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To Whom it May Concern:

Please find enclosed 84 letters of comment for docket number 13-474 as collected from citizens who support the Carlton County Land Stewards.

Sincerely,



Rita Vavrosky

Roberta Mistretta
3954 Maple Drive So.
Barnum, Minnesota
55707

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Re: Docket number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

Please, Please, Please don't allow
Enbridge to 'destroy' the natural
resources of our farmlands & forests.
Stop and ponder the horrendous consequences
for generations to come. Have these
pipelines placed where there are already
existing pipelines. There is absolutely
no need for further destruction.

PLEASE do all you can to
be stewards of the land - This is the
ONLY home we have. Save & Protect
it.

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Rita Vavrosky

22 November 2013

3351 Red Oak Lane
Barnum, MN 55707

#13-474

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Pl East,
Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Dear Commissioners:

When we owned a home in Duluth's Chester Park, some neighbors circulated a petition against a proposed shelter for battered women and their children in our neighborhood. We refused to sign – and even welcomed the house just down the street – because we believe that the common good can trump the absolute rights of private landowners. When society as a whole benefits and there is no other reasonable alternative, the individual property owner should be expected to accommodate the good of the many.

We oppose the Sandpiper Pipeline proposal because it does not meet these criteria. There is already an adequate pipeline corridor through Carlton County that Enbridge could modify for its needs. Society as a whole would benefit from *less* – rather than increasing – dependence on fossil fuels – especially from sites that require pre-extraction heating and fracking, which contribute to pollution and greenhouse gasses. But if increased oil supplies must be moved through Carlton County, they can be handled by an expansion of capacity in the existing right-of-way.

Carlton County is a growing Mecca for sustainable, community-supported agriculture that serves the entire Duluth area as well as the county. There is no need to threaten the livelihood of local farmers and the forests and wetlands of the area with a new pipeline corridor. We shudder to think of the devastation that would be caused by a leak such as the one that recently dumped over 865,200 gallons of oil near Tioga, North Dakota, or the 2010 Enbridge pipeline rupture that released over 1 million gallons of tar sands into Michigan's Kalamazoo River system.

The proposed pipeline is in the interest not of the public good but of a commercial business that wishes to increase its profits by abusing the power of eminent domain. We join our friends and neighbors in urging you to forbid any new pipeline corridor on private land.

Sincerely,



Stephen and Barbara Adams

November 19, 2013

Carol Anderson
252 County Road 4
Wrenshall, MN 55797

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Southern Route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge Energy.

In Rule 7852.1900, Subp. 3, D. for pipeline route selection under economy and forestry we feel the route should not be placed on the proposed southern route on our property. My husband has spent a lot of time and money to build value for our retirement by planting white and Norway pine trees that are now 20-30 feet high in the proposed route area. These trees not only are for investment, but also help the environment by converting carbon dioxide into oxygen.

In regards to Subp. 3, B. our trees also provide habitat for the variety of birds and animals on our property. In addition to on the proposed route on our property we walk in that area. It is very scenic and I will be afraid to walk by the pipeline.

We have 20 acres north of County Road 4, which currently has 6 pipelines. We consider this land already having lost its value to these pipelines through it. To have another new pipeline corridor through our land south of County Road 4 where our home is asking of us too much sacrifice. It is unspeakable in the loss of what we value most in our property.

Therefore, I would prefer that you do not destroy our property to the South and require Enbridge to build this proposed Sandpiper pipeline on the existing route across the road.

Very truly,


Carol Anderson

George Anderson
252 County Road 4
Wrenshall, MN 55797

November 19, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Southern Route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge Energy.

Subp. 3 B of the Criteria for selecting a pipeline route concerns the natural environment. I have invested much time and resources in planting white and Norway pines on my property; I made trails through those woods. The proposed route would remove many of those trees and prevent any such development in the future. My intention in those plantings is to improve the environment for wildlife. The proposed pipeline would destroy that vision.

Subp. 3 F concerns existing rights-of-way. Enbridge Energy has an existing corridor in place on another part of my property. Any further capacity should be placed there. Although I pay taxes on that corridor, for all practical purposes, Enbridge Energy owns it! They should stay there.

Please, decide against opening any new corridor on land that is currently used for natural development.

Very truly,


George Anderson

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

As a community member, university student, activist and sustainable farmer myself I am heartbroken to hear of this proposed pipeline. What hurts the most is hearing that this pipeline would destroy years and decades of land craftsman ship and loyalty. This proposed pipeline would run directly through prominent sustainable farm land that has been a wonderful and great presence in the community for many many years. If this pipeline gets approved not only will you be destroying years of hardwork, you will be destroying hope for the future for our community, for the land and for our children. ~~What hurts~~
The food farm of Wrenshaw, MN is in direct route of proposed pipeline. As someone who has had the honor of spending time at this beautiful farm, it would fully break my heart and spirit. Not only would this ruin years of soil preservation, harm animals, ^{damage} pristine areas of wildlife ~~and~~ nature, it would become an environmental time bomb. The threat of a spill ~~is~~ is incredibly scary. As a young person, farmer and friend. I ask you NOT to damage the land, years of hard work and the environment. In the name of safe clean food and relationships. DO NOT let them ruin our beautiful land.

Sincerely,

Sara Anderson, 21.
1801 E. Superior St. #7
DULUTH, MN 55812

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to Enbridge Pipelines proposed Southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

The proposed pipeline would go through fertile and valuable land which would be forever changed. Organic farms, in particular, would be hurt by this route.

I feel new pipelines should be routed along Enbridge's current mainline corridor.

Sincerely,

Maria Antonescu

Elizabeth Ann Bartlett
2215 Heather Ave.
Duluth, MN 55803

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
December 1, 2013

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

According to Minnesota Statutes, section 299J, the commission must consider the impact of the pipeline on, among other things, existing and planned future land use, the natural environment, economies within the route, natural resources, cumulative potential effects of related or anticipated future pipeline construction, and use of existing rights-of-way. Aspects of all of these would be compromised by the proposed southern route.

While I have concerns about the impact on the land, wetlands, tamarack swamps, and indigenous communities affected all along the proposed routes, I have particular concerns about the delicate and rich soils where existing and future organic farms are located throughout Carlton County. Just the process of installing the pipeline will forever destroy the soil structure along the proposed route. The damage would not be "temporary" as Enbridge would have us believe. Removing the top soil and compacting the existing soil would forever destroy the carefully nurtured soil of this region. This, of course, is further compromised by any potential leaks and spills, of which there have been hundreds, both major and minor, along Enbridge pipelines. The proposed pipeline would affect not only existing farms, but also the planned expansion of said farms, as well as future plans for more organic farms in the area. It is important for the PUC to understand that organic farming works because of the careful nurture of the soil. While proponents may argue such things as "it's just dirt," the reality is that soil is a complex system that must be carefully nurtured to create the conditions for growing food organically. This entire area throughout the Carlton County region holds a unique natural resource in the quality and capacity of its soils to grow organic food. The pipeline would negatively impact the organic agriculture economy in this region, and the people of the much larger surrounding region who rely on these farms for our food.

The proposed pipeline would also compromise the forests which are part of the ecological system that supports organic farming by providing for slower snow melts, more water availability, and bird populations that keep pests under control. It also would affect the maple sugar industry that is significant economic resource to this region. The trees destroyed by the construction of the pipeline

could not simply be replanted and then tapped. The trees must be several decades old before they can be tapped. Those whose lives and livelihoods would be destroyed by this project would by then be long gone.

I am also concerned that building a new pipeline route would then open the way for future expansions along this newly gained right-of-way. Continued building of pipelines along the proposed would only compound the damage.

I am concerned for this entire region, for the people and land and water and animal populations affected by further disruption to their homes, livelihoods, and habitat. As for myself, I rely on the food from this region to feed my family local, organic food. I am concerned for the entire Lake Superior watershed that would also be negatively impacted by the construction of this pipeline and any future spills, not to mention the fact that the intent is that these additional Bakken oil field oils that would be pumped through this proposed pipeline would then be shipped across the Great Lakes, raising even more concerns regarding the environmental impact of this project. While I know the latter is not under your purview, it is a serious implication that makes the entire need for this project extremely questionable. It places our local ecosystem, soil, water, food, families and friends at risk and meets no local needs. It only contributes to the very questionable project of the continued expansion of the use of fossil fuels around the world.

If, despite this, the PUC determines that the Sandpiper Pipeline is, then at the very least Enbridge should be required to route the pipeline through their existing northern corridor, or along existing utility corridors, in order to do the least harm possible.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elizabeth Ann Bartlett".

Elizabeth Ann Bartlett

Ms. Janet Blixt
420 West Sixth Street
Duluth, Mn 55806

November 19, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Plce East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

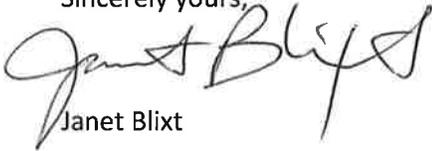
Honorable Commissioners:

I am writing to let you know of my opposition to the Southern Route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge energy.

I am an avid hiker who uses the trail system nearby in Jay Cooke State Park and the Munger Trail. I also enjoy wildlife. I am concerned that the pipeline will disturb habitat as well as present a threat to the watersheds where it will run, especially if there is a spill.

I also support sustainable local agriculture and purchase my food from many of the farmers who would be affected by this pipeline. Please take my concerns into consideration as you review where the pipeline will be routed.

Sincerely yours,



Janet Blixt

Minnesota Public Utilities
Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St Paul, MN 55101-2147

Randi Boisen

1200 Kenwood Ave #226 Duluth MN

11/21

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474
Honorable Commissioners,

I am opposed to Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed Southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

I am concerned about Criteria B, the natural environment, public and designated lands, including but not limited to natural areas, wildlife habitat, water, and recreational lands.

The pipeline would destroy wildlife and disturb our environment. It would take away local access to organic farms and fresh produce, which greatly benefit the community. After the pipeline is installed, the farms would no longer be allowed to grow there and the wetlands/wildlife would suffer greatly. This would be a terrible harm to the community and environment and I do not support the Sand Piper Pipeline.

For these reasons, if The Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed necessary, then Enbridge should be required to route the pipeline through their ↓

Daniel Burkhalter
2625 County Road 103
Barnum, MN 55707

November 23, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Southern Route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge energy.

The proposed route would cut through my 40 acres. I've lived on this land for twenty-one years. My mother lives on the farm with my grandmother and two siblings that live on the property as well. My family and I run a hobby farm and use the property for hunting, gardening, and gathering. The hobby farm includes Potbelly pigs, chickens, rabbits, ducks, and guinea fowl. A pipeline would deface the soil that my grandmother and my mother spent so long to develop and that supports our way of living since.

We forage for wild blackberries, wild strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, chokecherries, plums and gooseberries that we use for jam and preserves. We hunt on the property to provide food for our family and maintaining the forest habitat for deer, other wild animals, and wild crops is essential. Maintaining this sustainable land use is completely necessary for us to continue to live the way we've chosen on our own property. The idea that a foreign company could take our land by immanent domain and destroy what my family spent a lifetime to build is revolting and makes me

dread for the future of the land for when I take over if this is allowed.

This fall we were blessed to have a pair of swans on our lake. We also have untouched wetlands on our property. We care deeply for the health of the water on our land as well as the entire lake superior watershed. Enbridge's record of spills presents a real threat to the health of this watershed.

We have old growth oak trees on our property that are of historical significance in our community. We can't sacrifice these trees to short term benefits of an oil pipeline.

For these reasons, if the Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed necessary, then Enbridge should be required to route the pipeline through their existing northern corridor or along existing utility corridors.

Very truly,

Daniel B



Anna Crea
1218 E 2nd St
Duluth, MN 55805

December 11, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Southern Route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge energy. Please consider this letter in your decision and rule AGAINST Enbridge's proposed Sandpiper pipeline route. This decision is crucial to my health and wellbeing. I suffer from severe allergies, which require me to eat only the freshest food. Carlton County farms are a main source of fresh, organic food in our area. Allowing a pipeline to cut through farmland will put entire communities at risk. Not to mention the risk to water sources and all surrounding wildlife. The long-term damage that this pipeline could create is immeasurable. Thank you for considering this letter in making your decision; again please rule AGAINST Enbridge's proposed Sandpiper pipeline route.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Anna Crea', written in black ink.

