

## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** Jerry Lerom <rjlerom@arvig.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2014 2:13 PM  
**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Cc:** rjlerom@arvig.net  
**Subject:** ASSOCIATION OF CASS COUNTY LAKES  
**Attachments:** ASSOCIATION OF CASS COUNTY LAKES.docx

Please refer to attachment.

Thank you.

Jerry Lerom

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**May 29, 2014**

**Larry Hartman  
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St. Paul, Mn. 55101**

**RE: PUC # PPL 13-474**

Dear Mr. Hartman,

The Association of Cass County Lakes Board of Directors at their board meeting on May 23 voted to submit this letter regarding our collective concerns regarding above cited matter of the Sandpiper pipeline by Enbridge/NDPC and their current proposed route through portions of Cass County - Crooked Lake Township and Pine River area.

We recommend:

1. A complete Environmental Impact Study be conducted, and
2. consider and evaluate at least two other routes, such as 29/94 route.

Thank you for your consideration to the aforementioned recommendations.

Sincerely,

*Jerry Lerom*

**Jerry Lerom  
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## Rice, Robin (PUC)

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**From:** Collette Adkins Giese <CAdkinsGiese@biologicaldiversity.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 11, 2014 10:09 AM  
**To:** #PUC\_Public Comments  
**Subject:** Objection to Sandpiper Pipeline

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept these comments on behalf of the Center for Biological Diversity. The Center is a national, nonprofit conservation organization with more than 625,000 members and online activists dedicated to the protection of endangered species and wild places. The Center and its members are concerned with the conservation of wildlife and wild places. We are concerned that the Sandpiper Pipeline could pose a risk to wild places across northern Minnesota. We are asking that you reroute the Sandpiper pipeline in existing rights-of-way, or to eventually deny the Certificate of Need.

Please add me to the mailing list for this project.

Thank you,  
Collette Adkins Giese

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## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** Duck Lake <ducklakemn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2014 10:03 AM  
**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** Docket Number PL-6668/PPL-13-474

Larry Hartman  
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Re: Public Utilities Commission (PUC)  
Docket Number PL-6668/PPL-13-474

Dear Mr. Hartman:

The elected board of the Duck Lake Association opposes the proposed Sandpiper oil pipeline and supports the recommendations of Hubbard County COLA as set forth in their letter of May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to PUC. We have copied the Hubbard County COLA recommendations and specific methodologies that we also endorse below .

Duck Lake is located very close to the proposed pipeline and could experience significant negative human and environmental impacts.

Board of Directors, Duck Lake Association  
Kay Hocker, President



Dewey Hinderman, Vice President  
Karon Mooney, Secretary  
Tom Mooney, Treasurer  
Deb Rogers, Joe Fraser, John Lundquist, Members-at-Large

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### 1. The following alternate routes or route segments should be considered:

It is in the best interest of the state, counties, townships, cities and businesses along the proposed route, and the public (collectively, the "Stakeholders") that the natural resources in the area of Enbridge's proposed Southern Preferred Route or Northern Route be protected to the maximum extent possible to prevent the potential for "significant environmental effects" from a leak, spill, fire or other environmental harm from the Sandpiper Pipeline on the Mississippi, Straight and other rivers; lakes which are some of the clearest and cleanest in Minnesota; wetlands; the Straight River aquifer which is shallow and in sandy porous soils; groundwater, and the wild rice waters. All of these natural resources are extremely vulnerable, sensitive, unique and valuable resources of the Stakeholders and, as such, Alternate Routes A, B, C and D should be considered as the Sandpiper Pipeline Route

so that such natural resources receive the greatest protection possible from any environmental or human harm caused by the construction, operation and maintenance of the Sandpiper Pipeline.

All of these alternate routes move the Sandpiper Pipeline Route out of the high risk lands and waters of central and northern Minnesota, move the potential of oil spills away from the Lake Superior basin, either tie into the Enbridge system in Illinois or connect to the refineries in Minneapolis-St. Paul or to pipeline systems in the Twin Cities metro area that would connect across Wisconsin to the primary Enbridge pipeline corridor running northwest to southeast down through Wisconsin, and the routes attempt to utilize existing energy corridors as much as possible.

#### **Alternate Route A (Primary Alternate)**

Alternate Route A traverses almost exclusively agricultural lands below Minnesota's primary lake country and in an area which is sparsely populated with mostly small towns among the farmlands. This alternate route

avoids all the major risk areas of the lake country as described above and is consistent with Enbridge's preference of building its pipelines across farmland because they provide better soils, easier, cheaper and quicker construction, less natural habitat destruction, and access for construction and to leaks and spills is much easier. Additionally, after construction the farmland can be put back into crop production and winter wetland construction would be at a minimum.

Although the route does not end in Superior, it still ties into (i) the existing Enbridge system in Illinois with routing options to Michigan and Ontario that avoid our greatest freshwater lakes of Lake Superior and the Mackinac Straits of Lakes Michigan and Huron, (ii) the Illinois Hub which allows Enbridge access to its pipelines to Oklahoma and points south and (iii) the southern Minnesota pipelines owned and operated by other companies which provide the option of re-routing Bakken crude to the refineries in Rosemont and Saint Paul Park in the south Twin Cities Metro.

#### **Alternate Route B**

This is modeled after Alternate Route A in that it begins in North Dakota on the Enbridge/Alliance natural gas pipeline corridor. Upon reaching the I29 corridor in eastern North and South Dakota it follows the I29 corridor south until intersecting another natural gas pipeline corridor at which point it follows that corridor to Illinois.

This route traverses mostly farmland in the southwest corner of the state and also avoids the two major river crossings of the Red River north of Wheaton, MN and the Minnesota River near Mankato.

#### **Alternative Route C**

This route would turn south West of Grand Forks, ND near Larimore and follow either the railroad easements or road easements south southeast down the Red River Valley, crossing the Red River near Wahpeton, ND and continuing along MN Hwy 9 until it intersects an existing pipeline corridor owned by the Magellan Company. The Sandpiper follows this corridor until its intersection with the MinnCan pipeline corridor at which point it follows this corridor to the Flint Hills and Saint Paul Park refineries and pipeline system southeast of the Twin Cities Metro area.

#### **Alternate Route D**

This route begins just west of Grand Forks to follow the I29 corridor south to the Fargo area where it crosses the Red River and connects to the existing Magellan pipeline corridor which follows more or less the I94 freeway corridor into the Twin Cities. Near the Twin Cities it can either continue on the Magellan right of way or again follow the MinnCan right of way around to the refineries in the south Metro.

## **2. The following human and environmental impacts should be studied in the Comparative Environmental Analysis:**

a. The construction and potential leaks of the pipeline on Enbridge's proposed Southern and Northern routes could cause devastating environmental damage to the lakes, rivers, wetlands, trout streams, aquifers, groundwater, drinking water, and agriculture. There could be significant impact on wildlife, fish and marine life, aquatic vegetation, and the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS). In the event of a spill, the loss of use of the lakes and rivers for recreation, as well as the negative economic impact on tourism revenue, lake shore property values and Hubbard County property tax dollars would have great human impact. These, and the other human and environmental impacts set forth in the following documents (collectively, the "Documents") should be studied in the Comparative Environmental Analysis:

(1) The Friends of the Headwaters' position paper dated April 2, 2014 and submitted to Larry Hartman by letter dated April 3, 2014.

[PUC Document ID's 20144-98540-04, 20144-98540-05, 20144-98540-06, 20144-98540-07]

(2) Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' letter to Larry Hartman dated April 4, 2014 [PUC Document ID's 20144-98005-01, 20144-98005-02, 20144-98005-03, 20144-98005-04]

(3) Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's letter to Larry Hartman dated April 4, 2014.

[PUC Document ID 20144-98170-01]

(4) Bob Merritt's letter to Larry Hartman dated March 17, 2014 and the statement of Bob Merritt's testimony at the Sandpiper Pipeline hearing in Park Rapid, MN on March 12, 2012.

[PUC Document ID's 20143-97538-01 (3 of 3 in the pdf file)]

Paul Stolen's letter to Larry Hartman dated April 4, 2014.

[PUC Document ID 20144-98436-07]

b. The need, cost and timing for providing personnel, training and equipment for fire departments, first responders and other critical personnel in order to respond in the most efficient and effective way under the best practices to a leak, spill, fire or other damage causing event along each of the routes under consideration in order to mitigate damage. The need and cost should be determined over the life of the pipeline and a comparison of all of the routes under consideration should show how much of the costs will be paid for by Enbridge and the source and security of its funding and what cost are left to be paid for by the state, counties, townships, cities and others.

## **3. To address the human and environmental impacts the following specific methods should be studied in the Comparative Environmental Analysis:**

COLA requests that an Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS"), in lieu of the Comparative Environmental Analysis, be prepared for the Sandpiper Pipeline because an EIS is the only way that a comprehensive environmental analysis will be prepared for all of the environmental impacts on all of the natural resources involved in Enbridge's proposed Southern and Northern Routes and the alternate routes under consideration. For instance, the 2014 Federal Environmental Impact Statement prepared by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the proposed Pebble Mine in Bristol Bay Alaska fully analyzes the *operational* impacts of proposed pipelines.

Use accepted standard methods of determining impacts that are used in an EIS.

As set forth in the Documents in 2a.

Estimated cost comparison for the construction and for the maintenance of each route under consideration and the ultimate cost impact on a barrel of oil and gallon of gasoline.

Take into consideration the public's comments and the comments from the MDNR, MPCA and other state agencies regarding matters that are within such agency's area of expertise.

After attending public meetings and reviewing the available information on Enbridge and the Sandpiper Pipeline, HC COLA's current position is that if a Certificate of Need for the Sandpiper Pipeline is issued by the Public Utilities Commission (the "PUC") COLA will request that the PUC (i) deny Enbridge's request for its proposed Southern Preferred Route and its Northern Route and (ii) approve any of the Alternate Routes A, B, C or D as the Route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

Thank you for considering our comments and recommendations.

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## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** Janine Weideman <janine.weideman@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket 13-474  
**Attachments:** Eagle-Island Lake Association Sandpiper Pipeline Letter.docx; COLA PUC Letter V 4 0 (2).pdf

Attached you will find a letter from Eagle-Island Lake Association Board of Directors related to the Enbridge Pipeline proposal. A second attachment as referenced in the letter is also included.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Eagle-Island Lake Association Board Member  
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Eagle-Island Lake Association  
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May 30, 2014

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Re: Public Utilities Commission (PUC)  
Docket Number PL-6668/PPL-13-474

Dear Mr. Hartman:

Eagle-Island Lake Association is an organization of property owners and residents of Eagle and Island Lakes in Hubbard County. These two lakes are part of the Fishhook watershed and are fed by Hay Creek. The goal of our organization is to protect and enhance the recreational, economic, and environmental value of our beautiful lakes.

The elected board of the Eagle-island Lake Association approved the submission of the following comments and recommendations at their May 17, 2014 meeting:

- The board opposes Enbridge's proposed southern Preferred Route as it goes through the heart of some of Minnesota's cleanest lakes and rivers, including Eagle and Island Lakes as well as Hay Creek.
- The board endorses Alternate Route A as proposed by the Friends of the Headwaters and submitted on April 4, 2013, as it bypasses Minnesota's primary lake country and avoids the significant environmental risks to these precious resources in the event of a pipeline leak, spill, or fire. A description and map of Alternate A is included under Section 1 in the letter submitted by Hubbard County COLA dated May 11, 2014, and submitted to Larry Hartman. A copy of said letter is attached.
- The board also endorses the comments and recommendations under Sections 2 and 3 related to the Comparative Environmental Analysis in said letter submitted by Hubbard County COLA dated May 11, 2014, and submitted to Larry Hartman (same letter as stated above).

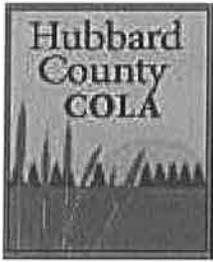
Thank you for considering our comments and recommendations.

Board of Directors, Eagle-Island Lake Association

Jerry Grudem, President  
Loree Grudem, Secretary-Treasurer  
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**STOP AQUATIC  
HITCHHIKERS!**

May 11, 2014

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Re: Public Utilities Commission (PUC)  
Docket Number PL-6668/PPL-13-474

Dear Mr. Hartman:

Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (“HC COLA”) is a coalition of 29 lake associations and their approximate 2,100 members that represent 37 lakes in Hubbard County. HC COLA’s mission is to protect and enhance the quality of our lakes and rivers, preserve the economic, recreational and natural environmental values of our shore lands and promote the responsible use of our waters and related habitats. HC COLA’s mission enhances, promotes and protects the interests of lake shore property owners, lake associations, local government, the general public and future generations.

HC COLA is focusing on obtaining information about the Application by Enbridge Energy Limited Partnership and North Dakota Pipeline Company (collectively, Enbridge) for the Sandpiper Pipeline as described in the above referenced Docket No.PL-6668/PPL-13-474 (the “Sandpiper Pipeline”) and providing that information to its membership.

HC COLA has the following comments and recommendations regarding the PUC’s consideration of Enbridge’s Application for the Sandpiper Pipeline:

## **1. The following alternate routes or route segments should be considered:**

It is in the best interest of the state, counties, townships, cities and businesses along the proposed route, and the public (collectively, the "Stakeholders") that the natural resources in the area of Enbridge's proposed Southern Preferred Route or Northern Route be protected to the maximum extent possible to prevent the potential for "significant environmental effects" from a leak, spill, fire or other environmental harm from the Sandpiper Pipeline on the Mississippi, Straight and other rivers; lakes which are some of the clearest and cleanest in Minnesota; wetlands; the Straight River aquifer which is shallow and in sandy porous soils; groundwater, and the wild rice waters. All of these natural resources are extremely vulnerable, sensitive, unique and valuable resources of the Stakeholders and, as such, Alternate Routes A, B, C and D should be considered as the Sandpiper Pipeline Route so that such natural resources receive the greatest protection possible from any environmental or human harm caused by the construction, operation and maintenance of the Sandpiper Pipeline.

