

PUBLIC COMMENTS
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ON THE
ENBRIDGE PROPOSED PIPELINES
REFERRED TO AS THE
ALBERTA CLIPPER
AND
SOUTHERN LIGHTS DILUENT PROJECTS
EAST OF CLEARBROOK
PUC DOCKET NO'S
PL9/PPL-07-360 AND PL/PPL-07-361

Pennington County

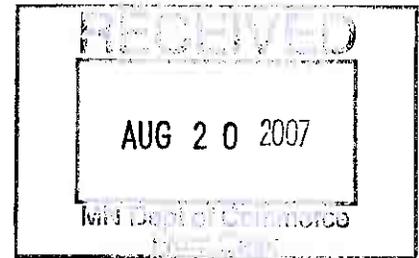
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August 20, 2007

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August 17th 2007

PUC Docket # PL9/PPL-07-360 and PL9/PPL-07-361

Mr. Hartman



Comments in regards to above docket # relating to the Proposed Enbridge pipeline project. I had made reference to my property which is Sanders township of Pennington county description NW corner of NE 1/4 of section 11. This reference was made at the public information meeting August 14th, Best Western meeting room, Thief River Falls.

My comments at that meeting were in regards to my concern about the close proximity of the existing pipe lines, and the request to add two more lines.

There are three concerns I have :

#1 SAFETY: Within the last eight years there has been two leaks and repairs done on existing lines. The first leak was less than one mile southeast of my property.

The leak occurred mid winter and the lengthy leak/ repair job lasted the better part of the winter. There was large stadium lighting and large machinery working around the clock. The other repair was this past January, 2007 a quarter mile to the northwest of my property just across 150th street NW. Mention was made by an Enbridge employee that pipelines are safe. I feel that with two leak/repairs having happened close to my property causes me great concern. These additional two lines will be less than eighty feet from my front door. A leak would possibly hinder my drinking water not to mention the disruption of my home.

#2 TREE LOSS: Since the prior two lines having gone through, the last in 1998, I have lost over eighty feet of trees from my north woods. This has created a loss of weather protection and privacy. I built in this location because of my woods giving me protection . A prevailing northwest wind in winter now forces me to plow snowdrifts off my drive. I did not have this problem before.

3 PROPERTY VALUE: With the existing line, and the proposed lines in such close proximity I feel this has and will devalue my property. Not only from the lines close proximity but the additional loss of trees. The trees I personally planted and have grown to beautiful full-grown evergreens, ash, oak and elm. Not to mention my north woods.

I propose the line run elsewhere or at the least on the north side. I understand the Enbridge personnel say this is not possible. I do not feel safe

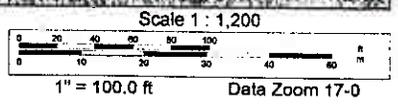
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NW Corner of NE 1/4th Sec. 11
Sauders Township Pennington Co.



August 14, 2007

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I want to thank the Department of State for the opportunity to add my comments to the record on the advisability of permitting additional pipelines to be constructed and utilized by Enbridge in the Southern Lights 20-Inch Crude Line (Lsr), Southern Lights Diluent Project and Alberta Clipper project. It is very important to the citizens and security of the United States to accommodate the production and transportation of fuel and make it available for public use. As a farmer and resident of northern Minnesota, I am in complete agreement with having fuel available for agricultural, transportation, home heating needs, and other industrial uses, at a reasonable cost.

When these pipelines came south from Canada through this neighborhood in the 1950's, the land they crossed was farmland with drainage systems that had been in place for fifty or more years. Contracts for right-of-way and easements were signed with the landowners of that day and Lakehead Pipe Line Company, Inc. (now Enbridge). These original documents are still in place.

Enbridge wants to portray the image that they are fair, honest, and open good neighbors who are safety conscious and that they deal with problems as they arise. When Enbridge has settled a dispute with other land owners they have required the settlement be kept confidential. Why is that necessary if they are fair, honest and open?