Anna Crea

November 23, 2013

Carol Christian
2691 County Road 103
Barnum, MN 55707

Commissioners
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 - 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota), LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

My husband and I have planned to sell our properties for retirement purposes and to move to a local area in Cloquet, MN. With concerns that the value of our property will be extremely lowered not only because of the wood and forest being destroyed, but a large strip of grasslands now running through it. Knowing under this strip is a pipeline that has extreme potential of damage. We have a beautiful piece of property that most buyers would love to have for hunting and camping with a natural forest. With Enbridge's proposed Southern Route of the pipeline, it will potentially destroy the environment and the potential of use of the property.

The proposed route through our property makes it so a house cannot be put on that acreage and so limits our ability to regain the economic value of our property which we need for our retirement.

No one has addressed the potential future pipelines taking more than the right-of-way currently proposed. Again, with the concerns are that the corridor will be widened and more pipelines will be added. There has been mention to the Carlton County Land Commissioner that there is at least two more pipelines planned by Enbridge which would take more property, give more potential hazard, and decrease our property value more which would cause potential future landowners to shy away from the purchase of our very scenic property.

In closing, please put the proposed Sandpiper pipeline along the existing corridor in Northern route.

Sincerely,



Carol Christian

November 23, 2013

Edward Christian
2691 County Road 103
Barnum, MN 55707

Commissioners
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 - 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 551101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

Regarding the proposed new Southern pipeline corridor, that leaves the original pipeline corridor (Northern Route) will destroy not only private and public properties, but natural resources as waterways, swamp lands, and natural forests. The original corridor that has been established have dealt with these issues already. The northern route have established land usage already.

The southern route will create not only difficulties for landowners, and also causing potential hazards to waterways and destroy old growth forests. For example, my wife and I are on hold for our plans to sell our property to be able to move into Cloquet, MN. Just a week before we received the survey request, we had been moving towards this goal through a realtor. Economically, if the proposed southern route goes through the property, we will have difficulty selling the property and may be taking a loss on its value.

A good share of our property has water access in one way or the other to the Lake Superior Basin. I have a concern if there is any type of leak or spills that there would be damage not only to our property, but the great waterways of our state.

Regarding the old growth forests, some of the trees on and near our property on the proposed route survived the timber removal from the 1800's and would be cut down. We have pine and oaks trees which are century old trees that would be destroyed with proposed pipeline. Some of these trees were large when I was young and have grown up with them.

In conclusion, one would think that using the existing pipeline would not only be more economical with natural resources protected and have established a good relationship with the existing landowners. Therefore, hopefully the realization that your existing pipeline corridor would be much more beneficial and serve your great needs.

Sincerely


Edward Christian

Karola Dalen
2572 County Road 102
Wrenshall, MN 55797

November 12, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 551101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

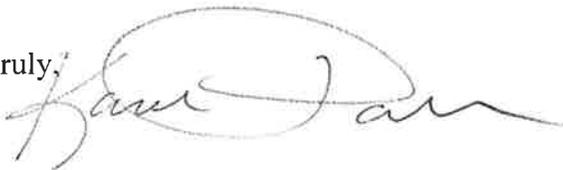
I am opposed to the Southern route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge Energy.

A new route should not be allowed because many existing developed corridors exist in Carlton County. Installation of a new right-of-way for the Sandpiper pipeline would temporarily and permanently disturb wetlands and other surface waters of the county. Many of our surface waters are already impaired according to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. This proposed route also crosses prime and important farmland soils as listed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. A boom of small scale food production has occurred in the last 10 years to meet the demand for local food. Soil structure is very important to crop soil health and management. A pipeline right-of-way through these areas would permanently damage them from producing high value food crops such as organic vegetables, fruits, and grain.

The impact of the Southern route would drastically alter the economic growth of small scale food production. Many businesses and institutions have signed onto the Superior Compact, a pledge to buy 20% local food by 2020. By crossing these farms, the proposed Southern route would eliminate them from participating in this economic opportunity. Protecting this farm land as a vital natural resource for local food production is imperative to feed our communities as energy prices continue to rise generation to generation. A new route would also cause further segmentation of contiguous tracts of forest land in Carlton County.

Overall, utilizing existing utility corridors and not the proposed Southern route would significantly reduce economic and environmental impacts to our rural community.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karola Dalen', written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

Karola Dalen

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I am writing to oppose the proposed southern route of Enbridge Energy's Sandpiper Pipeline. Enbridge should not be allowed to build a new route across private lands. Any new pipeline should go along Enbridge's current mainline corridor or, at a minimum, follow existing utility easements.

I am frankly disappointed that Enbridge did not initially consider the value of the lands it proposed going through. Current and future food production in this area is valuable to all of us in and near it. I personally live in Duluth and do almost all my food shopping at the Whole Foods Coop. The more I eat organic food, the more I don't want to eat anything else. I am also part of the local sustainability movement, and local food production is an important to that. The forests in the area are valuable to all of us for the work they do for the whole ecology as well as for the farms; and the wetlands prevent erosion and the spread of pollution. Protecting these valuable resources is really important to me.

Thank you for considering my input in this matter.

Sincerely,

Janet M. Draper

Janet M. Draper
1825 Dunedin Ave.
Duluth, MN 55803

J. Sanford Dugan
909 County Road 4
Wrenshall, Minnesota 55797-9013

February 20, 2014

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 551091-2147

13-474

Re: Enbridge Pipeline route, Docket number ~~130474~~

Honorable Commissioners:

As a consumer of local organic foods, my interest is to protect their quality and to expand their production. I buy organic vegetables, dairy, and meats produced within ten miles of my residence; I work as a part-time volunteer at a certified organic farm and hold an investment in the land of another. The pipeline proposed by Enbridge Energy to pass through land in Carlton County currently in organic production and land with potential for organic production places my vital interests at grave risk.

Enbridge Energy proposes to install a new pipeline which would transport toxic matter under high pressure for the advantage of far-distant parties that provide minimal local benefit. The process of clearing land and digging trenches disrupts soil that has been carefully tended, and it introduces noxious species; promised remediation cannot restore pipeline land to its original state. Maintenance of rights of way in perpetuity precludes organic production of species such as fruit bearing trees. The possibility of pollution from leaking toxic matter is a constant threat that discourages consumers of food produced on the land and reduces the resale value of the property itself.

Land that is presently wilderness and wetlands provides important ecological support for farming and serves as a protection against damaging runoff in the Nemadji River and Lake Superior watersheds. It is a valuable resource in itself as habitat for various native species and provides recreation as well. A new pipeline, which carries the potential of later expansion, will seriously degrade those benefits.

Various pipelines are already in place; they can be upgraded, replaced, or new ones added alongside. The principle of non-proliferation is a valuable tool in preventing ill effects when expansion occurs without consideration for the interests of all those affected. While a global economy may seem to prosper from corporate initiative, good government accounts for all the costs and restrains unneeded proliferation.

Workers employed on the organic farms in Carlton County commit their efforts to sustainable agriculture; as integral members of the community, their

support of the local economy will outlast any temporary boost from pipeline construction crews or traveling maintenance workers.

The history of the Twin Ports (Duluth / Superior) area reveals that in a period of rapid expansion such as the boom of the 1870s, local food production increased to meet demand. The land around Duluth / Superior, and in Carlton County in particular, can produce quality nutrition sufficient for local needs and further reduce dependence on long-haul transportation if the number of farmers devoted to sustainable practices can increase. Opening a new pipeline corridor would thwart an entrepreneurial group of young farmers who attract like-minded people seeking the challenge of sustainable agriculture.

The Public Utilities Commission can positively affect the lives of local residents by protecting a vital source of their nutrition and well-being. By directing that pipeline construction avoid all sensitive land and be limited to already established corridors, the P.U.C. can help to insure the general welfare of Minnesotans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Sanford Dugan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John Sanford Dugan

Nov. 21, '13

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to Enbridge Pipeline's (N. Dakota) proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

I think it is disgusting that a Corporation may potentially build a new route across private land.

Moreover the destruction of the natural environment in the area of the proposed route would be catastrophic.

The southern route is one of the best organic farming areas for N. Minn., as well as an area of natural beauty & forests.

Sincerely,

Lisa Fitzpatrick
Duluth, MN, ~~55812~~

P.S. I suggest a new name for the "project,"
of the Sludgedumper Pipeline.

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline. Natural resources will be effected dramatically. The "temporary workspace" of 120 ft² along the pipeline will produce 50 feet of permanently treeless property. 70 more feet will be able to be replanted, but will not be able to be tapped for 45 years (maple syruping.) Natural habitats growing in the forested areas will diminish and insects that were food for other inhabitants will race toward the crops and attempt to make them their food. The Memadji River and its tributaries flowing into Lake Superior will be disturbed dramatically. Pollution will creep into the waters which will infect the lands. The chemical free crops 800 families have been thriving on will be compromised.

The natural economy of 160 families who live on or near the pipeline and are sustainable farmers, who share their extra produce with their neighbors will be impacted in their food production negatively. Unfarmed lands that are currently produced and unused have a potential \$500,000 food production organically per 20 acres. Portions of these lands would be negatively impacted as well. The lands in Carlton County's rich farm country that now have gas and oil pipelines on them are no longer usable as farm lands.

I request the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to route the new pipeline along ~~these~~ already established pipeline corridor and/or the established and now unused railroad track so that the currently privately owned farm lands can continue supporting the 800 families with the healthiest meats and vegetables and fruits money can buy and grow all the types of food they wish.

Sincerely, I have been a member of our Community ~~Food Farm~~ Food Farm for 20 years and am proud that my family has eaten meat free of antibiotics and forced hormones, chemical pesticide free fruits and vegetables knowing that our ^{health} endocrine systems, immune systems and freedom from cancers are in large part due to the foods we eat from healthy lands maintained sustainably.

Please route the new pipeline along already established pipelines.

Sincerely,
Margaret Fawcett

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to Enbridge Pipelines, North Dakota, LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper pipeline. "Economies within route" is part of the criteria for pipeline route selection. As the pipeline goes through organic farm territory this is an agricultural economy within route. I've met with the people who's property this goes through and it is a very frustrating idea. Organic markets are at the fastest growing in America because of consumers preference. I am studying environmental sustainability at UMN and many decisions made by the government are not in favor of sustainability. As commissioners of a democratic system I want the voice of my peers and myself to be listened too. Choose an option that promotes longevity and health for the environment in the long term. Oil is a short-term resource, teach the younger generations that our government does care about the people, more than the influence of wealthy corporations and it is worthwhile to participate in the government.

For these reasons, if the Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed necessary then Enbridge should be required to route the pipeline through their existing Northern Corridor, or along existing utility corridors

Sincerely,

John Forman

4334 Onion Lane, Eagan MN

Jacob Froelich
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Apt 306
Duluth, MN 55811

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

Please strongly consider the implications of building the southern Sandpiper proposed Pipeline.

Besides all the obvious environmental perils that lie within the use of oil, let us look more broadly and long termed at this decision.

Minnesota has long billed itself as the Land of 10,000 Lakes, we are the great outdoors, "Up North" and

So much more to not only Minnesotans but the Nation.

Allowing yet another pipeline to devastate not only the countryside but our environment as well would be contradictory to all that we stand for. We already have a pipeline cutting through our state, do not allow yet another pipeline to become a part of our legacy. We are already defined as a generation that only seeks to satisfy our short term desires, don't let this be another temporary solution to a relatively short term problem.

Sincerely,



Jacob Froelich

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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St Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

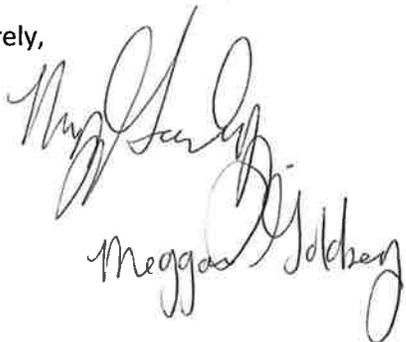
Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to Enbridge Pipelines (ND) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

I do not live directly on the proposed pipeline's route, but I do clearly recognize how much the local industry and farming that would be affected affects me. I purchase what these sustainable farmers have put so much time and effort and passion into cultivating. I believe that local, clean produce has helped me overcome my eating disorder, and with that these farmers have positively affected lives of those they haven't even met.

Please reward these farmers for the brave work they've done and don't impede on their ability to positively sustain the communities around them.

Sincerely,


Meggan Goldberg

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I am strongly opposed to Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route for the sandpiper Pipeline. This proposed route would greatly affect a local Wrenshall farm owned by Janaki Fisher-Merritt. The Pipeline would largely affect their organic process as well as potentially ruin some of their great farm land. In the Northland, it is clear how much our citizens love and support locally and organically grown food, and I would be very disappointed to see such a let down to such a large, caring community.