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### **Alternate Route A (Primary Alternate)**

Alternate Route A traverses almost exclusively agricultural lands below Minnesota's primary lake country and in an area which is sparsely populated with mostly small towns among the farmlands. This alternate route avoids all the major risk areas of the lake country as described above and is consistent with Enbridge's preference of building its pipelines across farmland because they provide better soils, easier, cheaper and quicker construction, less natural habitat destruction, and access for construction and to leaks and spills is much easier. Additionally, after construction the farmland can be put back into crop production and winter wetland construction would be at a minimum.

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**3. To address the human and environmental impacts the following specific methods should be studied in the Comparative Environmental Analysis:**

- a. COLA requests that an Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”), in lieu of the Comparative Environmental Analysis, be prepared for the Sandpiper Pipeline because an EIS is the only way that a comprehensive environmental analysis will be prepared for all of the environmental impacts on all of the natural resources involved in Enbridge’s proposed Southern and Northern Routes and the alternate routes under consideration. For instance, the 2014 Federal Environmental Impact Statement prepared by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the proposed Pebble Mine in Bristol Bay Alaska fully analyzes the *operational* impacts of proposed pipelines.
- b. Use accepted standard methods of determining impacts that are used in an EIS.
- c. As set forth in the Documents in 2a.
- d. Estimated cost comparison for the construction and for the maintenance of each route under consideration and the ultimate cost impact on a barrel of oil and gallon of gasoline.
- e. Take into consideration the public’s comments and the comments from the MDNR, MPCA and other state agencies regarding matters that are within such agency’s area of expertise.

After attending public meetings and reviewing the available information on Enbridge and the Sandpiper Pipeline, HC COLA’s current position is that if a Certificate of Need for the Sandpiper Pipeline is issued by the Public Utilities Commission (the “PUC”) COLA will request that the PUC (i) deny Enbridge’s request for its proposed Southern Preferred Route and its Northern Route and (ii) approve any of the Alternate Routes A, B, C or D as the Route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

Thank you for considering our comments and recommendations. If you have any questions or want to discuss these matters further please call Dan Kittilson at 218-732-5566.

Hubbard County COLA



By: \_\_\_\_\_

Dan Kittilson  
President

**Rice, Robin (PUC)**

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**From:** R F Strohmeier <fstroh1@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2014 2:07 PM  
**To:** #PUC\_Public Comments  
**Subject:** FW: Docket #'s 13-473/13-474  
**Attachments:** Sandpiper Pipeline WAPOA letter April 2014[1].docx

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Fifty Lakes Property Owners Association and its 200 members, we would like to concur with the stance taken in the attached letter which you received from WAPOA (Whitefish Area Property Owners Association) regarding the Sandpiper Pipeline Project.

Sincerely, Fred Strohmeier FLPOA President



March 31, 2014

Larry Hartman  
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Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA)  
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Re: Public Utilities Commission (PUC)  
Docket Number PL-6668/PPL-13-474

Dear Mr. Hartman:

The Whitefish Area Property Owners Association (WAPOA) is a 45 year old 501(c)3 non-profit entity representing the 14 lakes comprising the Whitefish Chain of Lakes in northern Crow Wing County. We have a membership of over 1,000 private property owners and about 50 businesses in this area. The eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) largest lake system in Minnesota, the Whitefish Chain of Lakes is covers 14,400 acres of open water, 119 miles of shoreline and a catchment area of over 28,000 acres. The proposed Sandpiper Pipeline, if approved and constructed, would directly impact the Whitefish Chain of Lakes and the larger catchment area.

The Whitefish Chain of Lakes is the largest open water system in the Pine River Watershed, a very large watershed composed of over 500,000 acres, over 500 miles of rivers and streams and about 440 lakes greater than ten acres in size. In other words, this area of northern Crow Wing County and southern Cass County has a very significant area of lakes, rivers, streams and catchment areas adjacent to them. The proposed Sandpiper Pipeline, if approved and constructed, would directly impact the Pine River Watershed, the Whitefish Chain of Lakes, and their larger catchment area.

By a unanimous vote, WAPOA's Executive Committee of the Board of Directors approved this letter and our requests of the Minnesota Department of Commerce and the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

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ARROWHEAD MUD BIG TROUT ISLAND LOON UPPER WHITEFISH LOWER WHITEFISH RUSH HIDDEN DAGGETT LITTLE PINE BERTHA CLAMSHELL  
PIG CROSS LOWER HAY UPPER HAY STAR CLEAR KIMBLE OSSAWINNAMAKEE EAST FOX WEST FOX GOODRICH O'BRIEN OX BASS DUCK

The proposed Sandpiper Pipeline is a serious environmental matter for the property and business owners of the Whitefish Chain of Lakes area. WAPOA has the following four requests regarding the application by Enbridge Energy Limited Partnership and North Dakota Pipeline Company (collectively, Enbridge) to construct its proposed Sandpiper Pipeline as described in the above referenced Docket No. (Project):

- 1. Provide for public comment that includes an opportunity for participation by the directly impacted private and business property owners in this area, including the large number of seasonal residents.**

WAPOA's over 1,000 members include a number of private property owners on the Whitefish Chain of Lakes and the neighboring lake systems. A significant number of our members are seasonal residents and have not had the opportunity to participate in the public forums conducted this winter. The large Whitefish Chain of Lakes and surrounding lake systems that include large amounts of sensitive shoreland and wetlands identified by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources are directly included in the proposed Enbridge route of the proposed Sandpiper Pipeline across our northern boundary. WAPOA, including our Board of Directors and advisors composed of both permanent and seasonal members, and our members need more opportunity for review and comment on the Enbridge proposal.

WAPOA's seasonal and permanent property owners would appreciate the opportunity to participate in the review and consideration of these matters. Many of our member property owners live along or near the proposed Pipeline Route, the larger catchment area surrounding the proposed route, and the sensitive rivers, lakes and wetlands. A large number are also seasonal residents who have not had the opportunity to participate in the informational and public meetings/hearings because they have been held when those people are not "at the lake." The seasonal residents and the Board of Directors of WAPOA, including seasonal directors, should not be denied the right to obtain all of the information and participate in the limited number of meetings/hearings just because Enbridge selected timing that was advantageous to it.

- 2. Extend to August 1, 2014 the public comment period for the opportunity to consider and propose alternative routes or route segments and the detailed environmental information requested.**

Based on the meeting we attended and our review of the available materials, Enbridge has failed to date to provide answers to a number of critical issues

raised by the public. The public and our members need Enbridge's answers to these critical issues so that they will have all of the available information before they provide their comments on the Project, including alternate routes or route segments, safety measures, and environmental impacts.

As examples of some of these critical issues that Enbridge has not addressed, we believe they include (i) the exact, detailed location of the proposed pipeline; (ii) the number and exact location of the additional valves Enbridge said it would provide for additional protection in the sensitive areas of the rivers, lakes and wetlands; (iii) nature, amount and protection of assets set aside to cover direct and indirect public and private costs of a leak or spill; (iv) providing accurate information about safety statistics; and (v) the additional impacts and critical issues resulting from the new information that Enbridge's may use the route for the Project for the replacement and relocation of its Line 3 which new information (i) amounts to a substantial amendment to its application and (ii) is contrary to Enbridge's documents which provide that it has no plans for any other use of the pipeline route than the Sandpiper Pipeline. This conduct by Enbridge has frustrated not only the public and local governmental authorities regarding having adequate time to provide comments by April 4<sup>th</sup>, but also the various organizations such as WAPOA, agencies and property owners involved in reviewing the proposed Project.

Safety is a major concern to us at WAPOA. We know that pipeline spills and leaks have occurred, both in Enbridge operations and elsewhere. We clearly would like to have more details about prevention and safety measures required and proposed for our wetlands, rivers, lakes and environmentally sensitive lands and areas from the construction and operation of the proposed Pipeline.

Finally, extending the deadline for public review and comment will enable the large number of the seasonal property owners that live along or near the general Pipeline route and sensitive areas along the proposed route. The seasonal residents should be provided an opportunity to obtain all of the information and participate in the requested additional meetings/hearings.

**3. Conduct during June and July, 2014 additional public information meetings and hearings in the area of the proposed Pipeline route.**

These additional meetings are needed to address the concerns set for the in requests 1 and 2 above.

**4. Require that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be prepared for the Project.**

Minnesota Statutes 2013, Section 116D.04 includes the following

*"Subd. 2a. When prepared. Where there is potential for significant environmental effects resulting from any major governmental action, the action shall be preceded by a detailed environmental impact statement prepared by the responsible governmental unit. . . ."*

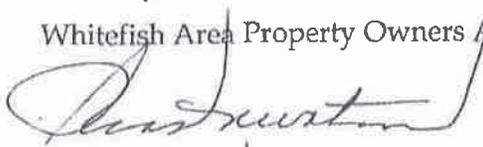
WAPOA cannot imagine a project that has more potential for "significant environmental effects" than this Project. The Pine River Watershed and Whitefish Chain of Lakes waters, rivers, lakes, which are some of the clearest and cleanest in Minnesota, creeks, and wetlands are all extremely vulnerable to adverse impacts from construction, leaks and spills from this Project. Our water resources, including both surface and ground water, are extremely vulnerable to these adverse impacts and threats from construction and spills, and actual incidents could be devastating to these waters. The forests and lands in the area of the proposed Pipeline are also vulnerable to adverse impacts that should be analyzed thoroughly.

An **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** should be required by the Responsible Government Unit (RGU) for the Project, both as outlined in Minnesota state law and common sense. The magnitude of the proposed Pipeline Project and the potential impacts on these highly sensitive, unique and valuable water, forestry and land resources of the state deserve the highest level of scrutiny and "analytical" review as provided in state law. The EIS analysis is a tool for the RGU, and voluntarily for Enbridge of course, to prepare and provide for all interested parties, citizens, property owners, and regulatory agencies.

Thank you for considering our requests. If you have any questions or want to discuss our request, please call Tom Watson, WAPOA President at 218-543-6064.

Sincerely,

Whitefish Area Property Owners Association (WAPOA)



Thomas N. Watson  
President

**From:** [rh.smith](#)  
**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
**Subject:** Revised supplemental documents  
**Date:** Friday, May 30, 2014 9:26:13 PM  
**Attachments:** [FOH\\_Supplemental\\_5-30\\_low\\_res.pdf](#)

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Larry,

First, thank you for taking the time this morning to meet with us. The discussion and additional clarifications about this whole process are most appreciated.

I also want to thank you for extending me some additional time to revise the Supplemental documents provided you this morning. You will find attached my additions and revisions to my earlier comments.

- Thank you again for your patience with this. Traffic was thick departing the Cities. Finally got home to Park Rapids at 5.

I will also send you a higher resolution file of the attached in a separate email.

Richard Smith  
Friends of the Headwaters



**May 29, 2014**

**Mr. Larry Hartman, Environmental Review Manager  
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**Dear Mr. Hartman,**

**Regarding Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket No. PL9/PPL-13-474:**

**Please find attached our supplemental comments to be added to our position paper dated April 2, 2014 concerning the Enbridge/North Dakota Pipeline Company, LLC Sandpiper pipeline request for a proposed southern corridor route across northern Minnesota from Grand Forks, ND to Superior, WI.**

**The Friends of the Headwaters oppose this current projected route. You, the DOC and the Public Utility Commissioners will find further reasoning for our opposition and our proposal for an alternate route in the attached documents.**

**Friends of the Headwaters requests these documents be posted to the eDocket website as soon as possible.**

**Writing for the members of Friends of the Headwaters I thank you for your attention to these documents and for your attention to our concerns for the welfare and quality of our lands, waters and lives in the Headwaters Country.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Smith".

**Richard Smith  
President  
Friends of the Headwaters**

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**SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS TO POSITION PAPER DATED 4/2/2014  
REGARDING THE ENBRIDGE/NORTH DAKOTA PIPELINE COMPANY (NDPC) LLC  
SANDPIPER PIPELINE PROJECT**

Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket Number: PL-6668/PPL-13-474

May 29, 2014

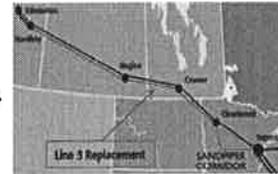
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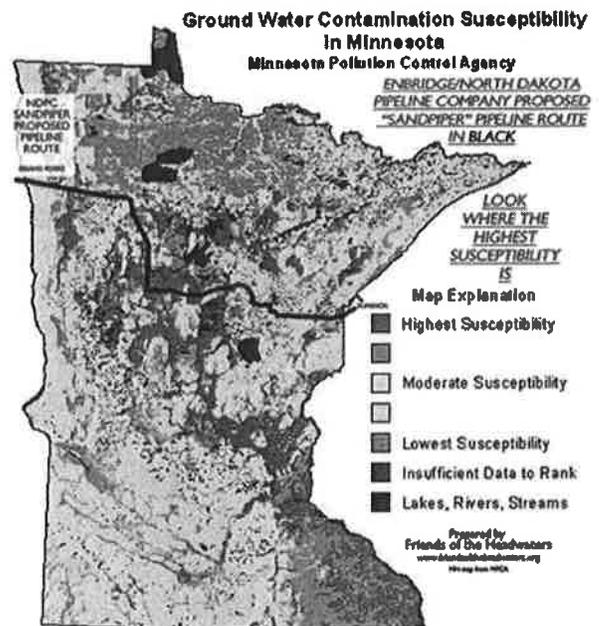
*Friends of the Headwaters* opposes the Enbridge/NDPC Sandpiper pipeline as currently projected to cross Minnesota's lake country from Grand Forks, ND to Superior, WI.

