system, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Personally identifying information is not edited or deleted from submissions.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Line 3 Replacement Project proposed by Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership is described as a new 337-mile long, 36-inch diameter pipeline that would replace 282 miles of the existing 34-inch Line 3 pipeline in Minnesota. The pipeline route proposed by Enbridge would parallel the route of the existing Line 3 pipeline from the North Dakota-Minnesota border to Clearbrook, Minnesota, but would require a new right-of-way from Clearbrook to Superior, Wisconsin. The existing Line 3 pipeline is proposed to be permanently deactivated in-place after the new pipeline is installed, tested, and operational. Associated facilities would include eight pumping stations, valves, metering and monitoring equipment, and related electrical facilities. Enbridge’s proposed pipeline route would cross portions of Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Clearwater, Hubbard, Wadena, Cass, Crow Wing, Aitkin, and Carlton counties.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional Information on the Line 3 Replacement Project and the Commission’s review process can be found by visiting: <https://mn.gov/puc/line3>

**Final EIS Availability:** The Final EIS and other documents filed in this matter are available at: [mn.gov/puc](https://mn.gov/puc), select *eDockets*, enter the year (14) and the docket number (916), or the year (15) and the docket number (137), and select *Search*.

The Final EIS may also be viewed on the Department of Commerce website at: <https://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/line3>.

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If you have questions about this docket or the Commission's process and procedures, please direct them to Scott Ek of the Commission staff at 651-201-2255 or [scott.ek@state.mn.us](mailto:scott.ek@state.mn.us).

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