Sincerely,

Matt Graven

1516 E. Superior Street Duluth, MN 55812

November 21, 2013

John Grobe
28 Graden Drive
Silver Bay, MN 55614

Commissioners
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 - 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 551101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline because it reduces the availability of a rare and irreplaceable resource. This land is producing organic food that is a social resource which cannot be moved or cultivated in another location. It is an environmental resource that cannot be mitigated.

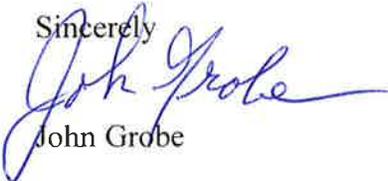
The loss of priceless land for the productions of organic, nutritionally dense food generally diminishes quality of life value and profoundly weakens the core fabric of a local self-sustaining community and essentially diminishes the long term health of that community.

The loss of biologically enriched farm production increases the extended communities social dependence on an extensive fabric of costly medical and institutional intervention. There is a ripple effect throughout society.

Therefore, a decision for the southern route will increasingly put pressure on the entire social fabric by reducing the availability of organic biologically enriched food production that is necessary for a healthy-productive life.

For these reasons, if the Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed necessary, then Enbridge should be required to route the pipeline through their existing northern corridor, or along existing utility corridors.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Grobe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Grobe

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to Enbridge Pipeline LLC's
Proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

I have known several of the farm families
whose land would be congested, and have
seen the health & economic impact that their
commitment to good, organic food has
had on the larger community. Their
impact on healthy eating, for better health
is evidenced by both local hospitals now
offering local food for patients & staff.

Since existing rights of way already
exist for the pipeline, it seems unconscionable
to destroy productive, undisturbed land.

Sincerely,

Beverly Harris

Lynne G. Harrington
1788 Valley View Road
Barnum, MN 55707

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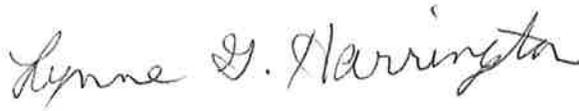
Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Southern Route for the Sandpiper Pipeline through Carlton County proposed by Enbridge Energy.

I support the unique method of sustainable land use practiced by the farmers in this area. Their products have only begun to be marketed as their customers understand the value of organic farming and their food market grows. I understand the special soil and land requirements for this farming method and the harm caused by the disturbance of pipeline construction.

Please consider the use of existing utility rights of way for the Sandpiper Route.

Respectfully,



Lynne G. Harrington

Joan Hatlestad
3411 Medin Road
Duluth, MN 55804-2629

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

I believe Enbridge should not be allowed to initiate and complete a new route across private land for the following reasons.

1) Minnesota Revisor of Statutes 7852.1900 (mn.gov./rules) describes under Subp.3 Criteria in selecting a route for designation & issuance of a pipeline routing permit, the commission shall consider the impact of the pipeline of the following:

- a. human settlement, existing & planned future land use and management plans
- b. natural environment, public & designated lands, including but not limited to natural areas, wildlife habitat, water & recreational areas

My response: Currently the proposed route covers landowners property which sustains & nurtures soil, forests, farmland, wetlands and wildlife including sustainable organic farming businesses. I believe that the preservation of the current natural use of the land needs to be maintained. The proposed pipeline would negatively impact sustaining the current environment.

F. use of existing rights-of-way and right-of-way sharing or paralleling

My response: There are alternative routes available to the Enbridge proposed route through right-of-way used by former transportation (SOO line railroad) or replacing obsolete routes.

I. cumulative potential effects of related or anticipated future pipeline construction

My response: Feasibly, this proposed pipeline construction, over private land used for sustainable farming and wetlands, will produce greenhouse gases etc. which will interfere with the current land use and livelihood of the population.

In sum, the farms, forests, and wetlands represent valuable natural resources that must be protected i.e. damage to food production for existing & future farms and erosion/

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Duluth MN 55807

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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St Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I am writing to let you know that soil over pipeline greatly loses their agricultural productivity. When a pipeline is put in, the replaced top soil has been changed, basically ruined for agriculture. In Carlton county there are tax paying organic farm businesses which support food for Duluth and other populations. With a pipeline going through these farms will ruin the top soil permanently and these farms will go out of business. My alternative route would be to go along with their other pipeline route. The planned line is to be along with the original pipeline in 3 counties in West MN. The proposed line should continue along with the original pipeline through Minnesota into Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Steve A. Heikkila

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NOV. 21, 2013
NORM HERRON
2617 E. FIFTH ST.
DULUTH, MN 55812-1536

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I have heard from an employee of Enbridge that Enbridge as a company listens and cooperates with members of the communities in which Enbridge pipe lines run through.

I am asking the P.U.C. to hold Enbridge to this standard. There are organic farmers in the Carlton/Wellsboro areas that have established over many years organic farming land producing organic food for the greater community.

I live in Duluth (34 years) and am a member of the Whole Foods Co-op. I am a vegetarian and purchase all my groceries from the Co-op. The farmer in the area of the proposed pipe line provide for the major portion of my food. Since there exists a pipe line corridor that Enbridge uses, I request that you hold Enbridge to a promise to work with the community and choose the existing pipe line corridor for their line instead of a new line that will cross the organic farms.

Sincerely,

Norm Herron

Linda Heaton
2617 E. 5th St. Duluth, MN. 55812
11/21/13

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

Speaking as a resident of Duluth and a member of the Whole Foods Co-op here, I value the healthy and organically grown produce which comes from the several farms of Carlton County. I believe that an oil pipeline is incompatible with the sustainable local farm goals: to provide healthy food for our communities. Short of recommending no pipeline at all, I urge you to require Enbridge to move any further pipeline construction to existing pipeline routes and not disturb the important local economy of organic farming in Carlton County. These recommendations coincide exactly with the criteria for pipeline route selection as published by the State of Minnesota.

Sincerely, Linda Heaton

Christine Hille
1782 W. Chub Lake Rd.
Carlton, MN 55718

November 14, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

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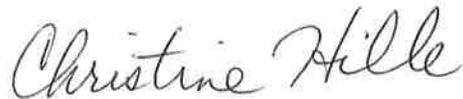
I am opposed to the Southern Route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge energy.

As a private property owner in the area, it makes no sense to me to route a pipeline through undisturbed, private property. The proposed southern corridor affects friends and farmers who supply my family with food.

My husband and I moved to this area to raise our family in a rural setting. We utilize the natural resources on our property and those from other area properties, i.e. farms. The proposed pipeline would impact these resources as well as wildlife habitat, water, soil, and forestry.

When considering a proposal, we trust that you will take these real-life situations into consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Hille".

Christine Hille

Nathan Holm

1200 Kimwood Ave Duluth MN 55811

11/21/13

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

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Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, DOCKA Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

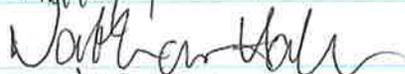
I am opposed to Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpaper pipeline.

I am concerned about criteria H, the extent to which human or environmental effects are subject to mitigation or regulatory control and application of permit conditions contained in part 7652.3100 for pipeline right-of-way preparation, construction, cleanup, and restoration practices.

I am personally concerned of the adverse effects on our native wildlife.

For these reasons, if the Sandpaper Pipeline is deemed necessary, then Enbridge should be required to route the pipeline through their existing northern corridor or along existing corridors.

Very truly,


Nathan Holm

Beth Virginia Holst
2230 Woodland Avenue
Duluth MN 55803
11/28/13

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St Paul MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

As I write this letter, it is Thanksgiving day, and appropriately, I am thinking about that for which I have to be thankful. The abundance of organic foods grown locally in Wrenshall shall grace my table, and so, accordingly, I wish to express the privilege of participating in the democratic process, urging you, our representatives, to think hard, weigh the options, and decide to prevent Enbridge from building their new pipeline through some of our region's best farmland, forests and wetlands.

We city folk are truly grateful to our local farmers who display good stewardship of the land and topsoil, which we know from past experience is not easily replaced, if ever. We experience too much erosion, pollution, and fragmentation in our world today, and so we need to do EVERYTHING we can to hold onto what we still have.

I realize I, as well as my neighbors here and afar, demand more energy as we consume more and more products and services that provide energy to run them. (I am working on reducing my carbon footprint however) Yet, I feel a good compromise is to allow Enbridge to build their next pipeline along the existing mainline corridor which has already been compromised. I would take a guess that placing the Sandpiper Pipeline in the existing corridor would affect the profits of Enbridge much less than our farmers in Carlton County.

We must work together to care for our woods and wetlands and farmlands. They have only our voice. Please support our farmer's cause by giving voice to our farmer's pleas and decide on giving permission for the proposed southern route to carry crude oil through Carlton County.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth Holst", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Beth Holst

Lori Huska

211 N 24th Ave E

Duluth, MN 55812

November 21, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

121 7th Place East, Suite 350

Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I am a member of a local CSA, the Food Farm, which supplies a good deal of the fresh produce I use to feed my family year-round. My decision to belong to the Farm came after traveling abroad and discovering that organic, locally produced food just tasted better than food which has been harvested across the country or world. I have since become passionate about feeding myself, my family and my friends organic foods. I am also committed to organic foods because my daughter suffers from multiple food sensitivities.

I am asking that you consider the routing of the Enbridge Pipeline in an existing corridor of pipelines or utilities. I am urging you to reject routing it through prime farmland in Carlton County that is in their current proposal. This is such valuable land which supports a large part of locally grown produce in our region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lori Huska

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

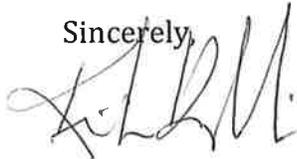
I am writing to express my opposition to Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

A growing local and sustainable food movement has been improving the health and economy of the Northland, in addition to contributing to our position as leaders in sustainability practices. Further, the Northland continues to be nationally recognized for its natural beauty, continuing a strong tradition as a center for outdoor sports and recreation, as well as a significant tourism industry.

The proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline would negatively impact forests, wetlands, and water sources, and would have dire effects not only on farmers and outdoor enthusiasts, but also on the economies of affected communities. The Criteria for Pipeline Route Selection calls the commission to consider existing land use, including our rich tradition of farming, unique soil, and unspoiled wetlands and wildlife. Further, it calls for a consideration of the impact on economies within the route. Running a pipeline through Carleton County will cause the loss of permanent jobs in agriculture and recreation.

I urge the commission to reject the proposed route and instead consider existing routes. Making decisions that honor communities will create a better energy policy that preserves local traditions and economies, while still serving national energy needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Hylenski', written in a cursive style.

Kristen Hylenski

Caroline Johnson
2636 County Rd 3
Wrenshall MN 55797

Nov, 19th 2013

MN Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place E. Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

I am opposed to the Sandpiper route proposed by Enbridge Energy because we need to stop the raping of our natural and untouched land, watersheds, virgin forested areas, wetlands, and our productive farm land that is everyone's bread and butter and produces much food for this area. As stated in Rule Subp. 3. item B.

I am also concerned about leafy spurge, an invasive plant that can dominate desirable vegetation. It can take over pastures and natural areas and is toxic to cattle. Rendering the forage where it grows virtually unusable and resulting in an economic loss to farmers. It proliferates the dry, sandy soils in the southern half of Carlton County already. I have sandy soil on my farm and we have dairy cows and young stock and our farm is in the crosshairs of the pipeline.

Finally we need to protect and be good caretakers of the Earth which gives sustenance to all creatures living here. The Earth that sustains and governs us, and produces varied fruits and vegetables, colored flowers and herbs, and grains and grasses for our livestock. Also our water which is very useful, precious, and clean so far. So I strongly advocate for no new pipeline on private property.

Sincerely,



Caroline Johnson

David L Johnson
5950 Herranen Rd
Cromwell, MN
December 20, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

Last January I bought a 35 acre Finnish homestead along the southern pipeline route. It is an isolated and peaceful place surrounded by miles of unspoiled wild wetland. Had I known that a pipeline was proposed to go through it I never would have bought it. Others will have the same reaction, thus lowering the property value of my place.

My objections to the pipeline are fivefold.