Unfortunately, Enbridge has not kept its word in the spirit of the original contracts. Drainage continues to be a major issue for me, as the pipes in a number of various places are now causing restrictions in my field landscapes, and these areas are creating havoc with proper drainage. The pipelines are exposed in some field ditches, and we try to drain water both over and under them, but they are always holding water back. Company officials of Enbridge have been aware of our dilemma here for over 20 years, and as of this date, they have offered nothing that will correct the problem. In fact, recently we have been further restricted from cleaning our field ditches. Currently, we have pipelines in the fields as close to the surface as 14 inches. This does not allow normal field operations, such as tillage, subsoiling and ditching.

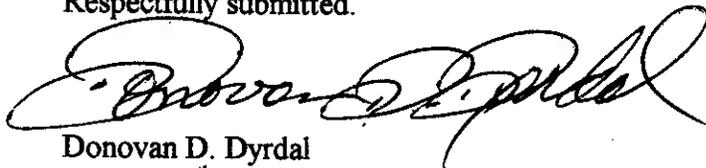
An even greater concern is from a safety and contamination standpoint and the risk of these vulnerable lines getting ruptured. We are upstream from a protected water way and these pipes could very easily be ruptured by someone who is not familiar with them, or just break as has happened in other locations near by. This is an accident waiting to happen.

It is disgraceful that it should be necessary for farmers to be required to hire attorneys and resort to calling upon third-party arbitration to get the compensation that they need to maintain their agri-business. The farmer pays federal and state taxes, just like all other citizens. The farmer pays for the use of the fuel produced and transported by Enbridge, just like all other citizens. It is NOT reasonable that the farmer bear the additional expense of not being adequately compensated for losses caused by the building and maintenance of the transportation process.

There are those who may dispute my concerns with the argument: "doing these things will raise fuel prices." This may be true. But the price of using the fossil fuels that we have come to rely so much upon in our American lifestyle should reflect the true costs of the production and transportation of this product. I submit that Americans want the cost to cover, to a reasonable extent, the expense of "making the land whole again" after using it as needed for transportation of fuel.

I submit that the US Federal government and the State of Minnesota NOT approve this project unless Enbridge will show some good faith attempts in their dealings with farmers by agreeing: to bury the new pipelines deep enough for the farmers to conduct normal field operations; to rebury the old pipelines at an appropriate depth; to compensate farmers for the extra work of labor and equipment to return the soil to its former state after the company equipment has compacted it; and to replace the top soil lost in the process of the burial of the pipelines. In the alternative, Enbridge should reroute the proposed lines to where human life and property are not impacted to the degree that they are here.

Respectfully submitted.



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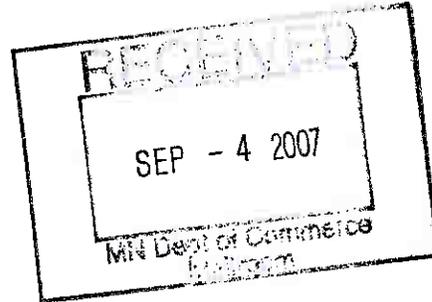
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RE: Public Comment Sheet

Enbridge LSr, Alberta Clipper and Southern Lights Diluent Projects

PUC Docket # PL9/PPL-07-360 and PL9/PPL-07-361

COMMENTS: Mr. Hartman, I'd like to recount some of our past experiences with the Enbridge/Lakehead pipeline projects from 1995 and 1998. In 1995, Wanger township gave permission to cross our roads, much like we're being asked to do in 2007. The 1995 contractor had a southern gentleman in contact with the township officials during their work time in Wanger township. After they had completed their work, he met with one of our supervisors and reviewed the 6 road crossings in the township (a completion sign'off if you will) and how they could be restored to their preconstruction condition. The crew also beat up some township roads, due to the wet fall and they paid for the graveling of those roads. They bent over backwards to make sure Wanger Township was made whole.