We believe Enbridge/NDPC's proposed "southern corridor" will NOT protect the high quality waters and other natural resources along this route.

*Friends of the Headwaters* also believes Enbridge intends to proliferate another multiple pipeline corridor with their southern route proposal. Enbridge presented just that in an investor conference held April 2, 2014 in New York City.



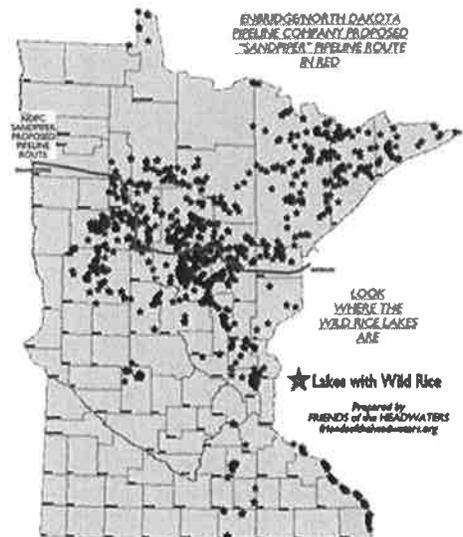
We believe Enbridge/NDPC could not have chosen a worse route as evidenced by the maps below.



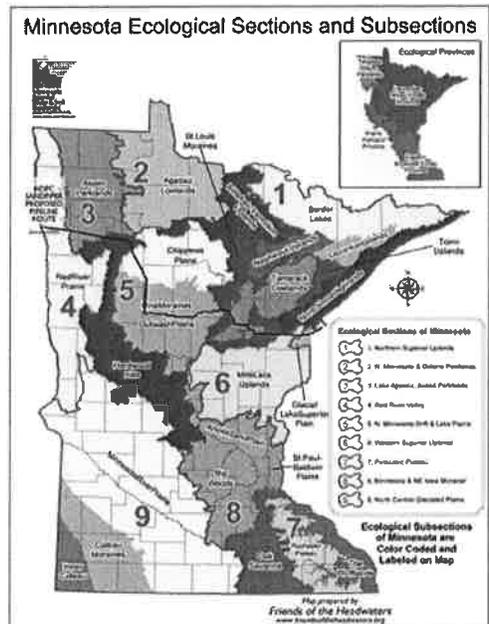
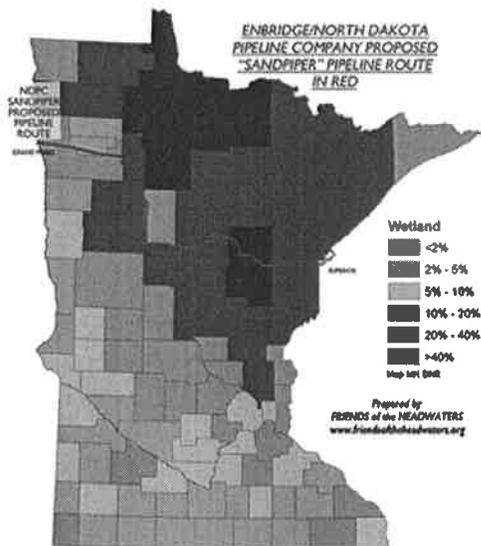
**AT RISK: MINNESOTA'S**

- CLEAREST AND CLEANEST LAKES
- GROUND WATER AQUIFERS
- WILD RICE LAKES
- WETLANDS
- MOST SENSITIVE SOILS TO SPILLS
- DIVERSITY OF VEGETATION
- SENSITIVE ECOLOGICAL ZONES
- THE LAKE SUPERIOR BASIN
- HIGH VALUE RECREATIONAL AND RESIDENTIAL WATERS

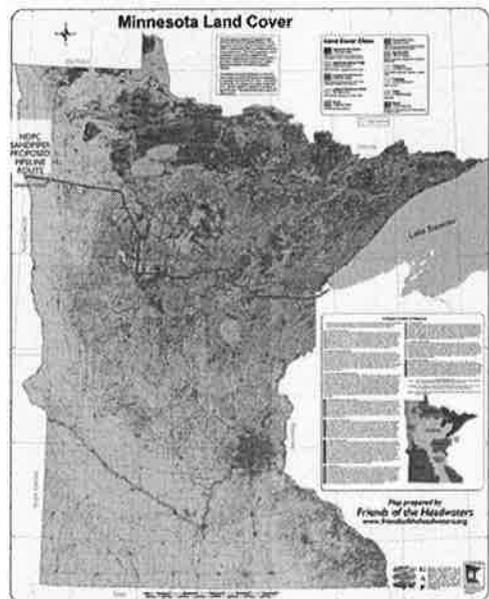
\$342 million annual revenue from fishing  
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 \$2 billion water-influenced properties in Hubbard County alone.



**ENBRIDGE/NDPC COULD NOT HAVE PICKED A WORSE ROUTE.**



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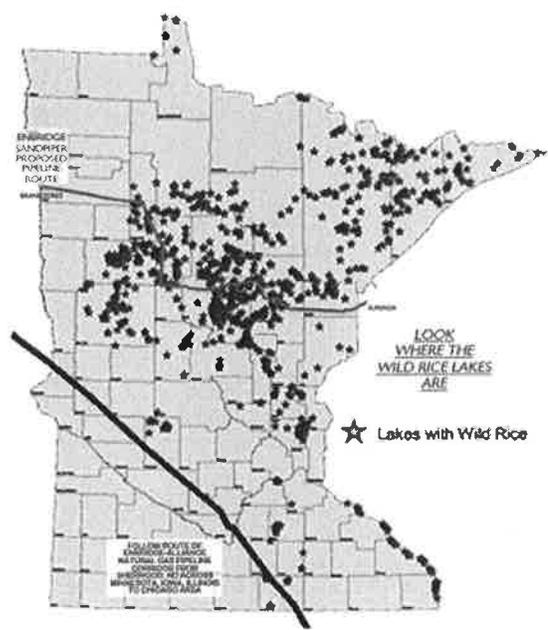
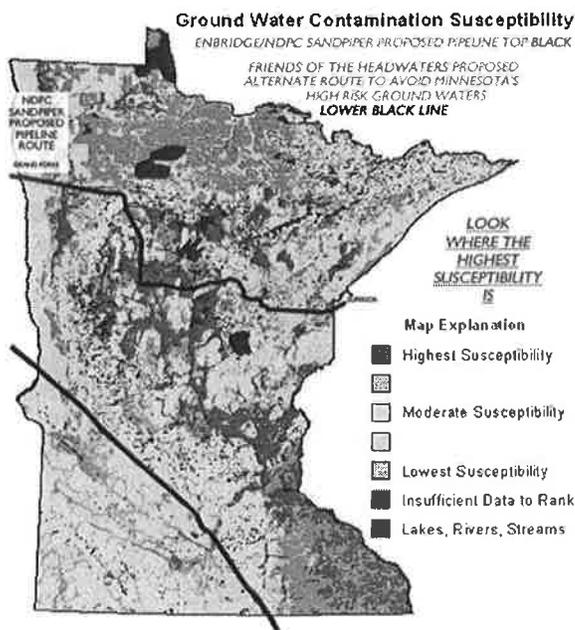
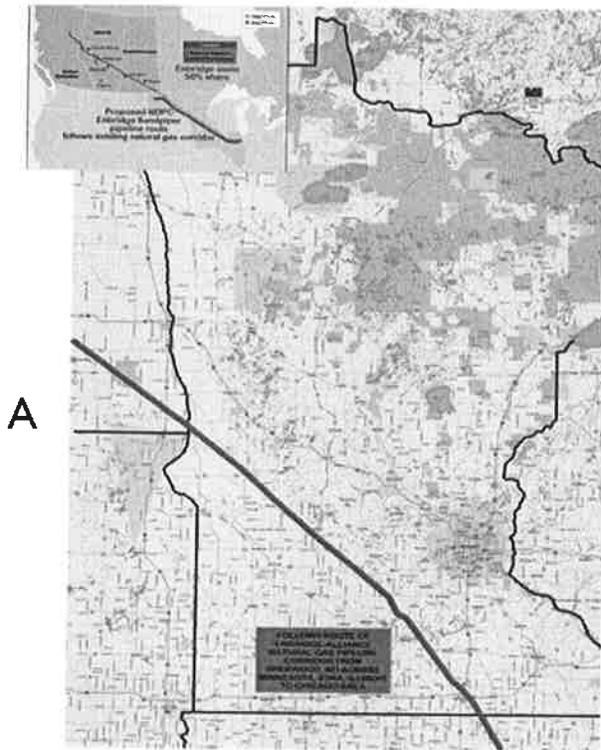


Given the high risk factors of Enbridge/NDPC's proposed Sandpiper 'southern corridor' route *FRIENDS of the HEADWATERS* has proposed a true 'southern corridor' across Minnesota which eliminates the potential for spills and damage to the state's most environmentally sensitive lands and waters.

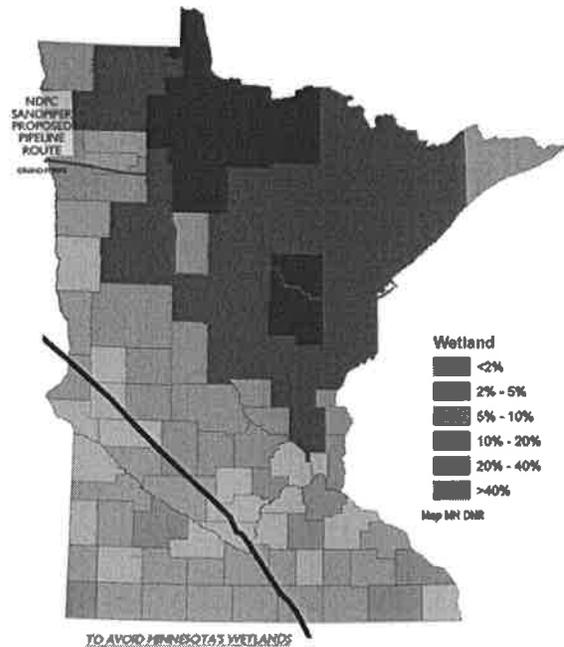
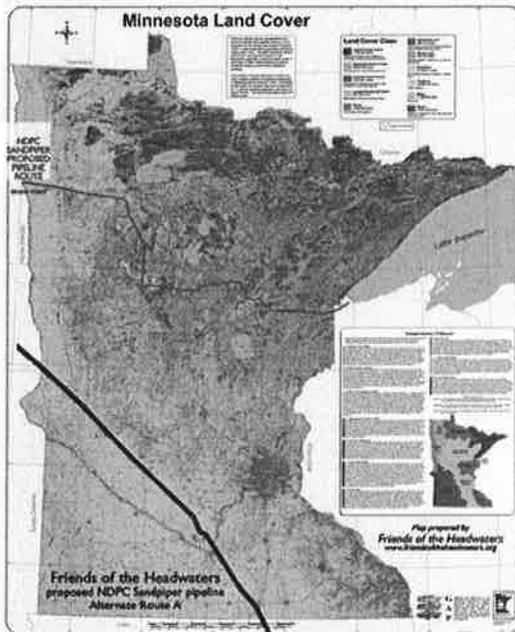
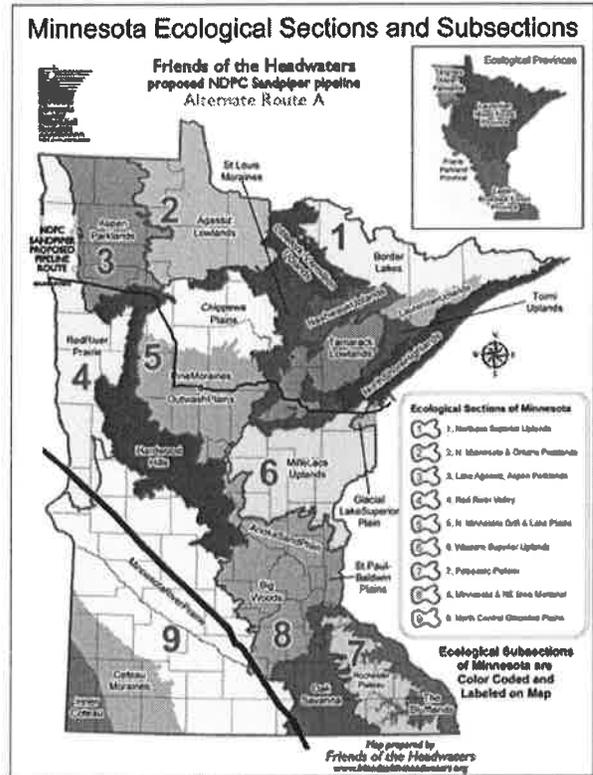
*FRIENDS of the HEADWATERS* Alternate Route A utilizes an existing energy corridor of which Enbridge is a 50% shareholder with Alliance Company of Canada. This corridor originates in Canada and ends west of Chicago. The proposed Enbridge/NDPC pipeline route would intersect this corridor east of Minot, ND at which point NDPC would turn and follow the corridor to Illinois.

Alternate Route A below.

Compare the route risk factors in following maps.