1. Violation of pristine wetlands and the continuing diminution of wild land in general. Natural resources once used up are gone. A permanent cleared corridor through wild line for hundreds of miles, destroys habitat for wild flora and fauna. We are already losing habitat at an alarming rate. This unnecessary corridor only adds to that.
2. Property value loss. Speaks for itself. All things being equal land with a pipeline is going to be worth less than land without. Past payments by Enbridge of corridors are a one time thing and not generally enough to cover the loss of value and the bother of having trucks, inspectors, right of way clearing crews, etc for as long as the pipeline is there.
3. Initial and ongoing trespass and activity in a place where only nature has resided in the past.
4. The fear of pipeline failure and leaks (Enbridge has a history of numerous pipeline leaks, including the worst leak in North America on the Kalamazoo River in Michigan).
5. By making a whole new route for pipelines, observation and maintenance repair of pipeline safety will be doubled. Will Enbridge (a bottom line for profit business) be willing to spend the extra money to keep it safe? Their track record doesn't show a great willingness to

Deb Jones- Northrup
P.O. Box 84
Sawyer, MN 55780

November 14, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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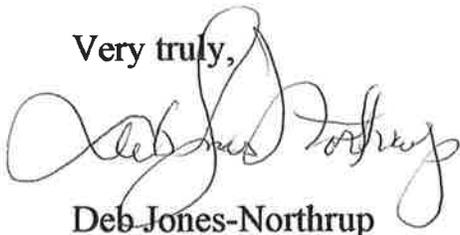
Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Southern Route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge energy.

The proposed pipeline would endanger the economies within the route, including agricultural, commercial or industrial, forestry, recreational, and mining operations. A major concern I have is the protection of the wild rice beds that the pipeline would & could affect. The watershed of area lakes and rivers are home to indigenous crops of wild rice along the route. Might not this affect the watersheds, therefore affecting the natural habitat of wild rice crops?

It seems this proposed pipeline is within 10 miles of my residence, so, I am deeply concerned about the natural resources within the area including clean-up and restoration practices of the Enbridge Energy Partners and subsidiaries.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Deb Jones Northrup". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Deb Jones-Northrup

November 2013

Judy Kreag
5127 Wyoming St.
Duluth, MN 55804

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 - 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

As a concerned citizen I would like to express my opinion on the proposed Enbridge pipeline that is slated to go through private land and especially organic farms where many people (including myself) buy their produce. The proposed southern route would negatively affect their organic certification, would disrupt carefully tended soils in construction/maintenance and possible spills, and cut through the forests of these farms disrupting the biodiversity needed for their successful operation.

I would like to see the many spills that have taken place over the past few years (Line 3 in Minnesota, Kalamazoo River in Michigan, Wisconsin, farm in North Dakota, etc. etc. etc.) being addressed before more pipes are laid down in our state. How much time and effort has gone into being sure that what already exists is properly maintained before they can just keep laying more pipelines? These large companies do not have a very good safety and success rate. Also, it does not make sense to me to abandon a pipeline and then move a corridor to a new place. If Enbridge has an old pipeline like Line 3, which they plan on replacing, then they should replace it in the same place, rather than disrupting even more of beautiful Minnesota. The many patches and fixes that have taken place are said to be normal maintenance, but why does a pipeline that is put in correctly in the first place need so much "normal maintenance"? Why does a pipeline need to be abandoned? It only leaves behind disturbed and ruined ecology and disrupts even more land.

I am wondering why this company cannot stay in the existing corridor? An excuse of expense does not make sense to a billion dollar company. The new proposed pipeline goes through hundreds of people's property with no assurance that their wildlife and beauty will be maintained. Why is this disruption necessary when an existing pipeline could be used? We need to consider our earth and how we treat it. People who live in the country chose to be there for the beauty and serenity that it brings. It is unfair to take that away from them by sacrificing their land for the profits of a billion dollar company. This pipeline would move oil from North Dakota through our beautiful state, but we are using less and less oil. Thus, the benefit of moving this oil through our state is not for us so much as to enhance the profits of Enbridge. Instead of a for-profit company dictating Minnesota land use, we need to develop a strategic plan for Minnesota which would include the input of citizens, counties, the DNR, and other regulating agencies to plan together how we want hazardous materials to be piped through our state. That way we can choose and plan for our state's land use proactively.

November 24, 2013

To: MN Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place E. #350, St. Paul, MN 55101-1-2147

From: Cheryl L. Larson, 4206 Turner Rd., Duluth, MN 55803-9258

Re: Enbridge Pipeline route, Docket #13-474

Hon. Commissioners,

Enbridge Energy needs to be required to place the proposed new pipeline in their existing mainline corridor. The short term gains to be enjoyed by the company will cause a long-term environmental change with negative consequences. The problems with pipeline corridors are well known and many – disruption to animal, insect and bird movement across the cuts, not to mention disruption to the landowners enjoyment of their land, are significant enough to cause the PUC to resist the company's requests for approval of the southern route for the proposed sandpiper pipeline.

A moratorium against cutting mature white pine was imposed by the DNR and has been in place since the 1990s. Respecting this moratorium is essential to protecting the environment in this area.

The southern route proposed will transect many organic farms that are relatively new and disrupt their economic benefit to the region and the owner/operators. Any spills on this land will have negative long range consequences for the region.

Please do not permit this new route.

Very truly yours,



Cheryl L. Larson

Kristie Laveau
624 Co Rd 4
Wrenshall MN 55797

11/19/2013

MN Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place E. Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route Docket number 13-474

Dear Commissioners:

I am strongly opposed to the Southern Route for the Sandpiper pipeline for the following reasons that are listed in the Criteria for pipeline route selection rule Subp 3.

Enbridge has proposed to run its pipeline through these lands that have not been disturbed for many years if it all. This is virgin ground that they want to dig up and place an oil line in. We need to keep our forest land intact and not let proliferation of our lands continue. These forests where I live are in the Lake Superior Water basin and the Namadji watershed areas. Trees that would be eliminated are essential in these areas to help stop erosion and sediment from entering these waters. Not to mention what an oil spill would do these waters. Many of the trees on my property are mature hardwoods that can not be replaced. These trees take a lifetime to become mature and I can't re-grow these trees to maturity before my lifetime ends.

We have very fertile farm land in this Southern Route that if disturbed will be become less profitable and even worthless. We need to keep our land fertile and untouched by construction of a pipeline. We have a very short growing season and don't need to halt or hinder the production of our crops. Getting the most vegetables or animal feed per acre is a benefit to everybody as more and more land is being taken over by corn for ethanol or developments and feeding the country is more important then gas or oil being shipped over seas.

In viewing the maps of the Southern route I see where this new line crosses many streams and rivers. Some are being crossed 3-4 times. I see where this line would run next to one of our very popular, historic, and important State Parks, Itasca St Pk. This is unexceptable. We need to keep these oil lines all together and not start a new line in this state! The impact of a spill (which is highly likely considering Enbridges reputation

and history of spills and unreported spills) is tremendous to these areas that we consider dear to us. We have an obligation to keep these lands clean and undisturbed.

As a state we need to stop the invasion of oil pipelines that are going to cross us from different states and Canada. They don't need to run all over this beautiful state that so many come to visit. We need to keep these lines in the same corridor they already exist in. We all know there will be more lines and more lines which is very unfortunate and backwards in the development of renewable energy. Why our Country feels that being the top producer and exporter of oil is a great thing in the future is laughable. We are so far behind the times in clean energy. MN should take a stand and say no to pipelines and yes to clean fuel sources. This state is being used as raceway for oil lines and we don't see many benefits. Soon there will be lines everywhere so big oil can export tons out of Lake Superior, Chicago, the Gulf, Etc. We as a state can stand up to that and should. Make Enbridge use its current corridors for this line and all future lines. Leave the rest of the state clean and free of oil.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristie Laveau". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and connected.

Kristie Laveau

Barb LeGarde
5132 Schulze Road
Hermantown, MN 55810

November 21, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Southern Route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge energy.

I feel the proposed pipeline will directly affect me as I get my food from the organic farms on this exact route.

I also use this area for cross country skiing, snow shoeing, and hiking.

For these reasons, if the Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed necessary, then Enbridge should be required to route the pipeline through their existing northern corridor or along existing utility corridors.

Very truly,



Ms Barb LeGarde

Louise Levy
722 North 13th Avenue East
Duluth, MN 55805

December 11, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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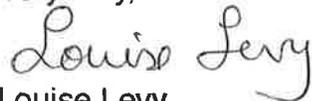
There is simply no compelling reason that this pipeline should follow any route other than Enbridge's current mainline corridor through Minnesota. Efficiencies of access and maintenance should be a priority and a focus, not bullying and threatening small private landowners who supply local, organically grown food and meat to those of us who live here.

Representative Sundin covered the specifics of how valuable our natural resources are in Carlton, Pine, and St. Louis Counties in his letter to Mr. Jim Crawford, Enbridge Energy. Please ask for a copy of this letter if you have not yet seen it.

I am particularly appalled at the treatment of Lynn Sue Mizner, owner of Chengwatana Farms in Aitkin County. Threats, lies, intimidation - this is not the way we treat each other in Minnesota. Her farm is as valuable as every other organic farm and deserves as much protection and support. Chengwatana Farms would be destroyed by this pipeline.

Please take seriously the lives and livelihoods of those of us who live in this area. Please require Enbridge to utilize the existing mainline corridor through Minnesota.

Very truly,



Louise Levy

CC Lynn Sue Mizner
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Palisade, MN 56469

Governor Mark Dayton
75 Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
130 State Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155

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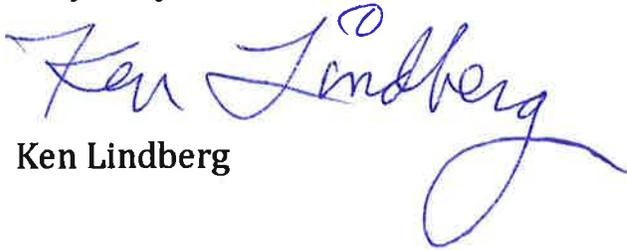
As an appreciative recipient of food from the farm of Lynn Mizner of rural Palisade, MN I was appalled upon hearing the news of the proposed Sandpiper Enbridge pipeline and its proposed route through her prime, river bottom, extremely fertile land. Although her land is not certified organic due to the prohibitive cost for a small family operation, she adheres to, and actually exceeds those standards, a fact that her many satisfied customers will attest to. Besides vegetables, she raises pastured chickens, sheep pigs and cattle. She and her son and daughter-in-law whose economic future depends on this land have created an extensive fencing system to rotationally graze and thereby produce healthy animals as well as a deep porous topsoil which is both drought resistant and which very effectively soaks up rain water, preventing run off and erosion. A pipeline, and any future maintenance, repair or additions would destroy her fencing each time it occurred, and cause her to have to sell off carefully, selectively bred livestock due to their grass and hay supply being interrupted. Fences and gates would have to be rebuilt. This is totally unacceptable as a farmer's profit margin is slim under the best of circumstances, even without this new threat.

Alternative routes are quite available on established right of ways that would prevent this most industrious family from having their goals of expanding and contributing to the food security of our area. The future may very well bring catastrophes to our world food system over which we have

no control. What we can control is protecting the most fertile of our scarce Northern Minnesota farmland and the families that are sustained by it.

For these reasons, if the Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed necessary, then Enbridge should be required to rout the pipeline through their existing northern corridor or along existing utility corridors.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ken Lindberg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end of the name.

Ken Lindberg

Sincerely,

February 5, 2014

Larry Hartman, Environmental Review Manager
Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA)
Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 – 7th Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, MN 55101

#13-474

Dear Mr. Hartman:

I am writing in support of the Carlton County residents working to minimize the damage that will be caused if the Sandpiper pipeline corridor is constructed. Since this venture is a for-profit endeavor by a private business, they should use any one of the viable route alternatives endorsed by elected Carlton County officials, the Soil and Water Conservation District and Wrenshall Township supervisors.

The proposed route is in the best interest only of Enbridge.

The proposed route is not in the best interest of the immediate public, the landowners and farmers being forced to accept the damage and the risks of a new pipeline corridor. Routing the corridor through the abandoned railway or existing right-of-ways will help hold Enbridge accountable for their spills and leaks, rather than foisting that burden onto the landowners. Enbridge should not be allowed to reap all the profits without incurring the risks; the landowners should not be forced to take on the risks when they will not share the profit.

The landowners have demonstrated active stewardship that protects and enhances the natural resources, serving the neighboring and extended public with sustainable forms of fresh, local agricultural products. The loss of prime farm land is a national concern, especially in light of global climate changes, which are shifting food production north. Even the most cursory look at the spill and leak record reveals Enbridge's lack of demonstrated stewardship, protection or enhancement of their pipeline routes.

The proposed route is not in the best interests of the neighboring public, their customers who depend on the resources being provided by the landowners. The neighboring public will share the risks without any possibility of benefitting financially from the pipeline.

The proposed route is not in the best interests of the extended public, which includes me, a resident of the Lake Superior Basin. As a resident of a county known for its excess of heavy clay soils, well-cared-for, healthy, friable soil is black gold. These landowners do the day-by-day work of protecting and improving the health of their lands. Their stewardship has created ongoing increases in the availability of fresh, local agricultural products. Carlton County's prime farmland is the most productive in the region, earning the title of the breadbasket for northeastern Minnesota.