In 1998, we have a different story. We had very little contact with the contractor during the construction phase. Weather conditions were more favorable, and our roads held up well. We did have an issue with a couple of the crossings in Wanger township, but no one contacted the township to review the damages. We made the mistake of assuming the settlement process would be similar to our 1995 experience. Wanger ended up repairing the pipeline damages itself. I can't remember, maybe it cost us a couple of loads of gravel, some extra blading, not a great sum, but it was an expense we shouldn't have had to pay for.

Wanger township would like a "work completion sign'off" similar to the procedure used in 1995, as I described above. Since some of these projects extend into the late fall, I think Enbridge should review the crossings the following spring after the winter freeze and spring thaw. Roads restored in late November can have a completely different complexion the following spring.

Sincerely,

Jeff Nelson

Wanger Township Clerk



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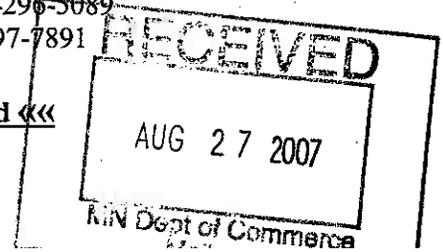
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Comments: I have too much to say for the
small space. Read the attached
papers.
Thanks
Alice

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Mr. Hartman:

My name is Alice Peterson 24153 300th St N.W.
Argyle, Mn. 56713. My brother Randy and I live
at the E 1/2 Sec. 38 Foldahl Township Marshall
County Mn. We were at the meeting in Thief River
Falls on Aug. 14.

We know we can't stop the pipelines if they
are approved but that doesn't mean we are happy
about it. We don't want to lose a lot of trees on
our property we can't loop it around our woods
because we have a coulee that drains our land
close to the woods. Our trees mean a lot to us.
It may sound stupid but when you out in
the "real country" area a lot of different things
mean something to somebody. It is prime
hunting land with about 75 deer at the height
of rut. Remove the trees and remove wildlife
habitat. We live on a century farm. It was
homesteaded by our ~~pa~~ great grandparents in
1894. That means something. Wild prairie roses
that bloom along the edges of the trees will
disappear forever. Pileated woodpeckers, songbirds
lean and wild turkeys will lose their habitat
It will also affect erosion control because grass
isn't like trees. Trees also fetter ground water
We have a shallow well on our farm. We
pump water from about 30 to 35 ft. If these
pipelines kill or change our well will Embridge
or someone dig us a new well? I doubt it.

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Send the pipelines elsewhere. Checkout the Canada route. What about the Fondulac route. Just because you have to deal with the Indians shouldn't give them exclusion otherwise it is reverse discrimination.

What is the hurry unless you are trying to beat somebody to the punch or maybe there is a new law proposal Embridge is trying to beat. There ~~are~~ aren't enough references anyway or else they are broke down. Another suggestion since you said at the meeting you wouldn't mind being near a crude oil pipeline put these lines in your backyard. Think about it.

Also what ~~type~~ benefit is it to the landowners. Not much one small payment and that ~~is~~ is it. Since we have to bear a large part of the risk on our properties in this day and age of terrorist activities we should be entitled to large property tax relief and larger amounts of compensation for the existing lines and new lines, Embridge or anyone looks at collateral damage. Sparse populations mean you are expendable. If there is a break, which they have ~~at~~ had a lot of, less people affected means the less they have to pay. Telling people the pipelines have to go through "for the good of the nation and the State of Minnesota" is crap. How will this benefit

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'us? Gas will still be high because of lack of refineries or they are broke down. Terrorist Blow up the line and we are all dead they (the news media) won't say much because we don't matter up here. We are as they say expendable.

So send the line elsewhere. Take one's time with this project because what is the big hurry except the race for money.

Sincerely;
Alvie Peterson

P.S.

Also if I think of more ideas I will write some more. Everybody has to have a "rant" once and a while Especially something as major as this.

August 25, 2007

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RE: Public Comment Sheet
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Mr. Hartman:

I would like to relate some of my experiences with the previous pipeline projects constructed in 1995 and 1998. I farm 2 parcels of land crossed by the pipeline in Sinnott and Wanger townships in Marshall County. My hopes in writing these comments, is to have Enbridge more attentive to drainage and road issues as they construct their pipeline.