Route map comparisons continued:



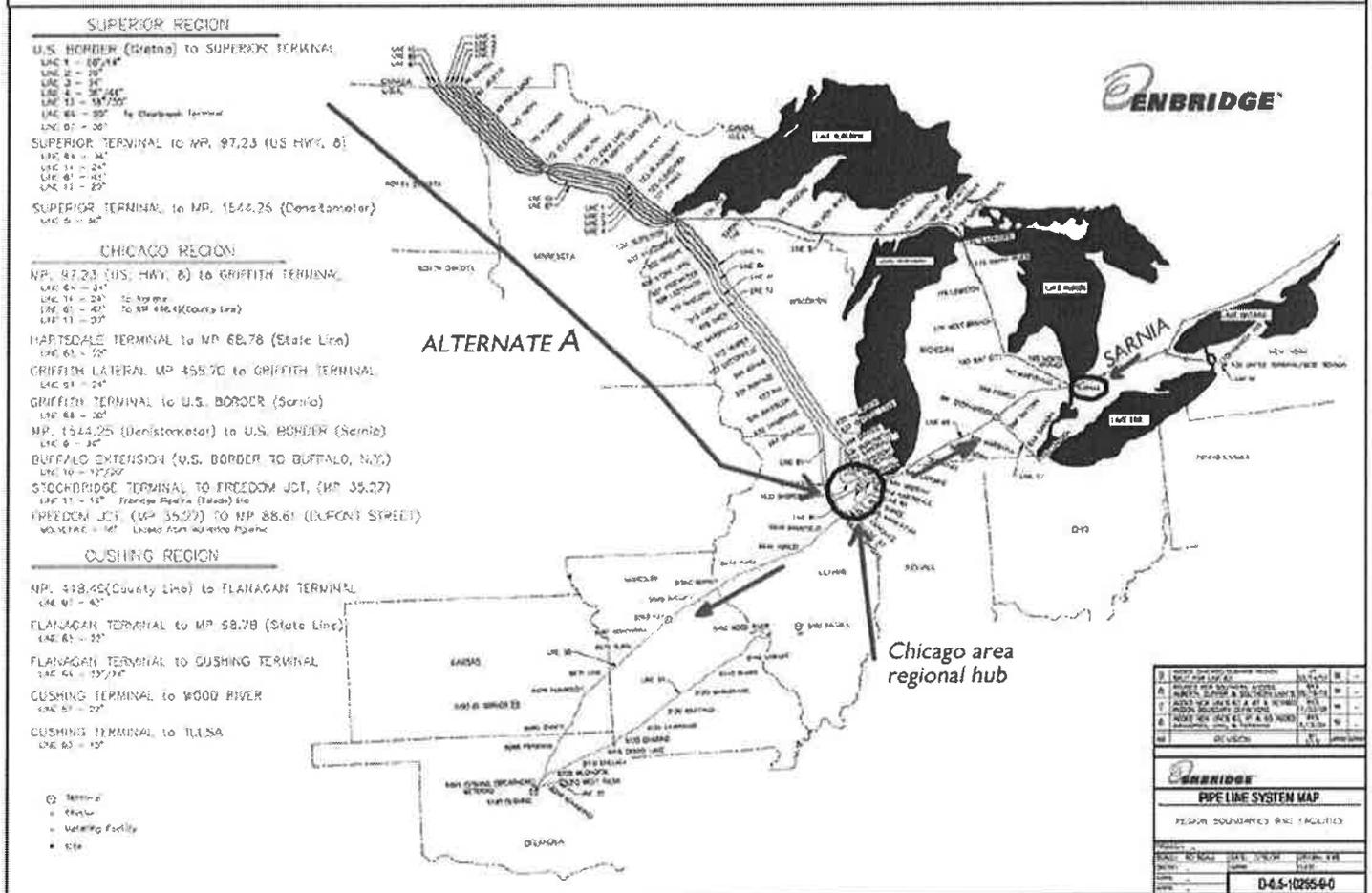
ALT ROUTE A traverses almost exclusively agricultural lands below Minnesota's primary lake country. This area is sparsely populated with mostly small towns among the farmlands.

**Note:** Enbridge's Mark Curwin, Senior Director for Strategic Coordination of Major Project Executions in the US, stated their construction preference is to build pipelines across farmland. He made these remarks at a public meeting in Park Rapids on Jan. 29, 2014. Mr. Curwin gave the reasons of better soils, easier construction, easier access, less natural habitat destruction, cheaper and quicker. After construction the farmland can be put back into crop production. Access to leaks and spills is much easier. Winter wetland construction would be at a minimum.



The *FRIENDS of the HEADWATERS* disputes Enbridge/NDPC's contention that the Sandpiper must end in Superior, Wisconsin. Enbridge has provided no rationale for the route ending in Superior other than "We want it. It connects to our existing system in Superior." The Alternate Route A proposed by *FRIENDS of the HEADWATERS* also connects to their existing system hub near Chicago, Illinois. It does not prevent Enbridge from then transporting the Bakken crude either south to Oklahoma and the Gulf Coast nor across Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and across the border to Sarnia, Ontario, Canada on their existing system.

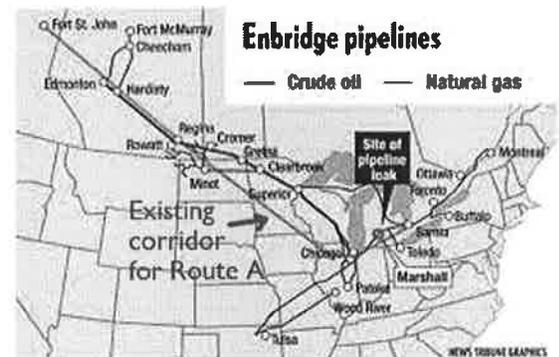
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Pipeline System Map



Alternate Route A already fits into their existing pipeline corridor system as evidenced by the map at right. Alternate Route A also appears to be a more direct route from the North Dakota Bakken Oil Fields to the primary energy markets of the US Midwest.

Friends of the Headwaters believes the citizens of Minnesota have the right to determine the route parameters of this pipeline corridor, not Enbridge/NDPC. The considerations of the Sandpiper pipeline and the Line 3 Rebuild proposed to run alongside the Sandpiper should not be dictated to the citizens of Minnesota by the company. The company already has too many pipelines crossing Minnesota's most valuable waters and lands.

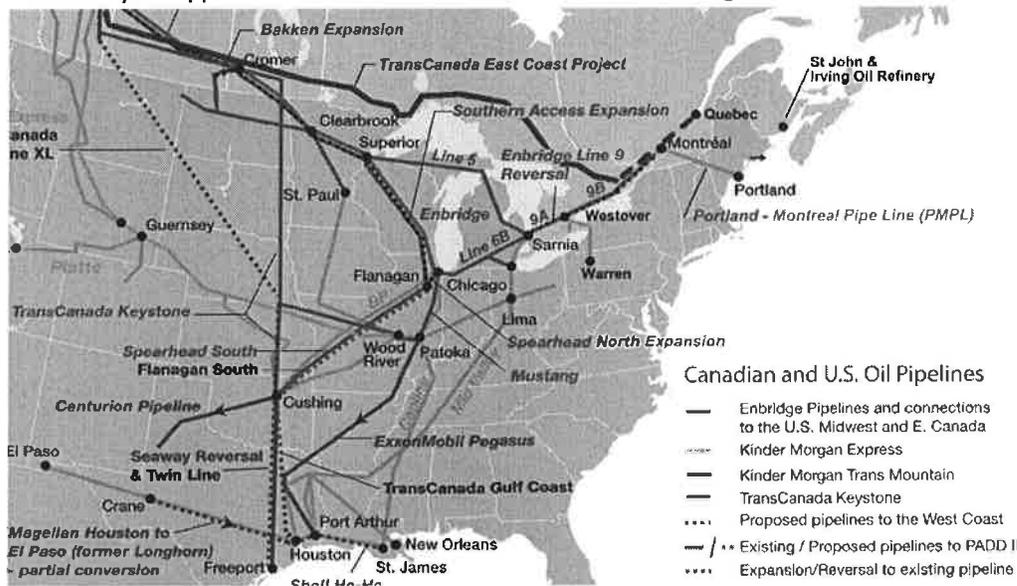
The cumulative risk of adding additional lines to this region is too high to have the routing parameters set by what Enbridge 'wants'. They should not be allowed to frame the debate on this issue. The citizens of Minnesota and this state's governing and regulatory agencies need to reject this framing by Enbridge/NDPC



and reframe the discussion regarding the need and route of the proposed Sandpiper pipeline as what is beneficial to Minnesota, its people, its communities and its natural resources. Until Enbridge/NDPC adequately provides a detailed explanation for demanding why the Sandpiper pipeline must end in Superior, Wisconsin, *Friends of the Headwaters* believes all alternative routes must be given full consideration, even those proposing a system overhaul of how and where Enbridge wants to cross the state.

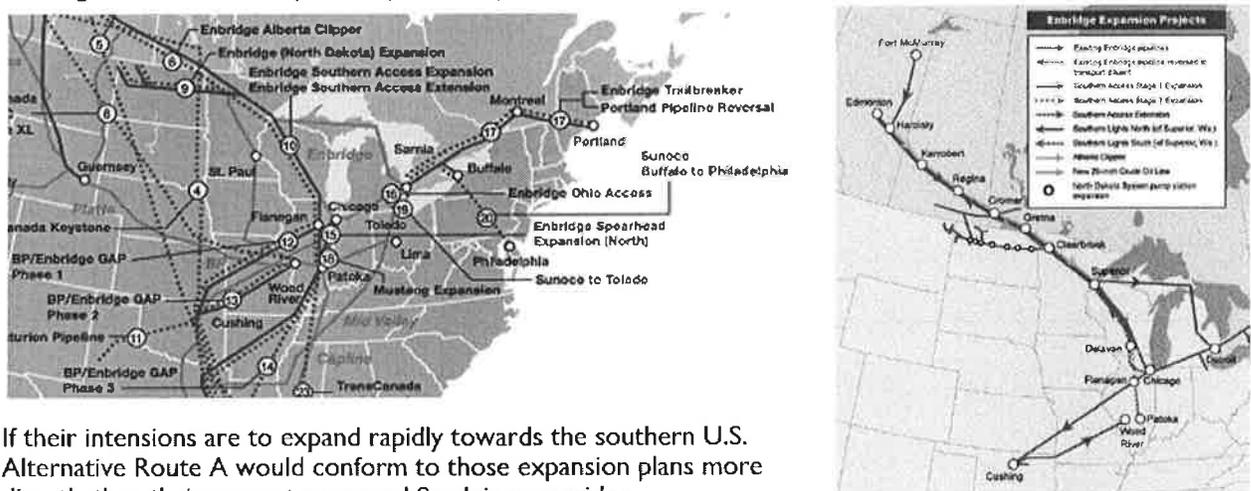
If Enbridge/NDPC were truly committed to protecting our lakes, rivers, wetlands, aquifers and lands as they publically state they are, then prove it by not just giving Minnesotans statistics about how safe their pipelines are (their history says otherwise), but by actually moving their proposed route to the lowest risk part of the state as portrayed on the previously presented illustrated maps.

Costs should not be a factor. After all, once the Sandpiper is constructed, 375,000 barrels of oil will pass through it daily. At the current world price for a barrel of oil that amounts to \$40 million dollars per day or \$14.6 billion dollars annually. Even though Enbridge is charging a fee to move the amount of oil, it should not take too many years to recoup their construction costs. Plus it appears from the map below the company has plans to expand the pipeline system through Wisconsin. The money allocated for that extension could easily be applied to the extra construction costs of building Alternate Route A.



Since the company is adamant about Superior as a destination for the Bakken crude, perhaps this proposed extension in Wisconsin could be used to move the oil from the end of Alternative Route A back north to Superior.

Enbridge has ambitious expansion plans not just in Minnesota but nationally it appears.



If their intentions are to expand rapidly towards the southern U.S. Alternative Route A would conform to those expansion plans more directly than their current proposed Sandpiper corridor.

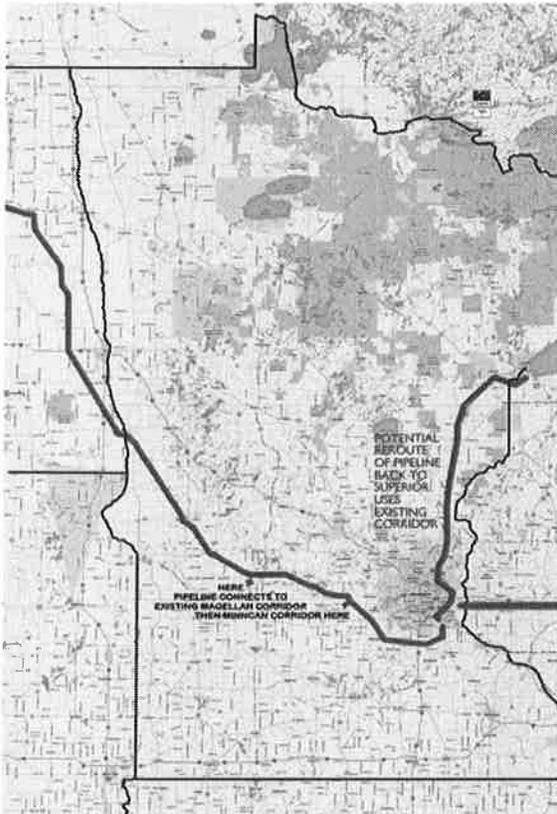
The *FRIENDS of the HEADWATERS* also sponsors other alternate routes at this time.