The justification for this pipeline corridor should include the needs of, and impacts to, the people it will affect directly; it should include more than the purported need of the company to increase profits. The profits of this company benefit a handful of people for the immediate moment; conversely, the farmers, if allowed to farm without harassment, will benefit thousands, for as many generations as there are farmers who will farm. The pipeline will destroy many acres of

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I am very, very opposed to the proposed Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline. Your guidelines in selecting and designation for issuing a pipeline routing permit disusses human settlement and economies w/in that route. In Carlton County, there are hundreds of families and jobs that occupy the area.

I am a student at University of Minnesota, Duluth, and I am trying to live my ethics. Part of this involves eating local food and supporting my small business neighbors.

I would overwhelmingly support the rerouting of the pipeline close to existing pipeline areas. Please do not approve current plans. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Mensing
930 N 13th Ave.
DULUTH MN 55805

student, member of

Minnesota Public Interest Research Group
(MPIRG)

Kathryn Milun
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Duluth, MN 55812

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

Under Subp.3. **Criteria**, I understand that the commission will consider the proposed pipeline's impact on the natural environment, its cumulative potential effects, and its impact on economies within the route. I am a public school teacher, a member of our local whole foods coop, and a citizen who feels strongly about my obligation to protect the economic, natural, and regional public goods that the Carlton County lands under consideration provide to my community. These public goods belong to all of us: the local organic farmers; my students who are learning to transform decades of destructive land uses into sustainable practices that will help them lead healthy lives; and the future generations with whom we share this county and this planet. I understand the risks that Enbridge's proposed pipeline brings to our community. The land-damaging oil spills and gas leaks are well documented in our neighbors Michigan and Wisconsin. Such spills into our Lake Superior watershed would be disastrous to our local organic farmlands and our drinking water sources. I beg you to consider your own role as the protector of the public good in Minnesota. Do not allow Enbridge to put their pipeline through our local organic farmlands.

I teach my students and my children how to live in this state as stewards of our public good and our earth's great gifts. We know that we should be working to place less CO2 into the atmosphere to mitigate the harmful effects of climate change. We know that we should be supporting land use practices that are sustainable and future oriented, uses that are not based on the short term needs of a gas-gluttonous society. I strongly urge you to act on behalf

of our local organic farmers and deny Enbridge the precious gift of our public right of way through these farmlands. Eminent domain should be used for the public need, interest, and good. You have the authority to make the right decision in this case. Thank you for acting on behalf of our region and our future Minnesotans.

For these reasons, if the Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed necessary, then Enbridge should be required to rout the pipeline through their existing northern corridor or along existing utility corridors.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Milun

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Enbridge pipeline entirely, but if it is to be built ~~it~~ cannot use the ~~the~~ southern route. The pipeline itself and the product it transports poses a threat to the local environment and public lands in potential oil spills and pollution caused by the burning of the product. Just recently there has been the catastrophic Kalamazoo River pipeline spill which has destroyed our food and environment in a large area. The land near the southern route of the proposed Enbridge pipeline is far too precious to risk such a disaster. I eat a lot of the food produced in the area through the ~~coop grocery~~ Whole Foods coop in Duluth where I live.

Sincerely,

Calvin Miner

Calvin Miner

4214 Dodge St
Duluth MN, 55804

Liz Minette
27 Lincoln Lane, Esko, MN 55733

November 14, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Southern Route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge energy.

I am opposed to it because of the devastation the Southern route might cause to families who would be affected because the pipeline might run through their farm, where they make their living, or through a forest(s) or wetland(s) on their property that they have stewarded, taken very good care of for years.

I fear the route might disrupt wetlands, forests, sugarbushes (maple tree stands for syruping), people's lives in so far their farming practices which is their main, or only source of income. I fear it might disrupt domestic and wild animals in their lives and how they exist in Carlton County.

I appreciate any attention you give to this letter. Thank you.

Very truly,



Liz Minette

Roberta Mfistretta
 Bud Turner
 3954 Maple Dr So.
 Barnum, MN 55707

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
 121 7th Place East - Suite 350
 St Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route
 Docket # 13-474

Honorable Commissioners,

I am opposed to the southern route for the Enbridge Pipeline. There is no reason they can't go through their existing northern route or along existing utility corridors.

We cannot continue to destroy very needed farm land that for decades now is clean of pollutants from organic farming practices. The ecosystems that will be impacted and destroyed have huge consequences for all life.

Please have this pipeline utilize what is already in place via the northern route.

Sincerely -
 Roberta Mfistretta
 Bud Turner

502 Madison Ave.
Duluth, MN 55811
December 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

I believe this proposed southern route does not consider several of the Minnesota Revisor of Statutes at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=7852.1900>

- a. Human settlement and existing and planned future land use. Food farms for Duluth
- b. Economies with the route, including agricultural
- c. Use of existing rights-of-way and right-of-way sharing or paralleling

The proposed site of the pipeline crosses the prime agricultural lands of Carlton County providing food (organic and otherwise) for the Duluth-Superior area including farmers markets and the Whole Foods Co-op, a most valuable economic asset in Duluth which is considering expansion to a second store and needs access to locally and sustainably grown local agriculture as do several local restaurants. In addition, the construction process itself will destroy the farm lands farmers have worked so hard to upgrade and maintain. So it is not only the food for the region but the livelihoods of the farm communities who work that land that would be sacrificed by the present proposed routing of the pipeline.

For these reasons, if the Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed necessary, then Enbridge should be required to route the pipeline through their existing northern corridor, or along existing utility corridors.

Very truly,



Henry O Moore

Thomas W. Morgan
4801 Tioga St.
Duluth, MN 55804

25 November, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 551091-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

I believe that any new pipeline should be sited along Enbridge's current mainline corridor or at a minimum follow existing utility easements. The farms, forests and wetlands along the proposed route are precious to all of us – not just to the people who live on them. They are irreplaceable resources and heritage. They produce healthy organic food for many as well as provide for natural diversity, a healthy community and protection against invasive species.

A pipeline helps exploit hydrocarbon resources for the short term. Preserving a natural landscape and traditional way of life is long-term thinking. Please find a way to route any new pipeline through existing corridors.

Sincerely,



Thomas W. Morgan

Debbie Morrison
2752 215th Avenue
Mora, MN 55051

November 12, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 551101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Southern route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge Energy.

I am concerned about the serious impact that this proposed pipeline will have on the natural environment, and especially how it will impact organic agriculture in the area.

Organic agriculture is dependent on sustaining a biological balance in the soils, and a pipeline will destroy the natural biology that is so crucial for organic food production. Small farms are also small businesses, and small businesses should not be forced to be hurt just to benefit a large business such as Enbridge.

Please do not allow Enbridge to negatively impact our agriculture community, small business community, and our food supply.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Debbie Morrison', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Debbie Morrison

Barbara Nichols
3240 Jericho Road
Barnum, Minnesota
55707

November 14, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Southern Route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge energy.

The Blackhoof River Valley is a community of farms, farm families and richly diverse wildlife. The proposed Southern Route for the Sandpiper Pipeline would interfere greatly with not only the farms and farm families in the area, but also the natural environment. We may not be a large community, but our families rely on the rich, fertile farmlands for our food and the livelihood of many.

The Blackhoof River and the surrounding area are pristine wildlife areas. The pipeline would potentially have grave environmental impact on the existing wildlife. The danger to our water used for both drinking and recreation is terrifying. The Enbridge spills in other rural area have been well documented. Enbridge has proven with its track record to be a spill and dump corporation. Their clean-up record in other spill areas has been limited and unsatisfactory. Many residents have been unable to return to their homes. Wildlife in those areas have not returned to their pre-spill levels. Future health problems are looming for both the human as well as plant and animal populations.

Please reconsider allowing Enbridge any further access to our communities and lands.

Very truly,



Barbara Nichols

Phillip H. Norrgard
345 Prevost Rd.
Cloquet, MN 55720

December 4, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I am very opposed to Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline. I believe it violates the criteria listed below.

Subp.3. Criteria.

B. the natural environment, public and designated lands, including but not limited to natural areas, wildlife habitat, water, and recreational lands;

D. economies within the route, including agricultural, commercial, or industrial, forestry, recreational, and mining operations;

I am very unhappy with the proposed southern route because it endangers the prime sustainable farming operations in our county. I am opposed to it going through Jay Cooke State Park at all. I am also opposed to it not following existing pipeline easements. Please consider a different route that is not so damaging as this one. If the Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed absolutely necessary, then Enbridge should be required to route the pipeline through their existing northern corridor, or along existing utility corridors!

Sincerely,



Phillip H. Norrgard

Angela L Piket
5444 Stark Rd
Proctor, MN 55810
Nov. 21, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

As a forest ecologist with a B.S. in biology and a M.S. in forestry who has worked for many years in the area of climate change, I am opposed to Enbridge Pipeline (ND) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

I view this route as not meeting Subp.3. Criteria B to take the natural environment into consideration. The creation of a 120ft 'temporary' corridor thru currently undisturbed forest and wetlands would be detrimental to all aspects of forest health including but not limited to wildlife habitat, water quality and forest processes. After spending some years working on a research project in the wetlands of northern Minnesota, I have seen first hand how even light disturbance, such as foot traffic, can take the system years to fully recover. The disturbance of the soil layers caused by heavy machinery would take much longer for the system to recover from. The health of our wetlands directly affects the water quality of our area.

Another ecological standpoint to consider in not choosing the southern route and the creation of new pipeline corridors is in the area of forest fragmentation. The existence of a 'temporary' corridor, not to mention the final corridor width, would cause current undisturbed forest areas to become smaller, i.e. fragmented. This could change the dynamics of forest flora and fauna along the edges and corridor. If some of these forest fragments become too small it could even become uninhabitable to some forest species. Following an existing right-of-way could help mitigate the impact of even this one issue.

Sincerely,



Angela Piket

Todd C Piket
5444 Stark Rd
Proctor, MN 55810
December 20, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper pipeline because the proposed route will have a significant negative impact on several organic farms in that area. The Food Farm is only one farm that would be impacted by the proposed route, but it is that farm that supplies my family with incredibly delicious, nutritious, high quality vegetables through their affordable community supported agriculture (CSA) program. The Food Farm, along with the other farms in the area, creates a healthy, positive environment for the local economy by providing affordable, high quality, organic produce to local restaurants, cooperatives, super markets and hospitals.

In my opinion, such a negative impact to The Food Farm, and other farms in the area, clearly indicates this route should be rejected by reason of subparagraph 3, criteria D in the Criteria for Pipeline Route Selection.

Thank you for your taking the time to make the wisest possible decision in this matter.

Sincerely,



Todd Piket

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I am a geology student at the University of
Minnesota Duluth. (mining and exploration geology focus)

I would like to stress the ~~importance~~ importance of
a thorough environmental impact assessment and feasibility
Report.

Please weigh the long-term and short-term costs/benefits.

- Take into consideration the :
- environmental impact of unexpected accidents
 - economic costs/benefits of the newly proposed pipeline track
 - community support/disposal of this project as a whole.

An informed decision maker

Is an empowered decision maker.

Sincerely,



Scott A. Billan
2104 East 1st street
Duluth, MN 55812

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

121 7th Place East, Suite 350

Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

The proposed Sandpiper pipeline should be laid along existing pipelines or highways. Why should money be spent to inspect in an attempt to ensure safety along a new pipeline route when adequacy of safety inspections is already lacking along existing routes?

Why permit any easier distribution from the tar sands or from fracked oil, when more consideration should be given to the finite life of such resources and to the disastrous consequences which has been shown to result from their exploitation? The EPA has no rules developed to safeguard the fracking process. Tar sands production is a disaster beyond mitigation.

Regulatory agencies must do all their homework before rubber-stamped approval is given.

Sincerely,



David Reisenweber

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Duluth, MN 55812-1142

Ph. 218-728-1508

bigwater@clearwire.net

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

As proposed the Sandpiper pipeline would pass through some of the area's best farmland--land which produces organic foods for Duluth and the area. Because other pipelines currently exist in the area, please put the proposed Sandpiper pipeline along the extant route, and not expose more of the region to spills.

You are aware of the long history of Enbridge pipelines rupturing and releasing toxic oil. These ruptures are not unlikely. They would despoil farmlands and wetlands. Such an event would impact the lives not only of landowners and wildlife, but those who depend on the farm produce. The cost of these spills too likely are born by the people. Minnesotans want the PUC to consider seriously its responsibility to the citizenry present and future.