1. In 1995 I purchased land in the SW1/4 of Section 25 in Sinnott township. The previous owners were involved with the pipeline permit process; I did not have any experience with Lakehead at that time. The pipeline crosses the my land right in the SW corner of the parcel. The water for the South ½ of section 25 drains to that corner. The following spring after the pipeline work, we had difficulty draining the land. I hired a backhoe to clean the ditch, where the pipeline crossed, and brought it back to grade. Not a great expense, but it was probably backhoe machine hire that I shouldn't have had to pay for.
2. The dirt roads the pipeline crosses, bordering Section 25 of Sinnott township, have remained soft and spongy, from their crossing in 1998. I raise sugarbeets, and I fear sending loaded trucks over those areas. I think this is a Sinnott township issue, but Enbridge should have used some better soil to firm those areas.
3. I farm the NW1/4 of Section 6 in Wanger township. The pipeline does not cross this land, but the quarter to the south is crossed near the SW corner of the parcel I farm. In the spring of 1996 the water didn't drain off the quarter in the SW corner. I had not been farming the parcel very long and chalked the water problem up to the major snow we had that winter. The neighbor who farms the land to the south of me said there was a culvert across the township road that drained that corner. We determined that the pipeline had inadvertently plugged the pipe or covered it over. I called Lakehead and they came out and fished around with a backhoe for the opening of the culvert, but were unable to find it. I was unable to crop the 2 or 3 acres in the corner of that quarter that spring.

Mr. Hartman,

Since Canada reaps so much benefit from the pipelines such as low unemployment rates and they apparently love it keep the pipelines open Canada. What benefits will this area in N.W. Mr. see? None or not much in a mostly agricultural area. Most of the benefit will be felt where the refineries are and in the Metro areas not up here in small town America.

I also think Embury and all of your various committees should go to the major trade papers like the Wall Street Journal and national news media like CNN, ABC, CBS NBC and Fox and talk about how wonderful this pipeline project is to the nation. After all if it benefits property owners and the economy so much maybe some other state or province wants it really bad and why exclude someone else who maybe wants to be patriotic and suggest another plan. After all look at how much Alaska and the environmentalists love that pipeline.

First get enough refineries to handle all the oil already available. That is why there is a glut and back up of oil because so many refineries are either down or in need of repair. That is one of the reasons for higher

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gas prices around here. Don't put the cart before the horse so to speak. More pipelines just cause a lot more backup unless Canada has more refineries which if they do it makes more sense so keep it up there.

What about Embudges track record for problems? They sure get defensive about that at public meetings don't they? You don't see or hear from anyone unless they are trying to look good or to cover up maintenance checks they haven't before another project. When everyone is busy little beavers running all over the place. Fascinating huh?

Lets do it for the nation and the State of Minnesota doesn't impress me as a landowner. After 5 pipelines and the same old crap benefits would impress landowners. Talked to our relatives in San Francisco about these lines maybe being built and they couldn't believe us all we get is a one time payment ~~to~~ some examples of ~~the~~ benefits Embudge and the govt could give landowners:

- Lifetime Vouchers for free or reduced cost petroleum like gas, oil, propane, etc. to landowners who have pipelines going through ~~their~~ their property.

- excellent property tax breaks to landowners who have lines going through their property

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- Better payments to landowners for easements Embudge can afford it after all work at all the profit they make ~~from~~ from petroleum. After all this project is all about big money right?

- Free high risk insurance to landowners in case of terrorist activities or a bungler on Embudges part. Easy for terrorists to get gene info. since its in public libraries and all the lines are ~~marked~~ marked with markers all along the way.

Otherwise what benefit does each and every landowner get from all these lines through our land? None. Just more trees fore down, wildlife habitat being destroyed land being ripped up for what? Oil even if we don't have enough refineries to handle what is produced ~~to~~ already. Nice to be an American where big oil runs out ~~over~~ over everything else including personal property. Just my opinion of course.