These routes can be connected back to Superior along existing energy corridors.

ALTERNATE ROUTE "C" as previously proposed in Position Paper of 4/2/2014

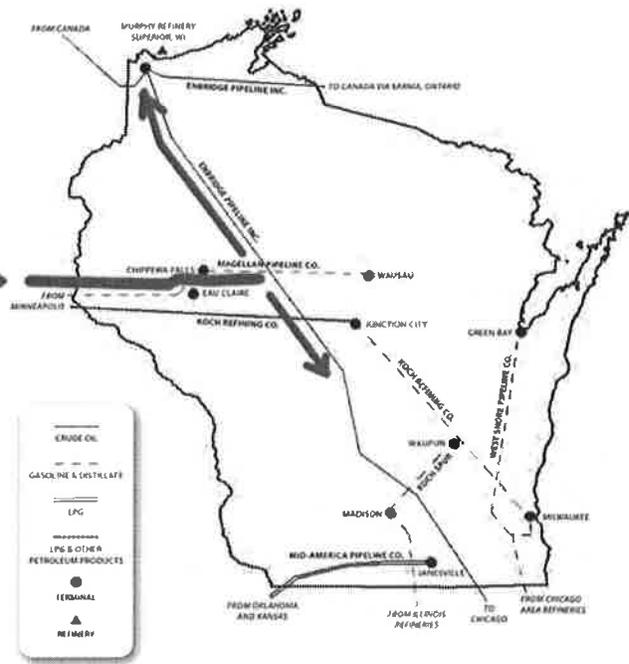
West of Grand Forks near Larimore the Sandpiper would turn south following either railroad easements or road easements south-southeast down the Red River Vally, crossing the Red River near Wahpeton, ND and continuing along MN Hgy 9 until it intersects an existing pipeline corridor owned by the Magellan Company. The Sandpiper follows this corridor until its intersection with the MinnCan pipeline corridor at which point it follows this corridor to the Flint Hills and Saint Paul Park refineries and pipeline system southeast of the Twin Cities Metro area. Optionally the route could turn south from Enbridge/NDPC's proposed pumping station near Lakota, ND.

Route C bypasses Minnesota's sensitive lands and waters and gives Enbridge the option of two routes back to Superior. They can use an existing pipeline corridor along I35 to Duluth whereupon they would intersect their northern corridor and can turn east to Superior. Or they can use another existing pipeline corridor, the Magellan straight east into Wisconsin where that line intersects the Enbridge system in central Wisconsin. At that point Enbridge can use their proposed expansion line to move the oil back to Superior or down to Illinois.



MAP APPENDIX

### Wisconsin Petroleum Pipelines



Source: Wisconsin Dept. of Energy Administration

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*Friends of the Headwaters* does question how excited the people of Wisconsin might be about new pipelines.

#### Pipeline builder to pay forfeiture

Enbridge Energy Partners agreed to pay \$1.1 million to settle claims that the company violated environmental regulations in connection with the construction of an oil pipeline spanning Wisconsin.



Source: Enbridge Inc.

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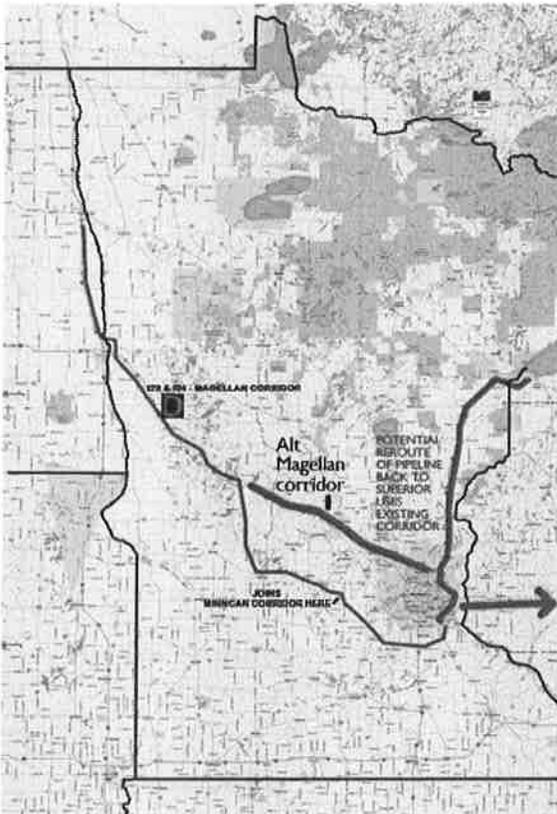
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These routes can be connected back to Superior along existing energy corridors.

**ALTERNATE ROUTE "D" as previously proposed in Position Paper of 4/2/2014**

Near Grand Forks the Sandpiper would turn south following an existing pipeline corridor along Interstate 29 south towards Fargo, North Dakota then follow the same corridor east southeast adjacent Interstate 94. This existing pipeline corridor is owned by the Magellan Company, the same company which has the line continuing east from Minneapolis-StPaul into Wisconsin to intersect Enbridge's existing corridor there. The Sandpiper follows this corridor until its intersection with the MinnCan pipeline corridor at which point it follows this corridor to the Flint Hills and Saint Paul Park refineries and pipeline system southeast of the Twin Cities Metro area.

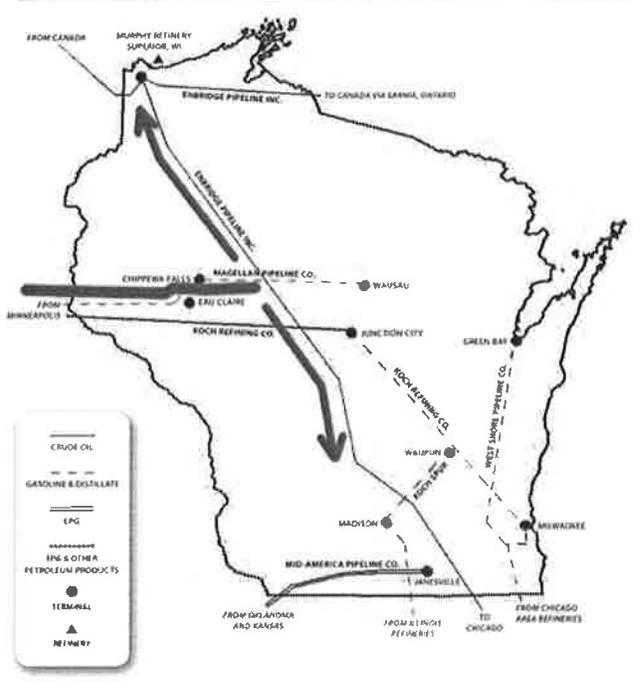
Route D bypasses most of Minnesota's sensitive lands and waters and gives Enbridge the option of two routes back to Superior. They can use an existing pipeline corridor along I35 to Duluth whereupon they would intersect their northern corridor and can turn east to Superior. Or they can use another existing pipeline corridor, the Magellan straight east into Wisconsin where that line intersects the Enbridge system in central Wisconsin. At that point Enbridge can use their proposed expansion line to move the oil back to Superior or down to Illinois.



Route D could also stay in the Magellan corridor along I94 and continue on into Wisconsin.

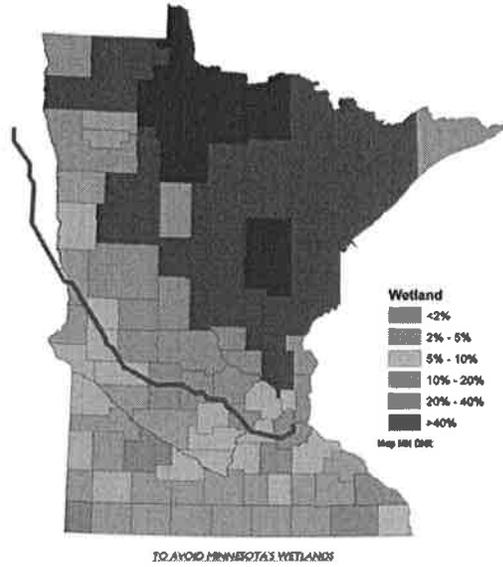
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**Wisconsin Petroleum Pipelines**

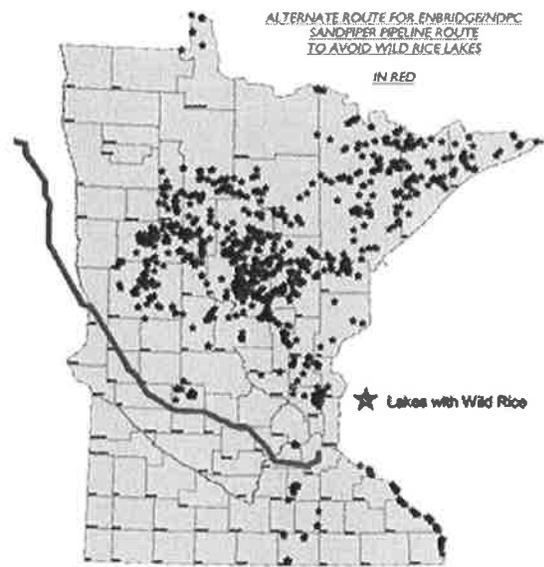
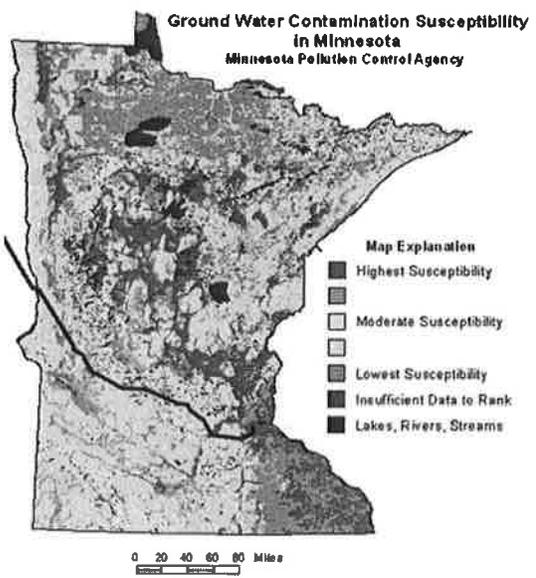


Source: Wisconsin Office of Energy Administration

Although these alternate routes avoid the high risk environmental lands and waters of the state as exhibited in the maps below, they do traverse areas of higher population near the Twin Cities. This route does allow a connection along existing pipeline corridors into western and central Wisconsin to Enbridge's pipeline system in Wisconsin. Enbridge has option to ship oil north back to Superior, WI or south to Chicago hub.



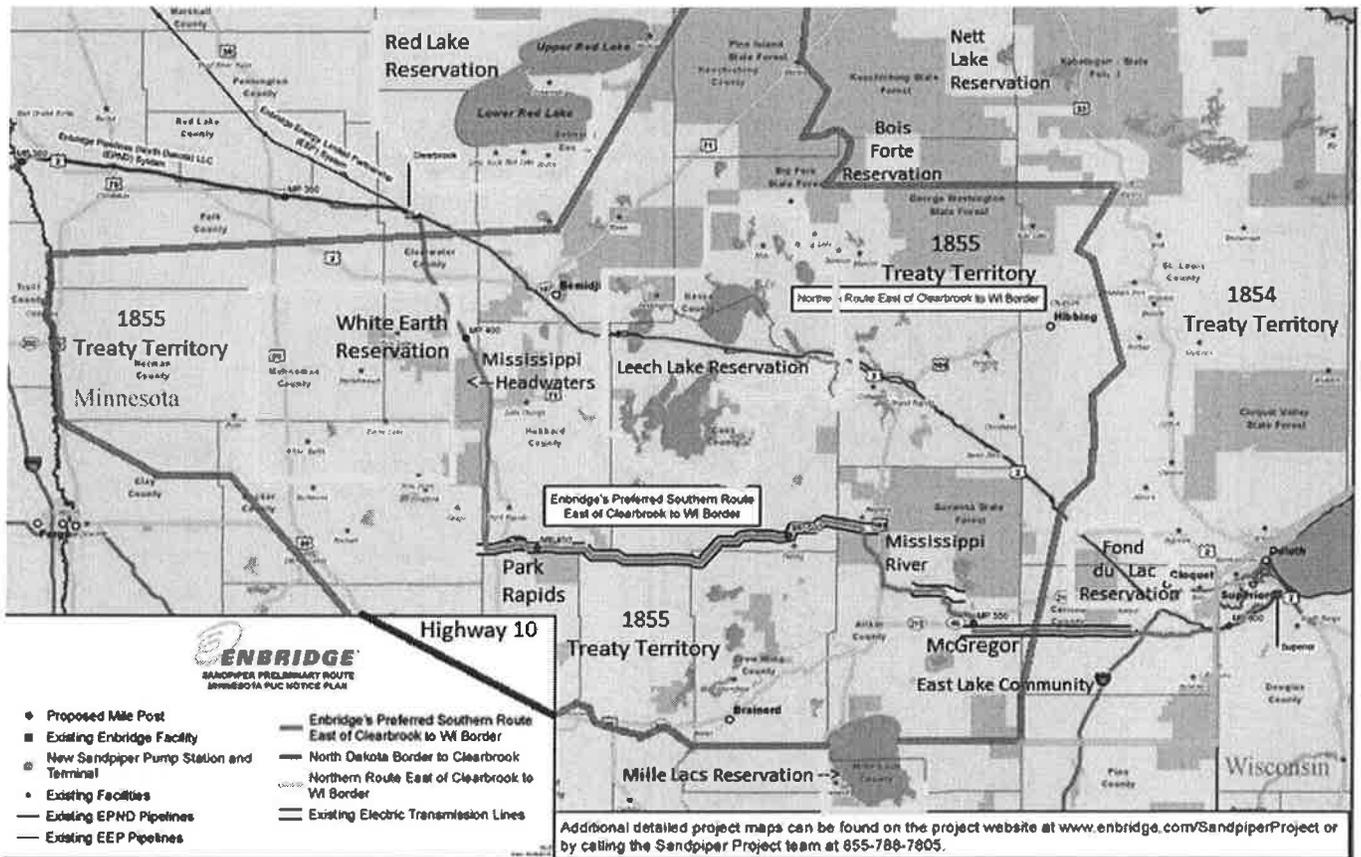
TO AVOID MINNESOTA'S WETLANDS



As currently planned with the exception of a few tax dollars and short term construction monies Minnesotans derive no long term benefits from these pipelines and assume all the risks from leaks/spills/ruptures. And eventually these pipelines will leak or break. Enbridge's spill history in Minnesota proves it true.