Sincerely,



Doretta (Dorie) Reisenweber

Alma Gold Bindon
338 Stanley, Kelo Two Harbors MN, 55616
November 21st, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place, East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

I am most concerned by item D, which states that agricultural economies should be considered. Farming land suitable for organic production is only becoming more scarce. The land must be ideal and in great condition. If the Sandpiper Pipeline is necessary, then Enbridge should be required to route the pipeline through their northern or along existing utility corridors.

Deanne M. Roquet
315 West Oxford Street
Duluth, MN 55803

November 21, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to Enbridge Pipeline (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

I oppose this proposed pipeline because the proposal submitted routes through a crucial agricultural area in Carlton County. Food security and local food initiatives are very important to our future in the Duluth region. Minnesota Statutes charge the PUC with specific criteria for Pipeline Route Selection which includes considering impacts to the natural environment, wildlife habitat, and water along with impacts on human settlement issues such as food and agriculture. I ask that you take these issues into account and reject the proposed route.

My family and I rely on food grown within our region, specifically at the Food Farm in Wrenshall, for a large portion of our diet. The construction of a pipeline through this property will impair the ability of growing organic food at this farm. As well, this area of Carlton County contains fertile land for growing food crops in a region that is challenged to produce food due to climate and soil. Every acre of productive land should be preserved!

The natural environment contains many streams that run to Lake Superior, that are in the watershed to the largest freshwater lake in the world. It needs to be preserved and not degraded.

For these reasons, if the Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed necessary, and only if deemed necessary, then Enbridge should be required to route the pipeline through their existing northern corridor or along exiting utility corridors and not degrade other lands in this area.

Sincerely,



Deanne M. Roquet

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

TO → Dear Honorable Commissioners:

FROM → TOM RUTNER
5114 Oakley St.
Duluth MN 55804

11-21-13

RE - Opposition to - Southern Route, Enbridge,
Sandpiper Pipeline
- Docket # 13-474

- Subp. 3. ① The economic role of organic, sustainable farming
Criteria are increasingly important. The diminishment or
D loss of this aspect of agriculture from the proposed
pipeline alignment has both short and long
term implications which are not necessary.
- Criteria ② Utilize existing alignments, if this application
F is approved. Consider not approving this application.
- Criteria ③ Undesired, unwanted, unnecessary impact of construction
G & I on local watershed headwaters, wetlands, riparian
corridors. These impacts cannot be mitigated in
a natural, functioning manner. The proposed final
maintenance corridor for the pipeline violates
Sincerely, the fabric of the natural landscape where it exists.
This disruption is for the life of the pipeline and
beyond. The natural resources provide benefits,
economic as well as natural and used accounted
for in the environmental and P.O.C. evaluations.

- OVER -

Eileen Schantz-Hansen
2140 Gillogly Rd
Carlton, MN 55718-9131

November 14, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Southern Route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge energy.

My land is in Minnesota Land Trust specifically not to be developed and to be available to future generations. But I am concerned for my neighbors' properties that would be affected by the proposed route. The use of the land for food production, natural habitat, and wetland protection is very important to me.

The Commission should follow the criteria and use the existing right of ways for any new pipeline.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eileen Schantz-Hansen".

Eileen Schantz-Hansen

James Sheetz
Historic Scott House
1321 County Road 4
Carlton, MN 55718

November 23, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Southern Route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge energy.

I am the proprietor of the Historic Scott House, an event center in rural Carlton County. I depend on local farmers to provide me with fresh local organic vegetables to serve my customers throughout the season. My customers have come to expect a high level of culinary experience at my establishment and the organic vegetables I'm provided with is part of what makes this excellence possible.

The proposed Enbridge Sandpiper pipeline would jeopardize these farms and diminish their ability to provide my business with food. The Scott House is a sustainable business in Carlton County that provides a real economic livelihood for the community. Any risk to this business in favor of a foreign company providing temporary jobs for a pipeline that is unwelcome in our community is unacceptable.

For these reasons, if the Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed necessary, then Enbridge should be required to route the pipeline through their existing northern corridor or along existing utility corridors.

Very truly,

James Sheetz

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I disagree wholeheartedly with the route of the Enbridge pipeline because of the harmful effects on the farmland, trees, water, animals, etc. Our farmland is scarce here in southern Minnesota and needs to be preserved by our healthy farm methods. I have the highest regard for all those working to save and preserve our beautiful planet.

I plead with you to change the pipeline so it does not touch the farmland in any way. If you feel that it is such a need, then please go through the existing utility corridors.

Thank you,
Theresa J. Miller

Sincerely,

Janice Stanslaski
1850 Gallinger Gallinger Trail
Barnum, MN 55707

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Ste. 350
St. Paul MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket No. 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed the Southern route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge Energy.

My home of 41 years is situated in the Township of Blackhoof, Carlton County, MN. For as many years, I have enjoyed the beauty of a spring fed stream which runs through our property to the Blackhoof River, which is a designated trout stream, eventually making its way to Lake Superior. This stream originates in property just to our north which is in the path of the pipeline as suggested by Enbridge. It would be a catastrophe for the wetland where this stream originates be desecrated by an unforeseen oil spill.

We have work many hours on our land making hiking trails and appreciate the beauty of our land. The ancient Military Road, once used by people coming from Fort Snelling to Douglas County is also part of our property.

I am aware that many organic farmers in our area would be affected by the pipeline and I am hoping the Enbridge would consider using their existing corridor.

Very truly,



Janice M. Stanslaski

John Stanslaski
1850 Gallinger Trail
Barnum, MN 55707

November 19, 2013

Commissioners
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 551101-2147

Re: MPUC Docket No. P16667/PPL-13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline. I would prefer using the existing pipeline corridor.

Under Rule 7852.1900, Subp. 3, B. states that for criteria for pipeline route selection, the natural environmental impact needs to be considered including water, wildlife habitat, and recreational lands. Specifically, I am concerned about my property and the one to the north which has a designated trout stream by the DNR on it which goes directly to the Blackhoof river. And, the Blackhoof river runs into the Nemadji River watershed which flows into Lake Superior. The proposed route is through the north tree and brush side of the wetlands and 3 creeks coming together to one which goes into the Blackhoof River.

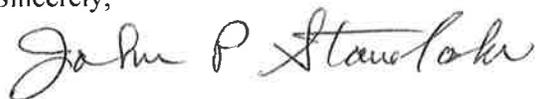
If there were a leak or spill from the pipeline, it would flow directly into our property and the Blackhoof River on down the watershed to Lake Superior. The Blackhoof River does not freeze and runs year round because it is spring fed, so there would be no time to mitigate or clean up a spill before it reaches Lake Superior.

This watershed is priceless not only to me, but also to all the landowners along the watershed and communities which depend on the fresh water of Lake Superior for their drinking water. Only the landowners on the proposed pipeline corridor would be compensated for the easement, but it is all of the rest of the landowners and communities along the watershed that have all the risk and no compensation from a spill, break or leak.

Also, if the pipeline is built through the areas of 3 creeks and treed wetlands, the trees will be cut along the route and the water will no longer be slowed down by trees and brush, therefore more erosion will end up in the Blackhoof River. Thus, the pipeline corridor would negate the local Soil and Water District's work to clean up the water quality of the Blackhoof River from erosion.

For these reasons, if the Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed necessary, then Enbridge should be required to route the pipeline through their existing northern corridor.

Sincerely,



John Stanslaski

Alison Suominen
2980 Big Lake Rd.
Cloquet, MN 55720

November 14, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Southern Route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge Energy. I am greatly concerned about the impact of the pipeline on our natural environment, resources and features. I have spent my whole life living in the Carlton County area enjoying the natural areas, wildlife habitat, water, and recreational lands through hiking, canoeing, camping, and hunting. In trying to live and eat healthy, I am concerned about how the proposed pipeline would affect the deer and wild game we hunt and eat as a family. Our family has also recently purchased farmland to contribute to this area's breadbasket of healthy, organic foods for families. It is imperative that we limit the barriers to the growing movement of new farm producers and protect the carefully tended prime farmland.

Very truly,



Alison Suominen

Makayla Suominen
2980 Big lake Rd.
Cloquet MN 55720

November 14, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Southern Route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge energy. I have lived in Carlton County my whole life. I enjoy life in the woods, camping, hiking, and small scale farming. Our family recreates and lives off the natural environment, wildlife habitat, and resources. We hunt deer and water fowl so it is imperative that the natural environment and wet lands are protected so that the food we put on the table will keep us healthy. If our forests are affected we will lose lots of our game. I am concerned about how the proposed pipeline would affect our drinking water as well as our lakes and rivers that we enjoy fishing and swimming in. We can not have our water around us polluted. It would be sad to see the livelihood of so many affected when they are trying to have a natural-organic life.

Very truly,

Makayla Suominen

Makayla Suominen

I do not want the pipeline to go
in my friends farm. I drink
milk from their farm

thankyou

Seija Suominen

#13-474

Marian Syrjamaki-Kuchta
1938 Lawn Street
Duluth MN 55812-1156

December 11, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Southern Route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge Energy.

I love that Carlton County has been producing such great, local fresh organic foods. This prime farmland is being developed to produce food security in NE Minnesota. I shop at the Whole Foods Co-op in Duluth and am very proud of farmers like John Fisher-Merritt, Janaki Merritt, and Karola and Rick Dalen, for example, in addition to the Locally Laid egg producer...all who have built wonderful farms on this land. These farmers are great local producers of healthy local foods for our area. I would hate their farms to be interrupted by a dangerous pipeline ... a pipeline which could be located elsewhere....but, it is not possible to locate that soil elsewhere.

For these reasons, if the Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed necessary, then Enbridge should be required to route the pipeline through their existing northern corridor or along existing utility corridors.

Very truly,

Marian Syrjamaki-Kuchta

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marian Syrjamaki-Kuchta". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Beth Tamminen
502 Madison Avenue
Duluth MN 55811-5928
November 24, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Ste. 350
St. Paul MN 55101-2147

RE: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline as proposed by Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC.

This route would significantly damage the agricultural economy of Carlton County along this route, disrupting and destroying soil and water resources needed by local farmers, including organic farmers and those who provide Community-Supported Agriculture products to the Duluth region.

As a consumer of the organic farm products from this section of Carlton County, I am deeply disturbed by the potential loss of this prized source of healthy food for my family.

I am also disturbed by the major set-back this pipeline would cause to a local food production system which is re-starting in our region.

AS a resident of the Lake Superior watershed, and a citizen whose drinking water comes from Lake Superior, I am concerned about the possibility of spills into the nearby wetlands that feed the Nemadji River.

Finally, as the daughter/granddaughter of an immigrant family which farmed in northern St. Louis County – with barely family-sustaining results from much labor – I know that the quality soil available in Carlton County can make a huge difference in the viability of farming operations in Northeastern Minnesota.

To cut through this farmland, forest and wetland area for an oil pipeline would have deeply negative effects on our regional economy and health.

I strongly urge you to require Enbridge to re-route this pipeline through their existing northern corridor, if indeed this pipeline is deemed to be needed.

Thank you.



Beth Tamminen

November 26, 2013

Sarah Thyng
2200 Brandt Rd.
Mahtowa, MN 55707

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:-

I am opposed to the Enbridge Pipeline (North Dakota), LLC proposed Southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

The criteria for the pipeline route selection lists that impact to "economies within the route, including agricultural, commercial or industrial, forestry, recreational, and mining operations" shall be considered. The proposed Southern route would have a major agricultural impact if the pipeline were to be installed in this location. The proposed route would cut through many farms, greatly reducing their yield both during and in the recovery period after construction. Many of these farms are organic farms which would lose their organic certification completely if the pipeline were installed on their property. Maple syrup farms would lose their mature trees and even if these were replaced, they wouldn't produce collectable Sap for another 45 years. Carlton County is one of the largest produce suppliers for the surrounding area, including the city of Duluth which is the fourth largest city in the state. Bisecting these farms for the installation of a potential contamination source would have a major immediate and long-term impact not just to these farm owners, but the entire community.

Kathryn Vigliaturo
2485 Hay Lake Road
Carlton, MN 55718

November 12, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Plce East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Royte, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Southern Route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge energy.

My family farm was founded by my grandfather around 1900. David and Sarah Lavigne and their son Ed made thier way out to what is now Hay Lake Road with just a team of horses and some primitave farm tools. The farm has been in our family ever since. I have a great respect for the land and want to preserve our natural landscape for the next generation. A proliferation of pipeline corridors in Carlton County would put that future land use in jeapordy.

I would encourage the PUC and Enbridge Energy to site any new pipeline along existing right of way. Our farmland is our past as well as our future. My granddaughter, Gabrielle is in the 9th grade. She would like to grow up to be a farmer and a vetrenarian, I would like my land to stay in tact for her to use and prosper from.