P.S.

Also how can these 2 pipelines have so little impact on wildlife when you are destroying so many trees that are used by the wildlife around the area?

Sincerely

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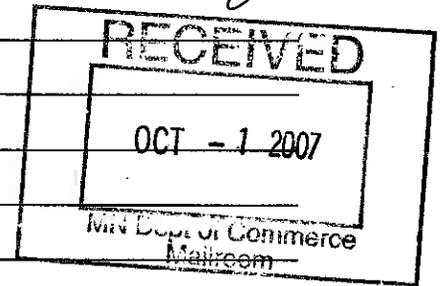
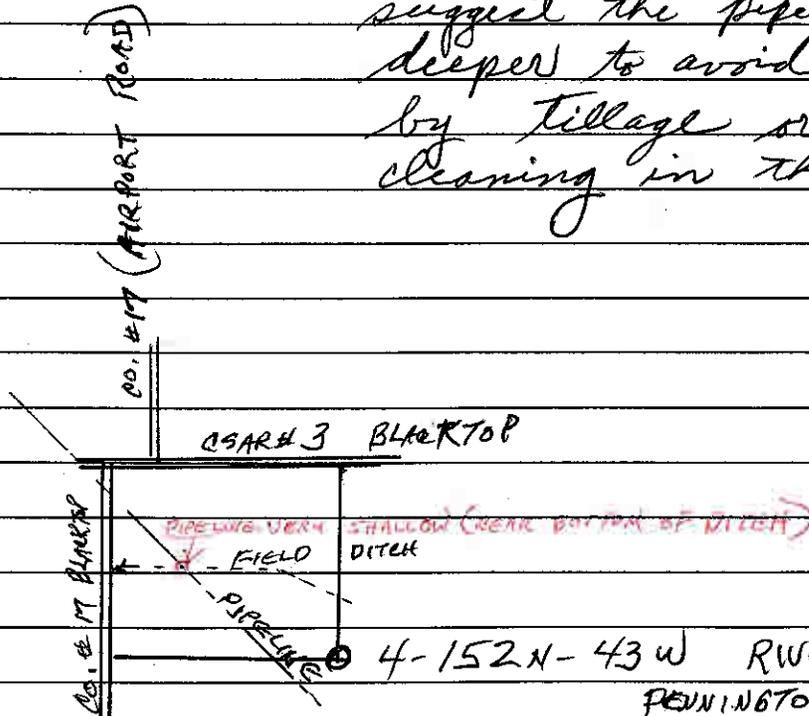
RE: ENBRIDGE PIPELINE

Comments:

Gentlemen:

The existing pipeline is near the bottom of the field ditch. I would suggest the pipeline be buried deeper to avoid being struck by tillage or possible ditch cleaning in the future.

Glenn Johnson



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ENBRIDGE PETROLEUM PIPELINES



Expanding in Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota

THE BASICS

WHERE IT BEGINS

The oil sands of Alberta, Canada, are a huge energy resource – with oil reserves second only to those of Saudi Arabia. The oil sands are a naturally occurring mixture of sand, oil, clay and water. The oil in the sand is called bitumen; it looks a lot like tar, with a consistency similar to molasses, and comprises much of the heavy oil produced from the oil sands region.

Enbridge is proposing a number of expansion projects to help address current and future increases in refinery demand as supply from western Canada's vast oil sands increases.

The first Enbridge project, an expansion of Enbridge's existing crude oil pipeline system, is already underway in Wisconsin and Illinois. The "Southern Access" program involves a new 42-inch, 454-mile pipeline and a 36-inch, 175-mile pipeline to increase and extend capacity of our system by 400,000 barrels per day (bpd).

The second Enbridge expansion program, Southern Lights, involves two projects. The first is a liquid petroleum pipeline from Chicago through Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota to bring light hydrocarbons or "dilutents" to Alberta, Canada's oil sands area.

The second project in the Southern Lights program is a new 20-inch crude oil pipeline (referred to as LSr) from Cromer, Manitoba to Clearbrook, Minnesota. The 313-mile pipeline will provide additional capacity to transport crude oil produced in Western Canada and will interconnect with existing Enbridge facilities.

