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Project Name: Sandpiper Pipeline Project / North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC (NDPC)

Docket number: PL6668/PPL-13-474

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Impact: I am Chair of the Pine River Watershed Alliance (PRWA). I have sent my personal comments but my Board has voted to make a statement from our organization. PRWA is a volunteer 501c3 organization who primary mission is the environmental and economic preservation of the Pine River Watershed. I am using this email link to comment because like a number of the Board I am not in Minnesota and therefore can't responded from my place there. The proposed route of the Pipeline goes through the Pine River Watershed which is a part of the Upper Mississippi Basin. A critical basin for the total water supply of the Mississippi and the cities south. There are only two things I think we know. We need the oil and pipelines will leak. Therefore the challenge is finding a route that has the least potential to cause major environmental or economic damage. I have seen no data from the pipeline company or anyone else that quantifies the risk of this route. Enbridge has stated this is a maintenance project not requiring federal permit. I believe a new route and a larger pipe constitute something other than maintenance. Although the concept of maintenance and replacement of old lines is a good operating practice. Like bridges, pipelines have a safe and useable lifetime.

Mitigation: (1) We believe the comment public comment period should be increased because a lot of the people potentially affected are not now in Minnesota. (2) The current proposed route goes through a populated and environmentally sensitive area and there has been no data or investigation of potential impact of a line failure, which by historic performance, will occur. An environmental and economic impact study should be completed. (3) There is a present pipeline corridor which could be used. Submitted by: Ronald Meyer Chair of the Pine River Watershed Alliance

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This information has also been entered into a centralized database for future analysis.

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