Ten years ago the original white pines on the farm were removed for a power line. I would hate to see the land in the area futher disrupted. I believe Enbridge Energy should use the corridor they already have for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn Vigliaturo". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Kathryn Vigalaturo

Marie Ward
2625 County Road 103
Barnum, MN 55707

November 23, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Southern Route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge energy.

The proposed route would cut through my 40 acres. I've lived on my land since I was 4 years old and now I'm 71. My daughter lives on the farm with me and she has three children that live on the place with us as well. I have a hobby farm and use the property for hunting and gardening. The hobby farm includes Pot belly pigs, chickens, rabbits, ducks, and guinea fowl. A pipeline would destroy the soil that we've spent so long to develop and that supports our way of living.

We forage for wild blackberries, wild strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, chokecherries, plums and gooseberries that we use for jam and preserves. We hunt on the property to provide food for our family and maintaining the forest habitat for deer and wild crops is essential. Maintaining this sustainable land use is completely necessary for us to continue to live the way we've chosen on our own property. The idea that a foreign company could take our land by immanent domain and destroy what we've spent a lifetime to build is revolting.

This fall we were blessed to have a pair of swans on our lake. We also have untouched wetlands on our property. We care deeply for the health of the water on our land as well as the entire lake superior watershed. Enbridge's record of spills presents a real threat to the health of this watershed.

We have old growth oak trees on our property that are of historical significance in our community. We can't sacrifice these trees to short term benefits of an oil pipeline.

For these reasons, if the Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed necessary, then Enbridge should be required to route the pipeline through their existing northern corridor or along existing utility corridors.

Very truly,

Marie Ward

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marie Ward". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Jennifer Webb
5317 Medina St
Duluth MN 55807

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

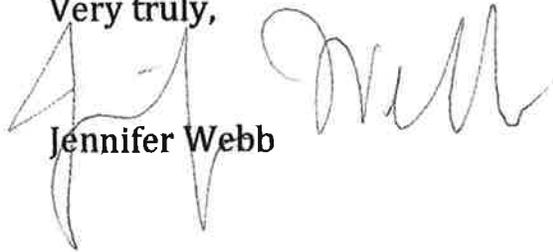
Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline because, as planned, it will pass not only through the breadbox of North-eastern Minnesota but will impact an area rich in natural resources. Minnesota voters demonstrated their commitment to protecting our state's natural resources when we voted to raise our taxes to protect the arts and the environment. This pipeline does not respect the spirit of that vote.

In addition, I believe that organic, small farmers are critical to the preservation and protection of local eco-structures. I was raised going to farmer's markets, composting at my home and continue to eat locally and support local CSAs. The Twin Ports area has been taken enormous steps towards a vibrant local food movement that is sustainable and widely supported. Building this pipeline will not only reverse this process but also irreversibly damage some of the largest organic farms in the region.

For these reasons, if the Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed necessary, then Enbridge should be required to rout the pipeline through their existing northern corridor or along existing utility corridors.

Very truly,


Jennifer Webb

Frances Ann Weber
2602 County Road 104
Barnum, MN 55707

November 14, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Pice East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

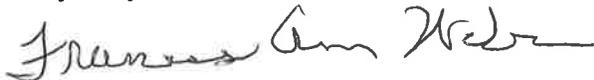
I am opposed to the Southern Route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge Energy.

The proposed pipeline would pass just south of my land in eastern Carlton County, cutting through mature forests of oak, maple and basswood lined with wetlands. I am very concerned about the impact on this pristine environment, in particular the extrordinary flora and fauna of the area. We are blessed to have this greenspace in eastern Carlton County and I urge you to recognize that this land needs protection from the Sandpiper pipeline project.

I am also asking you to please understand that this area is a food producing land and that the southern route for the Sandpiper pipeline would adversely influence the quality of this locally grown food. The pipeline would not only undermine the hard, hard work of many eastern Carlton county farmers, but might also destroy their livelihoods. Again, I hope you will support our locally grown foods by eliminating the Southern route of the Sandpiper project.

I am opposed to the southern route and hope the Commission will consider the use of existing rights of way for the Sandpiper project.

Very truly,



Frances Ann Weber

Larry A. Weber
2602 County Road 104; Barnum, MN 55707

November 12, 2013

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121 7th Plice East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

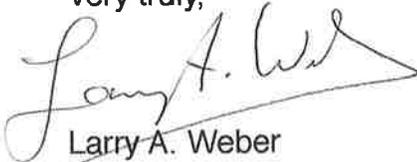
Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Southern Route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge energy.

I am a landowner residing on property which the proposed pipeling would pass next to. Our land as well as that of the neighbors is pristine with mature forests of oak, maple and basswood and several wetlands. Wildlife abounds here and I have recorded more than two hundred species of birds. The property also has a rich and varied flora and fauna that help to maintain the diversity that is so important to the region. The pipeline would have an immense negative impact on the ecology of the area.

Enbridge has other existing routes that should be used for this projected route. I am opposed to the Southern Route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge energy.

Very truly,



Larry A. Weber

Jeanne Wesley
2421 Kelly Paulson Road
Carlton, MN 55718

November 23, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

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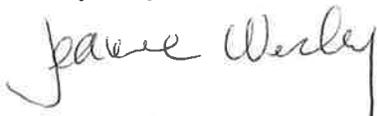
My primary concern is for the agricultural economy of the area. The Southern Route would devastate fertile farmland that supports many family farms that supply our region with fresh, nourishing food and help sustain a healthy local economy.

Just one example is the strawberry farm of Doug and Diane Finke, which is located across County Road 5 from my home. I pick and purchase fresh strawberries at Finke's almost every day during the season, as do my neighbors and many people I know from surrounding communities from Two Harbors down to Willow River. Last summer, while picking berries, I struck up a conversation with a woman who comes all the way up from Hinckley every summer to pick because of the quality of this farm's produce. Many local youth and retired people are employed at the berry farm throughout the spring, summer and fall.

I fear that the proposed Southern Route would ruin the livelihood of my neighbors the Finkes, eliminate the seasonal jobs they provide to many local people, and deprive people of our region of healthful food.

The safeguarding of the local economy and regional food supply is just one of the many reasons that if the Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed necessary, then Enbridge should be required to route the pipeline through their existing northern corridor or along existing utility corridors.

Very truly,



Jeanne Wesley

Patrick J. Wesley
2421 Kelly Paulson Road
Carlton, Minnesota 55718

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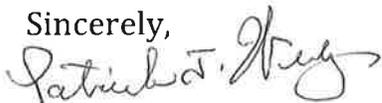
Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

I live directly next to the proposed southern route. Actually, I live on a short dirt road that will be used to access this route. This road is made of soft loose gravel that my neighbor donated to assist in leveling the road. This road supports his tractor and automobiles, but it could not support the continued travel of the heavy trucks and pipes that Enbridge will require. The majority of the road fronts my property. Who will be required to pay for maintaining this road? Generally, it's the property owner who fronts this road. That means I will be maintaining the road for this pipeline. Moreover, my property value will be destroyed. What purchaser of mine property wants, not only to maintain a road for Enbridge's construction period, but the access to maintain the road for years to come. This doesn't even address the noise and dust associated with these trucks traveling the road during the construction period or our own sharing of this same access road during our annual haying of our property.

For these reasons, if the Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed necessary, then Enbridge should be required to route the pipeline through their existing northern corridor or along existing utility corridors.

Sincerely,


Patrick J. Wesley

Annika Whitcomb

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

As a member of the Duluth community I am opposed to the Enbridge Pipelines LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline. Enbridge should be prohibited to an additional route across private land. Any new incoming pipeline should be sited along Enbridge's current mainline or at a minimum follow existing utility easements. This pipeline will destroy the beautiful production of locally grown food, natural wildlife areas, and recreational lands. Minnesota is known for its beautiful natural features and this pipeline will have a large degradation impact. A bigger picture needs to be viewed instead of the narrow "positive" aspect of this proposed plan. This will impact thousands of farmers, ecosystems, animals, and even ~~the~~ ourselves. Let us not interfere with the environment anymore than we already have. Please stop this proposal.

Sincerely,

Annika Whitcomb


Address: 2014 Goshline Hall 1215 Village Lane, Duluth MN, 55812

Leslie Williamson White
1219 E 6th St
Duluth 55805

December 11, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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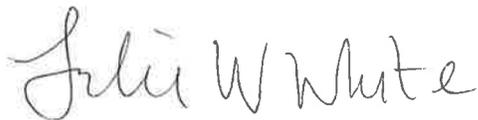
I feel that the proposed southern route of the pipeline would interfere unduly with agricultural operations that are already well established in this area. Among other factors, it would wreak

havoc with the natural layers of soil, rendering it unfit for organic farming. The food produced in this area of Carlton County is distributed and purchased by thousands of local residents, and is an important part of our regional economy.

The proposed area also includes a large area of very bio-diverse forested land, which would be impacted adversely by this wide swath of land devoted to the pipeline. Many species of plants and animals need contiguous land in order to thrive and survive. These ecosystems, forests and wetlands, are crucial to this area.

For these reasons, if the Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed necessary, then Enbridge should be required to route the pipeline through their existing northern corridor or along existing utility corridors.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie W. White". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Leslie Williamson White

Donna Williainen
2283 Olson Road
Carlton, MN 55718

November 14, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Southern Route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge energy.

I am a landowner residing on property which the proposed pipeline would cross. I live where I can appreciate and care for forests, wetlands, and farm land. I allow a young farmer to use part of my land for agricultural production. He works with Carlton County to better manage the fields, and the proposed pipeline would severely impair his operation. I have walked my lands for fifteen years and enjoy the wildlife.

Enbridge has existing rights-of-way, which should be the preferred routes for any additional capacity in their pipelines.

I am opposed to the Southern Route for the Sandpiper pipeline proposed by Enbridge energy.

Very truly,



Ms. Donna Williainen

618 N 5th ave E
Duluth, MN 55805

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I'm writing today to express my dissatisfaction that I have with your company's route for their latest pipeline. While its simple to place the pipeline where planned, the damage done and the environmental toll would take decades to repair. The cultural significance of the land would be compromised and the extent of damage does not justify the means. The impact on our organic farmers would be inaversable, ~~effectively~~ giving Carlton County a step in the wrong direction.

Sincerely,


Nathan Winscher

November 26, 2013

Sarah Thyng
2200 Brandt Rd.
Mahtowa, MN 55707

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:-

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For these reasons, if the Sandpiper pipeline is deemed necessary, then Enbridge should be required to route the pipeline through their existing northern corridor or along existing utility corridors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sarah Thung".

Sarah Thung
Licensed Civil Engineer

Lorraine Slabbaert-Norrgard
345 Prevost Rd.
Cloquet, MN 55720

December 4, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I am very opposed to Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline. I believe it violates the criteria listed below.

Subp.3. Criteria.

B. the natural environment, public and designated lands, including but not limited to natural areas, wildlife habitat, water, and recreational lands;

D. economies within the route, including agricultural, commercial, or industrial, forestry, recreational, and mining operations;

I am very unhappy with the proposed southern route because it endangers the prime sustainable farming operations in our county. I am opposed to it going through Jay Cooke State Park at all. I am also opposed to it not following existing pipeline easements. Please consider a different route that is not so damaging as this one. If the Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed absolutely necessary, then Enbridge should be required to route the pipeline through their existing northern corridor, or along existing utility corridors!

Sincerely,



Lorraine Slabbaert- Norrgard

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

TO → Dear Honorable Commissioners:

FROM → TOM RUTHER
5114 Oakley St.
Duluth MN 55804

11-21-13

RE- Opposition to - Southern Route, Enbridge,
Sandpiper Pipeline
- Docket # 13-474

Subp. 3. ① The economic role of organic, sustainable farming
Criteria are increasingly important. The diminishment or
D loss of this aspect of agriculture from the proposed
pipeline alignment has both short and long
term implications which are not necessary.

Criteria ② Utilize existing alignments, if this application
F is approved. Consider not approving this application

Criteria ③ Undesired, unwanted, unnecessary impact of construction
G & I on local watershed headwaters, wetlands, riparian
- - corridors. These impacts cannot be mitigated in
a natural, functioning manner. The proposed final
Sincerely, maintenance corridor for the pipeline violates
the fabric of the natural landscape where it exists.
This disruption is for the life of the pipeline and
beyond. The natural resources provide benefits,
economic as well as natural and used accounted
for in the environmental and P.U.C. evaluations.