Friends of the Headwaters therefore recommends to the PUC, DOC and other state agencies that they enforce our MEPA statutes and deny the Certificate of Route permit for the Enbridge/NDPC's proposed Sandpiper pipeline corridor through Minnesota's prime lake country. A perfectly viable, low risk alternative is available south of our best waters.

In summary the *FRIENDS of the HEADWATERS* opposes the Enbridge/NDPC Sandpiper Pipeline route proposal as marked on the map below. What does it say about a company that would neglect to feature the state's most famous river, the Mississippi, on their proposed route map? Perhaps this is evidence of their true concern for Minnesota's valuable and cherished water resources.



Enbridge already has too large a footprint across Minnesota's Headwaters Country.

Too much is at risk, not only with the state's clearest lakes; ground water aquifers; fish and wildlife; wild rice; lake and riverfront homes, businesses, and communities; tourism industry; lands and forests; but there's also Lake Superior.

Does Enbridge's insistence on the pipeline ending at Superior portend a future of shipping oil on the Great Lakes? Ironical that a ship icon just happens to be on the adjacent map.

The people of Minnesota should not allow a Canadian corporation with its North Dakota Pipeline Company US subsidiary to dictate the terms of this project.

The company has yet to explain the need for Superior as the end point. This proposed pipeline route should not proceed without legitimate justification. Said reasoning should not include corporate profits.

*Friends of the Headwaters* believes up here a barrel of water IS worth more than a barrel of oil.



## FRIENDS OF THE HEADWATERS PROPOSAL

### Topics Open for Comment at this Time:

Are there any alternative routes or route segments that should be considered?

YES! Since *Friends of the Headwaters (FOH)* does not believe this proposed multiple pipeline "southern" corridor with the Sandpiper and the additional Line 3 rebuild Enbridge is now proposing can meet the high standards for quality, safety and sustainability of the lands and especially waters along the route, *Friends of the Headwaters* is proposing a "real" southern corridor for Sandpiper. This ALTERNATE ROUTE A utilizes an existing energy corridor of which Enbridge is a 50% shareholder with Alliance Company of Canada. This corridor originates in Canada and ends west of Chicago. The proposed Enbridge/NDPC pipeline route would intersect this corridor east of Minot, ND at which point NDPC would turn and follow the corridor to Illinois. See below for Route A as well as 3 other routes (B, C and D) which FOH is proposing and has submitted to the PUC for consideration and comparison. Feel free to use these routes or any others in your letters to the PUC.

What human and environmental impacts should be studied in the comparative environmental analysis? For example:

- Impacts of construction on lands (eminent domain, etc), rivers, wetlands, etc
- Impacts of a spill on rivers, lakes, wetlands, groundwater aquifers (drinking water), aquatic and terrestrial wildlife
- Economic impact of spill and threat of spill on property values, tourist revenue, agriculture (irrigation)
- Emergency personnel disaster preparedness

Are there any specific methods to address these impacts that should be studied in the comparative environmental analysis? For example:

- Comparing the impact of predictable spills for all alternate routes on persons, property and natural resources
- Comparing the results and impact of predictable spills to groundwater aquifers
- Consider and compare the results of worst-case spill scenarios
- Use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) route optimization methodology that weight factors such as environmental, demographic and social issues
- The need for a more comprehensive Environmental Impact Study (EIS) that would include items shown above, as opposed to the streamlined Comparative Environmental Analysis (CEA)

## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** willis mattison <mattison@arvig.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2014 7:07 PM  
**To:** Schrenzel, Jamie (DNR)  
**Cc:** Nelson, Casey (COMM); Hartman, Larry (COMM); 'James Perkett'  
**Subject:** RE: Information Request

Thank your update, Ms. Schrenzel, However, we must inform you that further delay in our receiving this file is quite problematic. The requested file is essential to our group's effort to provide substantive comments regarding our proposal for any possible alternative routes for the Sandpiper pipeline to be considered in the Department of Commerce's "comparative environmental assessment". The Public Utilities Commission and Department of Commerce have imposed an April 4th, 4:30 P.M. deadline on the public's ability to propose alternative routes for this pipeline and they request a large amount of factual geographic, demographic, and natural resource environment data be supplied to support any alternative routes. The requested shapefile is essential for supplying the volume and detail of information for the major rerouting we plan to propose for the pipeline within the extraordinarily short window of time allotted for the public to do so.

Your and your attorney's prompt attention and affirmative response to our request for this GIS shapefile is crucial to our ability to fully participate in the public process allowed for the routing of this pipeline.

Thank you,  
Willis Mattison, Technical Advisor  
Friends of the Headwaters.

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**From:** Schrenzel, Jamie (DNR) [<mailto:jamie.schrenzel@state.mn.us>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 21, 2014 4:30 PM  
**To:** willis mattison  
**Subject:** RE: Information Request

Mr. Mattison,

I may have to follow up with you on Monday. I haven't received the final assessment of Enbridge's trade secret/security request yet, though I understand it should be out soon.

Jamie

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**From:** Schrenzel, Jamie (DNR)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 4:28 PM  
**To:** 'willis mattison'  
**Subject:** RE: Information Request

Mr. Mattison,

Thank you for your request. I am anticipating receiving a response soon (likely today or tomorrow) with a DNR legal assessment of whether the data you are requesting is considered by the DNR to be trade secret or security information. I will contact you when I have this assessment to help you in accordance with that determination.

Thanks,  
Jamie Schrenzel  
Principal Planner  
Environmental Review Unit  
(651) 259-5115

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**From:** willis mattison [<mailto:mattison@arvig.net>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 11:46 AM  
**To:** Schrenzel, Jamie (DNR)  
**Cc:** Nelson, Casey (COMM); Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** Information Request

Hello Ms Schrenzel,  
I understand you may be able to help us with our request for data in Ms. Deyo's absence. Please see our request below.

Thanks,  
Willis Mattison, Tech Advisor  
Friends of the Headwaters

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**From:** willis mattison [<mailto:mattison@arvig.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2014 11:52 PM  
**To:** 'Sheila.deyo@state.mn.us'  
**Subject:**

## Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

### Data Request Form

Date: Name: Willis Mattison
Address: 42516 State Highway 34
City: State: Zip: Osage, MN 56570
Phone Number: 218-841-2733 Email: <a href="mailto:mattison@arvig.net">mattison@arvig.net</a>

**Note: You do not have to provide any of the above contact information. However, we may not be able to clarify your request or provide copies without contact information. You are not required to use this form. It is for convenience only.**

**Please describe the data you are requesting in the box below and if you would like us to provide:**

Inspection  Copies  Both inspection and copies

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I'm requesting a copy of the GIS Shapefile detailing the planned route for the proposed Sandpiper crude oil pipeline currently undergoing review by your Department's Land and Minerals Division. The information may have been submitted to the MDNR by Enbridge Corp or North Dakota Pipeline LLC. Depending on file size I may need to have you send this on SD card, CDROM or flash drive as my internet service is by satellite and very restricted bandwidth.

Please email or call me to discuss details, shipping method in addition to copying and shipping costs.

Thank you,

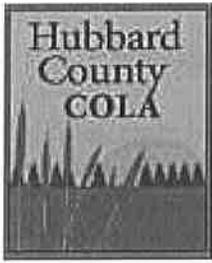
Willis Mattison

Date of Request by email: March 20, 2014

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**MS § 13.03, subd.3, authorizes DNR to charge fees to recover costs to provide copies of data. Prepayment is required prior to receiving copies of data.**

**Submit by mail, fax, or email to: Minnesota Department of Natural Resources  
Data Practice Compliance Official  
500 Lafayette Road  
St. Paul, MN 55155-4046  
Fax: 651.296.0902  
Email: [Sheila.deyo@state.mn.us](mailto:Sheila.deyo@state.mn.us)  
For questions call: Data Practices Compliance Official at 651.259.5345**



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May 11, 2014

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Re: Public Utilities Commission (PUC)  
Docket Number PL-6668/PPL-13-474

Dear Mr. Hartman:

Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (“HC COLA”) is a coalition of 29 lake associations and their approximate 2,100 members that represent 37 lakes in Hubbard County. HC COLA’s mission is to protect and enhance the quality of our lakes and rivers, preserve the economic, recreational and natural environmental values of our shore lands and promote the responsible use of our waters and related habitats. HC COLA’s mission enhances, promotes and protects the interests of lake shore property owners, lake associations, local government, the general public and future generations.

HC COLA is focusing on obtaining information about the Application by Enbridge Energy Limited Partnership and North Dakota Pipeline Company (collectively, Enbridge) for the Sandpiper Pipeline as described in the above referenced Docket No.PL-6668/PPL-13-474 (the “Sandpiper Pipeline”) and providing that information to its membership.

HC COLA has the following comments and recommendations regarding the PUC’s consideration of Enbridge’s Application for the Sandpiper Pipeline:

## **1. The following alternate routes or route segments should be considered:**

It is in the best interest of the state, counties, townships, cities and businesses along the proposed route, and the public (collectively, the "Stakeholders") that the natural resources in the area of Enbridge's proposed Southern Preferred Route or Northern Route be protected to the maximum extent possible to prevent the potential for "significant environmental effects" from a leak, spill, fire or other environmental harm from the Sandpiper Pipeline on the Mississippi, Straight and other rivers; lakes which are some of the clearest and cleanest in Minnesota; wetlands; the Straight River aquifer which is shallow and in sandy porous soils; groundwater, and the wild rice waters. All of these natural resources are extremely vulnerable, sensitive, unique and valuable resources of the Stakeholders and, as such, Alternate Routes A, B, C and D should be considered as the Sandpiper Pipeline Route so that such natural resources receive the greatest protection possible from any environmental or human harm caused by the construction, operation and maintenance of the Sandpiper Pipeline.

All of these alternate routes move the Sandpiper Pipeline Route out of the high risk lands and waters of central and northern Minnesota, move the potential of oil spills away from the Lake Superior basin, either tie into the Enbridge system in Illinois or connect to the refineries in Minneapolis-St. Paul or to pipeline systems in the Twin Cities metro area that would connect across Wisconsin to the primary Enbridge pipeline corridor running northwest to southeast down through Wisconsin, and the routes attempt to utilize existing energy corridors as much as possible.

### **Alternate Route A (Primary Alternate)**

Alternate Route A traverses almost exclusively agricultural lands below Minnesota's primary lake country and in an area which is sparsely populated with mostly small towns among the farmlands. This alternate route avoids all the major risk areas of the lake country as described above and is consistent with Enbridge's preference of building its pipelines across farmland because they provide better soils, easier, cheaper and quicker construction, less natural habitat destruction, and access for construction and to leaks and spills is much easier. Additionally, after construction the farmland can be put back into crop production and winter wetland construction would be at a minimum.

Although the route does not end in Superior, it still ties into (i) the existing Enbridge system in Illinois with routing options to Michigan and Ontario that avoid our greatest freshwater lakes of Lake Superior and the Mackinac Straits of Lakes Michigan and Huron, (ii) the Illinois Hub which allows Enbridge access to its pipelines to Oklahoma and points south and (iii) the southern Minnesota pipelines owned and operated by other companies which provide the option of re-routing Bakken crude to the refineries in Rosemont and Saint Paul Park in the south Twin Cities Metro.

### **Alternate Route B**

This is modeled after Alternate Route A in that it begins in North Dakota on the Enbridge/Alliance natural gas pipeline corridor. Upon reaching the I29 corridor in eastern North and South Dakota it follows the I29 corridor south until intersecting another natural gas pipeline corridor at which point it follows that corridor to Illinois. This route traverses mostly farmland in the southwest corner of the state and also avoids the two major river crossings of the Red River north of Wheaton, MN and the Minnesota River near Mankato.

### **Alternative Route C**

This route would turn south West of Grand Forks, ND near Larimore and follow either the railroad easements or road easements south southeast down the Red River Valley, crossing the Red River near Wahpeton, ND and continuing along MN Hwy 9 until it intersects an existing pipeline corridor owned by the Magellan Company. The Sandpiper follows this corridor until its intersection with the MinnCan pipeline corridor at which point it follows this corridor to the Flint Hills and Saint Paul Park refineries and pipeline system southeast of the Twin Cities Metro area.