Enbridge's expansion plans also include the construction of a 990-mile, 36-inch diameter crude oil pipeline from Alberta to Superior, Wisconsin referred to as "Alberta Clipper."



Enbridge is responding to growing demand from refineries in the U.S. Midwest and beyond for increased crude oil supply from the oil sands of Western Canada.

Together, these expansion projects are designed to transport up to 1.2 million more barrels per day of crude oil produced in Alberta's oil sands and provide a North American solution to energy reliability and security of crude petroleum supply.

WHAT PRODUCTS AND WHY ARE THEY NEEDED?

Most of these projects will transport heavy Canadian crude oil to serve the growing demand at U.S. Midwest refineries.

The Southern Lights liquid petroleum pipeline will transport diluent, a term used to describe light hydrocarbons that dilute bitumen and heavy crude oil to a consistency that allows transportation by pipeline.

KEY PROJECT FACTS

	SOUTHERN LIGHTS 20-INCH CRUDE OIL Line (LSr)	ALBERTA CLIPPER	SOUTHERN LIGHTS-DILUENT
MILES	313 136 in U.S.	990 326 in U.S.	1583 136 miles of reversed pipeline in U.S. 674 miles of new pipeline in U.S.
CAPACITY	186,000 bpd	450,000 bpd	180,000 bpd
IN-SERVICE	Late 2008	Late 2009	Mid-2010

When refiners in the United States process crude oil into gasoline, jet fuel, diesel fuel and other petroleum products, they also produce light hydrocarbons that can be used as diluent.

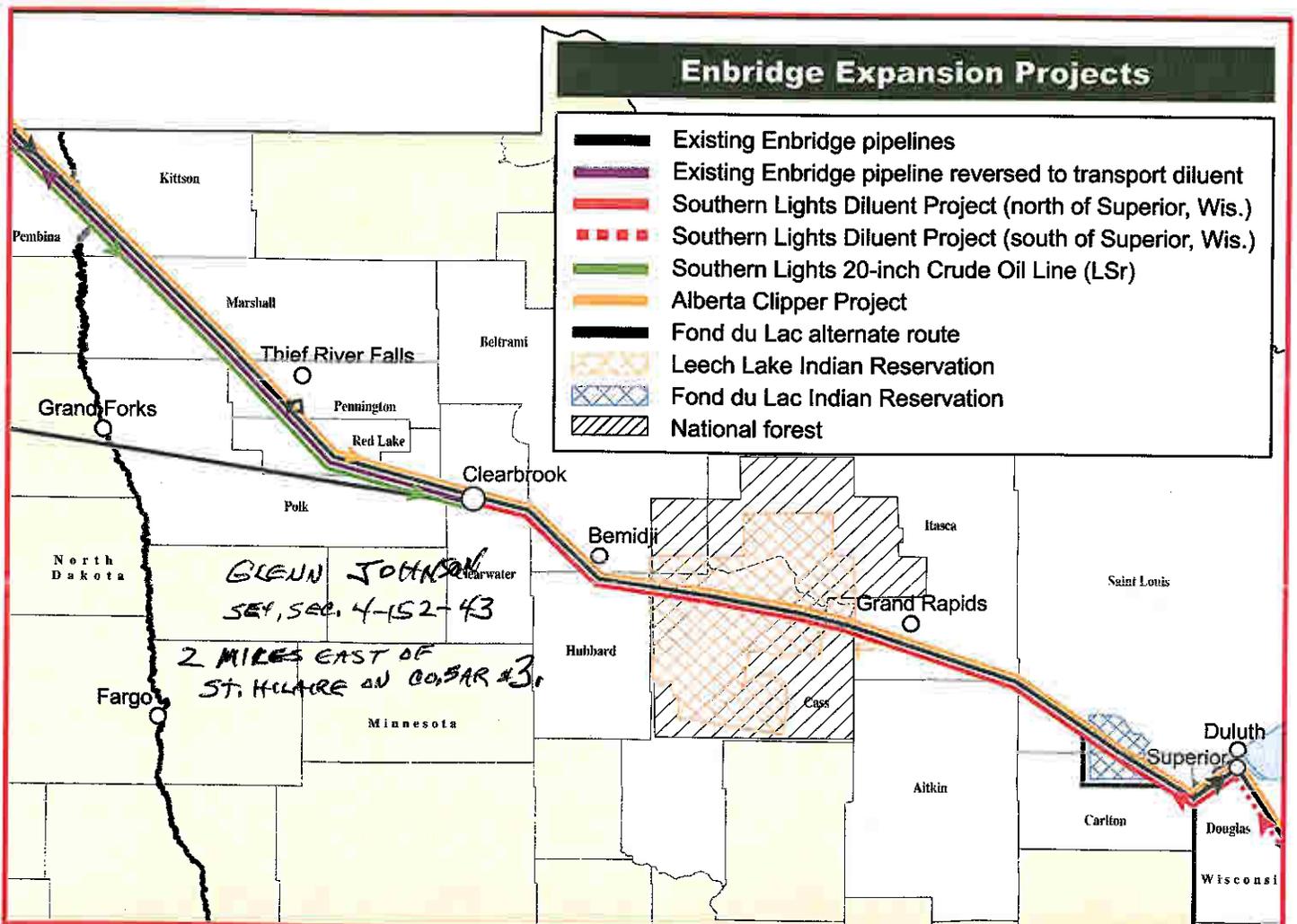
Southern Lights is designed to help bridge the gap between the available supply of diluent from U.S. refineries and increased demand for diluent by petroleum producers in the oil sands of western Canada.