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Criteria
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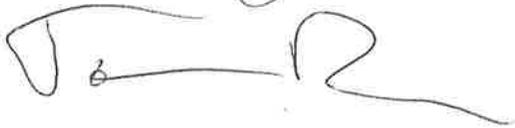
Land Use Management Plans. Has the Carlton County Soil and Water Conservation District established any plans, taken any policy positions of organic farming? What role do these play in the process of evaluating the Sandpiper application?

Criteria
B

It is assumed that an environmental impact Statement (EIS) is part of the process for consideration of the Sandpiper Application. The NEPA process and criteria are critical to the final conclusion for this application. It is appropriate, and one hopes included, that this application, Docket # B-474, evaluate the ~~role~~ this application has in contributing to climate change.

Thank you for considering these comments, concerns,

Sincerely



Tom Rytter

Alina Gold Rigdon
338 Stanley Relo Two Harbors MN, 55616
November 21st, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commissioner
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to the Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route to the Sandpiper Pipeline.

I am most concerned by item D., which states that agricultural ecosystems should be considered. Farming land suitable for organic production is only becoming more scarce. The land must be ideal and in great condition. If the Sandpiper Pipeline is necessary, then Enbridge should be required to route the pipeline through their northern or along existing utility corridors.

Sincerely,

Alina Bigdon

Alina Bigdon

February 5, 2014

Larry Hartman, Environmental Review Manager
Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA)
Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 – 7th Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, MN 55101

#13-474

Dear Mr. Hartman:

I am writing in support of the Carlton County residents working to minimize the damage that will be caused if the Sandpiper pipeline corridor is constructed. Since this venture is a for-profit endeavor by a private business, they should use any one of the viable route alternatives endorsed by elected Carlton County officials, the Soil and Water Conservation District and Wrenshall Township supervisors.

The proposed route is in the best interest only of Enbridge.

The proposed route is not in the best interest of the immediate public, the landowners and farmers being forced to accept the damage and the risks of a new pipeline corridor. Routing the corridor through the abandoned railway or existing right-of-ways will help hold Enbridge accountable for their spills and leaks, rather than foisting that burden onto the landowners. Enbridge should not be allowed to reap all the profits without incurring the risks; the landowners should not be forced to take on the risks when they will not share the profit.

The landowners have demonstrated active stewardship that protects and enhances the natural resources, serving the neighboring and extended public with sustainable forms of fresh, local agricultural products. The loss of prime farm land is a national concern, especially in light of global climate changes, which are shifting food production north. Even the most cursory look at the spill and leak record reveals Enbridge's lack of demonstrated stewardship, protection or enhancement of their pipeline routes.

The proposed route is not in the best interests of the neighboring public, their customers who depend on the resources being provided by the landowners. The neighboring public will share the risks without any possibility of benefitting financially from the pipeline.

The proposed route is not in the best interests of the extended public, which includes me, a resident of the Lake Superior Basin. As a resident of a county known for its excess of heavy clay soils, well-cared-for, healthy, friable soil is black gold. These landowners do the day-by-day work of protecting and improving the health of their lands. Their stewardship has created ongoing increases in the availability of fresh, local agricultural products. Carlton County's prime farmland is the most productive in the region, earning the title of the breadbasket for northeastern Minnesota.

The justification for this pipeline corridor should include the needs of, and impacts to, the people it will affect directly; it should include more than the purported need of the company to increase profits. The profits of this company benefit a handful of people for the immediate moment; conversely, the farmers, if allowed to farm without harassment, will benefit thousands, for as many generations as there are farmers who will farm. The pipeline will destroy many acres of

woodlots, maple syrup woodlots, and hay and row crop fields, some of the most productive soils in the region. These are losses that would take generations to recover, if that is even feasible.

Lake Superior holds ten percent of the world's fresh liquid surface water. Protecting this resource is a national and international concern. Cutting through acres of forested areas with highly erodible soils raises the risk that tons of sediment will wash into the creeks, streams and rivers, ultimately into Lake Superior. Compromising the health of this lake and its tributaries is neither wise nor in the best interests of the states, nation or world.

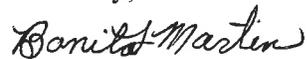
Six crude oil pipelines already run through this area. It is hard to see that another corridor is needed to serve the North Dakota oil fields as stated, since the flow from those fields has been projected to last only a few years. Using the North Dakota fields as an excuse to install infrastructure that would facilitate the transfer of Canadian tar sand crude should not be aided or abetted. Nor should Enbridge's abysmal record of spills and other environmental noncompliance be ignored or rewarded.

That Enbridge will not meet with landowners except one-on-one speaks of an aggressive, war-like tactic of divide and conquer. This way of doing business is not in the best interests of any community, and should not be condoned or supported.

The proposed route would save Enbridge money; this wealthy international and privately owned company would have higher profit margins. Eminent domain is most commonly defined as: "The power to take private property for public use by the state and municipalities." The use of eminent domain to save and make Enbridge the most money is an abuse of the spirit and intent of that power. Not one neighbor in Carlton County would be allowed to install infrastructure that divided homesteads, cut down centuries-old trees, converted treed wetlands into grassed areas thereby destroying the work of the Soil and Water Conservation District, so their business could make more money. Clean water and food are higher national priorities than increasing private corporate profits. So again, since this venture is a for-profit endeavor by a private business, they should use any one of the viable route alternatives endorsed by elected Carlton County officials, the Soil and Water Conservation District and Wrenshall Township supervisors.

Thank you for considering these points.

Sincerely,



Bonita Martin
9026 East Bayfield Road
Poplar WI 54864

David L Johnson
5950 Herranen Rd
Cromwell, MN
December 20, 2013

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

Last January I bought a 35 acre Finnish homestead along the southern pipeline route. It is an isolated and peaceful place surrounded by miles of unspoiled wild wetland. Had I known that a pipeline was proposed to go through it I never would have bought it. Others will have the same reaction, thus lowering the property value of my place.

My objections to the pipeline are fivefold.

1. Violation of pristine wetlands and the continuing diminution of wild land in general. Natural resources once used up are gone. A permanent cleared corridor through wild line for hundreds of miles, destroys habitat for wild flora and fauna. We are already losing habitat at an alarming rate. This unnecessary corridor only adds to that.
2. Property value loss. Speaks for itself. All things being equal land with a pipeline is going to be worth less than land without. Past payments by Enbridge of corridors are a one time thing and not generally enough to cover the loss of value and the bother of having trucks, inspectors, right of way clearing crews, etc for as long as the pipeline is there.
3. Initial and ongoing trespass and activity in a place where only nature has resided in the past.
4. The fear of pipeline failure and leaks (Enbridge has a history of numerous pipeline leaks, including the worst leak in North America on the Kalamazoo River in Michigan).
5. By making a whole new route for pipelines, observation and maintenance repair of pipeline safety will be doubled. Will Enbridge (a bottom line for profit business) be willing to spend the extra money to keep it safe? Their track record doesn't show a great willingness to

spend money to keep the lines safe or even to be aware of leaks when they happen.

Making a whole new corridor doesn't make sense. For safety sake keeping the new pipeline in the existing pipeline makes it easier to monitor potential leaks and repair faults.

For these reasons, if the Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed necessary, the Enbridge should be required to route the line through their existing northern corridor.

Sincerely,

David L Johnson

November 2013

Judy Kreag
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Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

As a concerned citizen I would like to express my opinion on the proposed Enbridge pipeline that is slated to go through private land and especially organic farms where many people (including myself) buy their produce. The proposed southern route would negatively affect their organic certification, would disrupt carefully tended soils in construction/maintenance and possible spills, and cut through the forests of these farms disrupting the biodiversity needed for their successful operation.

I would like to see the many spills that have taken place over the past few years (Line 3 in Minnesota, Kalamazoo River in Michigan, Wisconsin, farm in North Dakota, etc. etc. etc.) being addressed before more pipes are laid down in our state. How much time and effort has gone into being sure that what already exists is properly maintained before they can just keep laying more pipelines? These large companies do not have a very good safety and success rate. Also, it does not make sense to me to abandon a pipeline and then move a corridor to a new place. If Enbridge has an old pipeline like Line 3, which they plan on replacing, then they should replace it in the same place, rather than disrupting even more of beautiful Minnesota. The many patches and fixes that have taken place are said to be normal maintenance, but why does a pipeline that is put in correctly in the first place need so much "normal maintenance"? Why does a pipeline need to be abandoned? It only leaves behind disturbed and ruined ecology and disrupts even more land.

I am wondering why this company cannot stay in the existing corridor? An excuse of expense does not make sense to a billion dollar company. The new proposed pipeline goes through hundreds of people's property with no assurance that their wildlife and beauty will be maintained. Why is this disruption necessary when an existing pipeline could be used? We need to consider our earth and how we treat it. People who live in the country chose to be there for the beauty and serenity that it brings. It is unfair to take that away from them by sacrificing their land for the profits of a billion dollar company. This pipeline would move oil from North Dakota through our beautiful state, but we are using less and less oil. Thus, the benefit of moving this oil through our state is not for us so much as to enhance the profits of Enbridge. Instead of a for-profit company dictating Minnesota land use, we need to develop a strategic plan for Minnesota which would include the input of citizens, counties, the DNR, and other regulating agencies to plan together how we want hazardous materials to be piped through our state. That way we can choose and plan for our state's land use proactively.

There are too many unanswered questions to move forward on this huge and possibly unnecessary and dangerous project. Please listen to people's concerns. A few jobs and some money coming into our community for a few months, plus some additional revenue from taxes do not outweigh the damage and long term problems that we may be left with, especially considering this company's track record.

If for some reason you think this project is necessary, please reduce the risk and further damage to our beautiful trees, land and wildlife by requiring Enbridge to use the existing Northern route.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Kreag". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name and address.

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Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am opposed to Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

I believe Enbridge should not be allowed to initiate and complete a new route across private land for the following reasons.

- 1) Minnesota Revisor of Statutes 7852.1900 (mn.gov./rules) describes under Subp.3 Criteria in selecting a route for designation & issuance of a pipeline routing permit, the commission shall consider the impact of the pipeline of the following:
- a. human settlement, existing & planned future land use and management plans
 - b. natural environment, public & designated lands, including but not limited to natural areas, wildlife habitat, water & recreational areas

My response: Currently the proposed route covers landowners property which sustains & nurtures soil, forests, farmland, wetlands and wildlife including sustainable organic farming businesses. I believe that the preservation of the current natural use of the land needs to be maintained. The proposed pipeline would negatively impact sustaining the current environment.

F. use of existing rights-of-way and right-of-way sharing or paralleling

My response: There are alternative routes available to the Enbridge proposed route through right-of-way used by former transportation (SOO line railroad) or replacing obsolete routes.

I. cumulative potential effects of related or anticipated future pipeline construction

My response: Feasibly, this proposed pipeline construction, over private land used for sustainable farming and wetlands, will produce greenhouse gases etc. which will interfere with the current land use and livelihood of the population.

In sum, the farms, forests, and wetlands represent valuable natural resources that must be protected i.e. damage to food production for existing & future farms and erosion/

pollution caused by the disruption of wetlands and biologically diverse forests. Since other routes are feasible for this pipeline, I believe that the landowners property rights need to be respected and not violated without their consent.

Very truly,


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Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474
Honorable Commissioners,

I am opposed to Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed
Southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

I am concerned about Criteria B, the natural environment,
public and designated lands, including but not limited to
natural areas, wildlife habitat, water, and recreational
lands.

The pipeline would destroy wildlife and disturb our
environment. It would take away local access to organic
farms and fresh produce, which greatly benefit
the community. After the pipeline is installed, the
farms would no longer be allowed to grow there
and the wetlands/wildlife would suffer greatly.
This would be a terrible harm to the
community and environment and I do
not support the Sand Piper Pipeline.

For these reasons, if The Sandpiper Pipeline is
deemed necessary, then Enbridge should be
required to route the pipeline through their ↓

existing northern corridor, or along
existing utility corridors.

very truly,

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Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

I am very opposed to Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline. I believe it violates the criteria listed below.

Subp.3. Criteria.

- B. the natural environment, public and designated lands, including but not limited to natural areas, wildlife habitat, water, and recreational lands;
- D. economies within the route, including agricultural, commercial, or industrial, forestry, recreational, and mining operations;

I am very unhappy with the proposed southern route because it endangers the prime sustainable farming operations in our county. I am opposed to it going through Jay Cooke State Park at all. I am also opposed to it not following existing pipeline easements. Please consider a different route that is not so damaging as this one. If the Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed absolutely necessary, then Enbridge should be required to route the pipeline through their existing northern corridor, or along existing utility corridors!

Sincerely,



Lorraine Slabbaert- Norrgard