**3. To address the human and environmental impacts the following specific methods should be studied in the Comparative Environmental Analysis:**

- a. COLA requests that an Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS"), in lieu of the Comparative Environmental Analysis, be prepared for the Sandpiper Pipeline because an EIS is the only way that a comprehensive environmental analysis will be prepared for all of the environmental impacts on all of the natural resources involved in Enbridge's proposed Southern and Northern Routes and the alternate routes under consideration. For instance, the 2014 Federal Environmental Impact Statement prepared by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the proposed Pebble Mine in Bristol Bay Alaska fully analyzes the *operational* impacts of proposed pipelines.
- b. Use accepted standard methods of determining impacts that are used in an EIS.
- c. As set forth in the Documents in 2a.
- d. Estimated cost comparison for the construction and for the maintenance of each route under consideration and the ultimate cost impact on a barrel of oil and gallon of gasoline.
- e. Take into consideration the public's comments and the comments from the MDNR, MPCA and other state agencies regarding matters that are within such agency's area of expertise.

After attending public meetings and reviewing the available information on Enbridge and the Sandpiper Pipeline, HC COLA's current position is that if a Certificate of Need for the Sandpiper Pipeline is issued by the Public Utilities Commission (the "PUC") COLA will request that the PUC (i) deny Enbridge's request for its proposed Southern Preferred Route and its Northern Route and (ii) approve any of the Alternate Routes A, B, C or D as the Route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

Thank you for considering our comments and recommendations. If you have any questions or want to discuss these matters further please call Dan Kittilson at 218-732-5566.

Hubbard County COLA



By: \_\_\_\_\_

Dan Kittilson  
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Contact, Commissioner (COMM)

Tuesday, June 10, 2014 8:30 AM

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FW: Hubbard County Regional Economic Development Commission supports Sandpiper Pipeline & a timely, predictable regulatory process for review & approval

Attachments:

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**To:** Rothman, Mike (COMM); Contact, Commissioner (COMM)

**Cc:** David W. Collins; Rod Skoe; Roger Erickson; Steve Green; John Persell

**Subject:** Hubbard County Regional Economic Development Commission supports Sandpiper Pipeline & a timely, predictable regulatory process for review & approval

Commissioner Rothman:

Attached please find our letter in full support of the proposed Sandpiper Pipeline. We strongly support a timely and predictable regulatory process for review and approval of the proposed project.

Thank you.

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June 9, 2014

Mr. Mike Rothman, Commissioner  
Minnesota Department of Commerce  
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Dear Commissioner Rothman:

The Hubbard County Regional Economic Development Commission fully supports the Sandpiper Pipeline Project and urges a favorable and timely Public Utility Commission / Department of Commerce (PUC / DOC) evaluation and project approval.

Enbridge has had a positive Minnesota presence for 65 years, and is currently investing \$5 billion in much needed, new and improved infrastructure. We were excited to learn the proposed Sandpiper Pipeline Project would be built in Hubbard County.

This project will benefit Hubbard County residents by:

- 1) boosting local businesses like restaurants, grocery stores and other services when survey, construction and maintenance crews work and live in our communities;
- 2) providing grants to our emergency responders, ensuring they are well-educated regarding pipeline safety and are prepared to respond should the need ever arise;
- 3) partnering with our area, as pipeline employees serve on boards, donate to special events and / or other community needs;
- 4) providing an expanded, stable property tax base. Even though Enbridge's existing pipelines cross the very northeastern corner of Hubbard County, the company paid nearly \$700,000 in property taxes in 2011;
- 5) Employing local residents to be part of the Enbridge's business, either as direct employees or as vendors.

We have been eagerly anticipating the Sandpiper project in Hubbard County and have been actively

following the regulatory proceedings. It would appear that this project has been subjected to an unusual delay when the designated public comment period was reopened and extended after it had closed, tactics devised by those opposed to delay and ultimately block this project. We believe the PUC / DOC standard regulatory proceedings allow for adequate citizen input, and that further consideration of this project should be on a reasonable and predictable schedule.

As stated earlier, we support this project and would like to see it move forward, as we think it is important to increase our access to North American sources of energy. Because our lives and economy depend on energy, reducing our dependence on imports from unstable parts of the world is important.

We are looking forward to the project's construction in the first quarter of 2015, and the impacts it will have on our businesses, tax base and employment for local residents.

If the project is delayed, it will negatively impact our community through:

- 1) delay and possible loss of valuable construction jobs;
- 2) delay and possible loss of significant income for local retail, restaurant, material and equipment, and hospitality businesses;
- 3) delay and possible loss of millions of dollars in property tax revenues created by the construction and commissioning of the Sandpiper Pipeline Project. It is estimated Sandpiper alone could result in an additional \$3.5 million in property taxes for Hubbard County during its first year of operation. This is significant, much needed revenue for our county and its taxpayers.

Furthermore, the presence of a resource like the Sandpiper Pipeline may also present further economic development and growth opportunities for our area in the future.

Again, we encourage you to move this project forward and evaluate the Sandpiper proposal through a predictable regulatory process. And please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance in any way.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



David W. Collins  
Executive Director

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**Subject:** Enbridge Sandpiper Comment Reply  
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**Date:** December 12, 2013

**From:** Jim Brady, Business Manager, Laborers' District Council of Minnesota and North Dakota

**To:** Minnesota Public Utilities commission

**Re:** Reply comments regarding responses to the Enbridge Pipeline application for Certificate of Need and Route Permits (Docket #CN/PPL-13-473)

The Laborers' District Council of Minnesota and North Dakota and its affiliated Locals represents more than 10,000 construction tradesmen and tradeswomen in Minnesota and North Dakota, including many who live in counties that lie along the proposed route. We write to express our view that Enbridge's applications to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for a Certificate of Need and Route Permit for the proposed Sandpiper Pipeline contain the information required under state rules governing the siting of energy facilities.

The Laborers' Union has reviewed the materials submitted by Enbridge, as well as the responses submitted to the PUC by other interested parties – including the Minnesota Department of Commerce Division of Energy Resources (DER), Carlton County Land Stewards (CCLS), and Kennecott Exploration Company – on the adequacy and completeness of the applications. While we view the applications already filed by Enbridge as sufficient to meet state regulatory requirements, we believe that the information requested by DER would make a useful addition. Most of the other comments, including those of CCLS, speak largely to the merits of proposal rather than the completeness of the application and we believe are better addressed at the appropriate stage of the public comment process.

We feel the need to correct the record, however, with regard to comments filed by Kennecott Exploration Company, which we believe attempt to establish standards for the evaluation of the Sandpiper Project applications that are unreasonable, unrealistic, and inconsistent with the intent of state law and regulation. In our view, Kennecott's comments attempt to draw the PUC down a regulatory rabbit hole by demanding that Enbridge address not only the impact of the project on real, existing environmental and economic resources, but also on hypothetical future resources.

#### **Legal authority of the Public Utility Commission to approve the proposed route**

Kennecott's comments suggest that the state has tied its own hands with respect to the siting of energy facilities once it issues a mineral lease. We believe the company's assertion that mineral leases trump the PUC process to be based on a misreading of the law. Further, if implemented, such a policy would certainly be an obstacle not only to the development of needed energy facilities, but also mineral resources. It would, in effect, compel policymakers either to make land available for future energy development by denying land permits, or foreclose future energy development by granting permits.

We do not believe that the owners of mineral rights leaseholders merit or are entitled to special treatment. Any homeowners, farmers, surface business owners, and mineral rights owners has the right to participate in the public siting process and, if a project moves forward, to receive fair compensation for any resulting loss of use or value of their property. Giving mineral rights holders veto power over the process would be unfair to surface land owners and would

raise costs for energy users by encouraging mineral rights holders to extort the developers of pipeline and other energy projects.

### **Economic impact of proposed pipeline**

Kennecott argues that the Sandpiper Project applications are incomplete because Enbridge has failed to sufficiently address the economic impact of limits the pipeline could place on the company's proposed copper nickel mining operations. Our union supports proposals to develop copper nickel and other mineral resources in Northern Minnesota, and we believe that Kennecott has the right to argue that their concerns should be weighed when the PUC considers the *merits* of Enbridge's proposal.

But it is important to keep in mind that the economic benefits of Kennecott's proposed copper nickel mining operations are both hypothetical and unknown. Kennecott does not yet have the necessary approvals to begin operation and it is uncertain whether Kennecott or any other mining company will be able to obtain those approvals. There is no way to know if, where, and on what basis copper nickel mining might be allowed in Minnesota, so it is impossible to know what economic activity might take place, let alone what might be lost due to restrictions imposed on Kennecott by the pipeline. It would be unreasonable and pointless to require Enbridge to speculate about such impacts in its applications to the PUC.

Moreover, if the hypothetical economic impact of the proposed pipeline on mining operations that do not yet exist is to be considered, we believe that the PUC should also weigh the more real and immediate impact of the pipeline on oil and gas development activity that contributes directly to our state economy and tax revenues. If these impacts are considered, we think there will be no question that the economic benefits of the project far outweigh minor and hypothetical limitations to proposed future mining activity.

North Dakota's oil and gas boom has created a situation in which skilled labor and experienced contractors are in short supply. Dozens of union signatory contractors and hundreds of our members and members of other trades have been called in to help – generating hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue and wages for Minnesota firms and residents. And the union construction trades are just the tip of the iceberg: Bakken oil and gas exploration is creating income for hundreds of Minnesota businesses and their employees, as well as income and sales tax revenues for our state and local governments. As Enbridge explains in its application for a Certificate of Need, new pipeline capacity is desperately needed in order to support continued development of these resources.

### **Environmental impacts of proposed pipeline**

Kennecott provides no evidence that Enbridge's Environmental Protection Plan is not sufficient to safeguard environmentally sensitive lands, including lands owned by the company. Instead, the company argues that the proposed route *might* impact a *hypothetical* environmental resource – a proposed contiguous area of protected forest/wildlife area encompassing McGregor Wildlife Management Area and Savanna State Forest.

Yet this hypothetical resource may never exist, because, as Kennecott acknowledges, its purpose would be to mitigate the environmental impact of mining operations which may never happen or may be mitigated in other ways – at which point the company could be expected to dispose of the land in a manner that favors shareholders over the environment. Forcing Enbridge to speculate on the pipeline's impact on what is, at present, an imaginary environmental resource is the company's way of moving the regulatory goalposts and would open the door to limitless challenges to energy facility siting based on hypothetical future resource development.

Kennecott's claims regarding the potential impact to environmentally sensitive lands also lay bare the inconsistency in the company's position. Kennecott argues in the same breath that the Sandpiper project will foreclose future mining operations, and that it might also harm the environment by impacting lands purchased by Kennecott for the sole purpose of *mitigating the environmental impact of future mining operations*.

Kennecott's own logic could be used to argue that the PUC should approve the Sandpiper Project precisely *because* it will protect public lands from company's plans for copper nickel mining. While we would reject such an argument, it shows the danger of basing regulatory decisions on excessive speculation about the future.

To sum up, we believe that Kennecott's claims against the Sandpiper project are based not on facts and reason but on wishful thinking. In the words of the venerable Groucho Marx, "If we had some eggs we could have eggs and ham, if we had some ham." In its objections to the Sandpiper Project, we find that Kennecott has neither.



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May 27, 2014

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**Re: PUC Docket No. PL-6668/PPL-13-474**

On behalf of the Board of Directors and members of Lake Country Power, a not-for-profit electric cooperative serving north central and northeastern Minnesota, I write to lend our full support to Enbridge's efforts to construct and operate the Sandpiper Pipeline Project in northern Minnesota. We request your recommendation of approval for the Certificate of Need along the location of the preferred route from the Beaver Lodge station in North Dakota to the Superior Terminal in Superior, Wisconsin.

Pipelines represent an important part of the economy as a viable, 24/7 transport mechanism for the safe delivery of crude petroleum from North American sources. Even with the accelerated emphasis on renewable resources, petroleum remains an integral and critical part of the equation for energy and petroleum-based products development now and into the foreseeable future. With existing assets and environmental safeguards in place, the route through northern Minnesota will reduce our reliance on foreign energy sources and sustain the economy in northern Minnesota and our region.

We believe the need to establish new crude oil pipeline transportation service from North Dakota to refineries in the Midwest and East Coast is an essential response to the growing domestic production of oil from the Bakken region. Given other environmental impacts and considerations, we believe the use of this pipeline is an efficient, safe, cost-effective and energy efficient alternative compared to other transportation alternatives. Rail derailments, highway congestion, densely populated regions and safety issues are major considerations when comparing other transportation alternatives or routes.

The economic impact of this project is well documented and we are confident in Enbridge's record as a solid corporate citizen. This Enbridge investment will also mean immediate construction jobs and ongoing support and maintenance positions. That does not include direct benefits to local businesses during the construction phase or ongoing indirect benefits given the jobs and tax base generated annually.

Further, the proposed project will optimize use of an existing right-of-way pipeline, with approximately 212 miles (70 percent) to be co-located with or parallel to existing rights-of-way. We recommend that you approve this Certificate of Need to maintain a diverse, efficient and environmentally safe energy supply.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our position in this public comment process.

Regards,

  
Greg Banda  
General Manager

## Rice, Robin (PUC)

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**From:** Mark Schultz <marks@landstewardshipproject.org>  
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**Cc:** Mike McMahon  
**Subject:** Comment on Routing Permit #13-474, Certificate of Need #13-473



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Dr. Haar:

The Land Stewardship Project is writing to comment on the Certificate of Need and the Routing Permit for the Sandpiper pipeline (Routing Permit #13-474, Certificate of Need #13-473)

The Land Stewardship Project is a Minnesota-based membership organization of farm, rural and urban people who are committed to the advancement of stewardship of the land, sustainable agriculture and healthy communities.

The Land Stewardship Project opposes the construction of the Sandpiper pipeline and all pipelines that threaten human health and long-term care of the land. We urge the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to deny the permit because the pipeline is a threat to people, lifeways, watersheds, agricultural lands and wildlife. It is our position that the project proponents have not sufficiently demonstrated that this project is in the interest of the public.