In North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin, the proposed pipelines will generally be within or parallel to existing Enbridge pipeline routes.

In total, Enbridge liquid petroleum pipelines currently extend along 358 miles in Minnesota and 723 miles in North Dakota. Additionally, Enbridge is a 50 percent owner of the Alliance Pipeline, with approximately 250 miles of pipe in Minnesota and 325 in North Dakota.

The operation of current Enbridge systems in Minnesota accounts for \$12 million in annual tax revenue to the state. In North Dakota, annual taxes are nearly \$900,000. Additionally, Enbridge employs 44 in Minnesota and 33 in North Dakota.

Currently, the Enbridge Lakehead System supplies more than 75 percent of the crude oil used by Minneapolis/St. Paul refineries, 100 percent of supply to the refinery in nearby Superior, Wisconsin and more than 50 percent to the vast refinery market near Chicago and the Great Lakes.



For more about the Enbridge expansion, visit our website at www.enbridge-expansion.com.

Red Lake County

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To: Enbridge Pipeline Co.

Thank you for letting me air my concerns about your proposed new pipeline.

SAFETY CONCERNS:

1. Too close to my living quarters (house).
2. I have my own well (city does not furnish water for me). This well is next to my house and furnishes me with drinking water. This could become contaminated.
3. According to your letter, Right of Way for construction is too close to my house.
4. Right of Way and pipeline goes across my yard and garden. I eat the produce from my garden and don't believe this a healthy situation.
5. The Right of Way would destroy my windbreak south and west of my house.
6. Last time the pipeline came through they destroyed several evergreens and flowering crabs I had planted. I had offered to move these trees if they were in the way, but my request was ignored and they destroyed them when I was gone. I have replanted 10 evergreens and 5 dogwoods and I don't want them taken. I need them for wind protection.
7. I am concerned for my safety while sleeping and awake.
8. Last time the pipeline came through, I was treated poorly. I was promised my road would be as it was before. This promise was not kept. I spent a lot of mone on gravel, grading and trying to repair the ditches. I never was able to smoothen our the deep tracks they left in the ditches. I was promised more money than I received.
9. The maps sent me are too small to decipher.

I am requesting the pipeline be put on the south side of existing pipes for the safety and health of my daughter and me.

Thank you for taking time to read my request.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Berry 10-4-2007
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