Rural communities, especially rural indigenous communities, disproportionately bear the brunt of the corporate-led extreme energy extraction operations that are literally shattering the earth for short-term profit. The Sandpiper and other gas, oil and tar sand pipelines are part of the proliferation of a larger unsustainable energy system that includes fracking and mining for frac sand. It is an unstable and dangerous system that puts the short-term profits of major corporations ahead of the rights of people and the land.

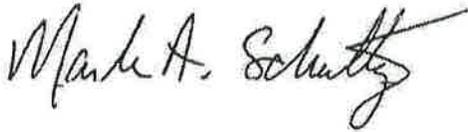
As a farm and rural organization, we have particular concerns related to the threat this project poses for agricultural land in northern Minnesota, including:

- Northern Minnesota cannot afford to lose scarce farmland to pipeline construction.
- Co-locating new pipelines with existing crude oil pipelines is most consistent with the principle of non-proliferation and minimizes damage to farms, the environment and members of the community that own land.

- Locating the pipelines along existing crude oil pipelines is preferable to the use of electrical transmission line rights of way. While using electrical line rights of ways is preferable to crossing greenfield areas, due to the massive disturbance of soil and the potential for pollution from new pipeline rights of way, the least damaging approach, should the pipeline project be built at all, is to follow the existing oil pipeline rights of ways.
- Organic farms are vulnerable to loss of certification, soil destruction and ecosystem damage. Routes should avoid organic farms.
- Wild, natural and forested areas not only provide essential ecosystem services to support sustainable farming, they are also valuable natural resources in themselves that provide critical wildlife habitat and protect the health of impaired rivers such as the Nemadji River in the Lake Superior Watershed.

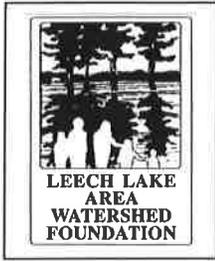
The amended preferred route submitted by the pipeline proponents includes plans to follow existing pipelines for five miles in the eastern part of Carlton County. The Land Stewardship Project supports this change to the route, as it is an improvement for the people and the land in that portion of the state. However, we believe that the best decision in the interests of stewardship of the land and care for all people is to deny the permit for Sandpiper pipeline and urge the Commission to act accordingly.

Sincerely,



Mark Schultz, Associate Director/Policy Director  
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Larry Hartman, Environmental Review Manager  
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Reference: PUC Docket #13-474

Dear Sir:

The Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation (LLAWF) is dedicated to preserving and sustaining the natural resources in the Leech Lake Watershed and neighboring region of North Central Minnesota, including Hubbard, Cass, Crow Wing, and Aitkin counties for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations. Since 1997, we have permanently protected over 20 miles of critical shorelands and 3,000 acres of critical habitat lands.

We are writing to express our concerns about the proposed Enbridge Sandpiper pipeline. While we appreciate the importance of adequate energy resources for the country, the proposed Sandpiper pipeline route would include a segment through the sensitive natural resources of north central Minnesota's premier lake country where a potential pipeline leak could do serious harm to the ecosystem.

Before approving the proposed pipeline route, we urge the PUC to seriously consider not only alternative routes that may pass through less environmentally sensitive regions but also consider the relative safety of other petroleum transportation methods (e.g., rail cars). No matter which route or transportation mode that is selected, we respectfully request that the PUC ensure that a thorough environmental impact assessment is made, and that specific methods to address the environmental impact of any spills be developed.

Sincerely,

Maggie McGill  
Chair of the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation

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May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Larry Hartman, Environmental Review Manager  
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RE: Docket Number #130474

Dear Mr. Hartman,

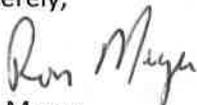
I have been coming to the area of Whitefish Lake and the Pine River Watershed for 30 years. We love the area because it is a unique portion of the state. When I retired, 15 years ago, we moved to the area permanently. We live on Whitefish Lake and I was a Board member for 8 years of the Whitefish Area Property Owners Association (WAPOA). I started the Pine River Watershed Alliance (PRWA) in 2001 because WAPOA understood what happens in the entire watershed will impact the environment of the Whitefish Chain of Lakes. PRWA has worked with local agencies and residents to protect and preserve the watershed. We are presently in the 10 year Pine River Watershed Project driven by the MPCA. We are at the stage of developing the Watershed Restoration and Protection (WRAP) plans for the area. We will complete the plans this year and next and then move to the implementation portion of the ten year effort.

The pipeline brings a whole new issue to the area. As so many of us work to preserve the area with small focused efforts the possibility of a problem like an oil spill can make someone feel like we are arranging the deck chairs on the Titanic. We will continue our efforts at our grass roots level but we need you to insure that this pipeline will be handled in a manner that protects this sensitive area from a catastrophe.

With all the information I have seen and heard I have come to the conclusion that we need a pipeline and it will leak. Because it will leak it should be built in an area where the impact can be minimized and that the route can be monitored for leaks to take quick action to control. It would be great if the oil industry spent money on more rigorous and effective pipelines from a safety perspective but that isn't what is happening. I also hope that the response to a leak is rapid and the costs are covered by the pipeline company. The worst scenario beyond a leak is that local people absorb both the problem and the costs.

I hope you will insure the pipeline is built in the safest location to protect this unique portion of Minnesota and we will continue our efforts from a grass roots level to do the same.

Sincerely,

  
Ron Meyer

Chair of the Pine River Watershed Alliance

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LARRY HARTMAN—ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW MANAGER

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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RE: PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION(PUC) –DOCKET NUMBER PL-6668/PPL-13-474

Dear Mr. Hartman:

The Potato Lake Association(PLA) is a corporation formed for the purpose of protecting, preserving, and enhancing the aesthetic, environmental, and economic values of Hubbard County, and particularly Potato Lake and its immediate environs, to discourage unsound growth and development which may pollute, impair or destroy air, water and land resources of Potato Lake and its environs, to improve understanding of the environment and dangers to it and to create and enforce good land use and environmental policies as applied to Potato Lake and its environs.

The PLA is focusing on obtaining information about the Application by Enbridge Energy Limited Partnership and North Dakota Pipeline Company (collectively, Enbridge) for the Sandpiper Pipeline as described in the above reference Docket No. PL-6668/PPL-13-474 (the "Sandpiper Pipeline") and providing that information to its membership, annually approximately 125 households strong.

The PLA has the following comments and recommendations regarding the PUC's consideration of Enbridges's Application for the Sandpiper Pipeline:

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## **1. The following alternate routes or route segments should be considered:**

It is in the best interest of the state, counties, townships, cities and businesses along the proposed route, and the public (collectively, the “Stakeholders”) that the natural resources in the area of Enbridge’s proposed Southern Preferred Route or Northern Route be protected to the maximum extent possible to prevent the potential for “significant environmental effects” from a leak, spill, fire or other environmental harm from the Sandpiper Pipeline on the Mississippi, Straight and other rivers; lakes which are some of the clearest and cleanest in Minnesota; wetlands; the Straight River aquifer which is shallow and in sandy porous soils; groundwater, and the wild rice waters. All of these natural resources are extremely vulnerable, sensitive, unique and valuable resources of the Stakeholders and, as such, Alternate Routes A, B, C and D should be considered as the Sandpiper Pipeline Route so that such natural resources receive the greatest protection possible from any environmental or human harm caused by the construction, operation and maintenance of the Sandpiper Pipeline.

All of these alternate routes move the Sandpiper Pipeline Route out of the high risk lands and waters of central and northern Minnesota, move the potential of oil spills away from the Lake Superior basin, either tie into the Enbridge system in Illinois or connect to the refineries in Minneapolis-St. Paul or to pipeline systems in the Twin Cities metro area that would connect across Wisconsin to the primary Enbridge pipeline corridor running northwest to southeast down through Wisconsin, and the routes attempt to utilize existing energy corridors as much as possible.

### **Alternate Route A (Primary Alternate)**

Alternate Route A traverses almost exclusively agricultural lands below Minnesota's primary lake country and in an area which is sparsely populated with mostly small towns among the farmlands. This alternate route avoids all the major risk areas of the lake country as described above and is consistent with Enbridge’s preference of building its pipelines across farmland because they provide better soils, easier, cheaper and quicker construction, less natural habitat destruction, and access for construction and to leaks and spills is much easier. Additionally, after construction the farmland can be put back into crop production and winter wetland construction would be at a minimum.

Although the route does not end in Superior, it still ties into (i) the existing Enbridge system in Illinois with routing options to Michigan and Ontario that avoid our greatest freshwater lakes of Lake Superior and the Mackinac Straits of Lakes Michigan and Huron, (ii) the Illinois Hub which allows Enbridge access to its pipelines to Oklahoma and points south and (iii) the southern Minnesota pipelines owned and operated by other companies which provide the option of re-routing Bakken crude to the refineries in Rosemont and Saint Paul Park in the south Twin Cities Metro.

### **Alternate Route B**

This is modeled after Alternate Route A in that it begins in North Dakota on the Enbridge/Alliance natural gas pipeline corridor. Upon reaching the I29 corridor in eastern North and South Dakota it follows the I29 corridor south until intersecting another natural gas pipeline corridor at which point it follows that corridor to Illinois. This route traverses mostly farmland in the southwest corner of the state and also avoids the two major river crossings of the Red River north of Wheaton, MN and the Minnesota River near Mankato.

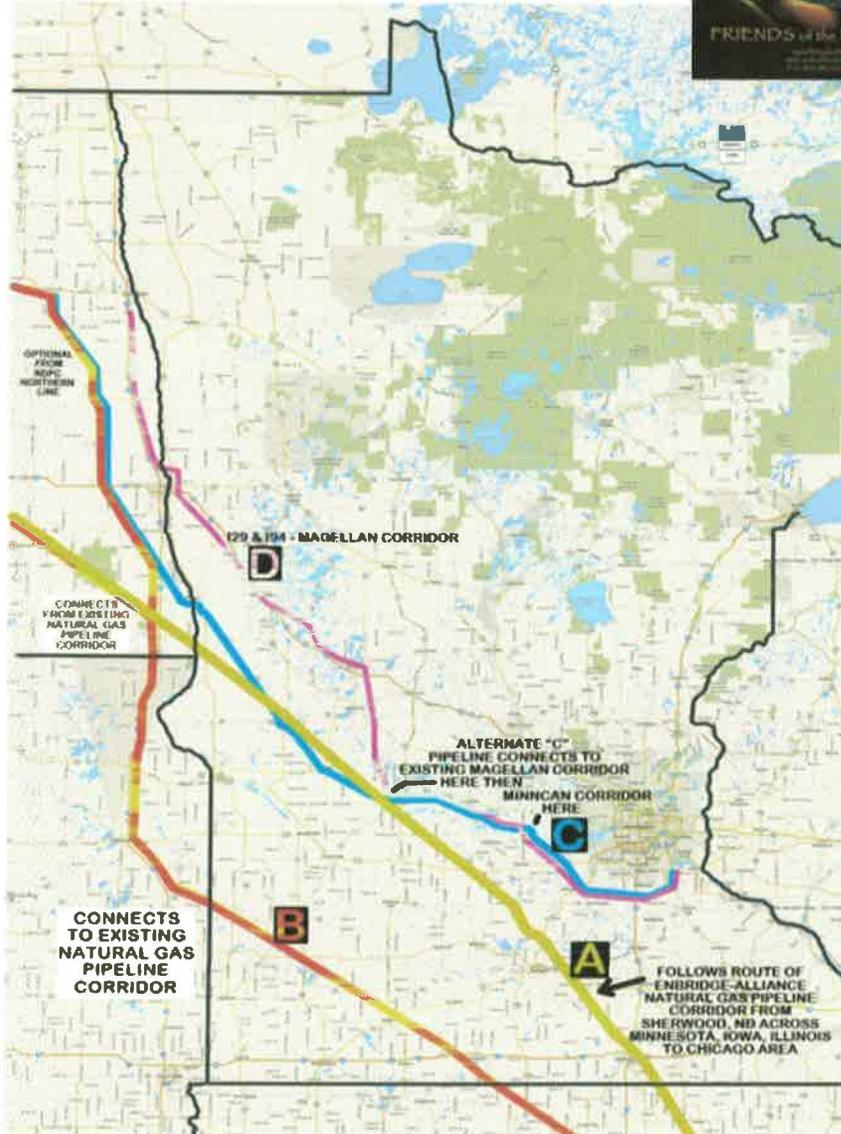
### **Alternative Route C**

This route would turn south West of Grand Forks, ND near Larimore and follow either the railroad easements or road easements south southeast down the Red River Valley, crossing the Red River near Wahpeton, ND and continuing along MN Hwy 9 until it intersects an existing pipeline corridor owned by the Magellan Company. The Sandpiper follows this corridor until its intersection with the MinnCan pipeline corridor at which point it follows this corridor to the Flint Hills and Saint Paul Park refineries and pipeline system southeast of the Twin Cities Metro area.

## Alternate Route D

This route begins just west of Grand Forks to follow the I29 corridor south to the Fargo area where it crosses the Red River and connects to the existing Magellan pipeline corridor which follows more or less the I94 freeway corridor into the Twin Cities. Near the Twin Cities it can either continue on the Magellan right of way or again follow the MinnCan right of way around to the refineries in the south Metro.

### Friends of the Headwaters proposed NDPC Sandpiper pipeline Alternate Routes A, B, C & D



## **2. The following human and environmental impacts should be studied in the Comparative Environmental Analysis:**

- a. The construction and potential leaks of the pipeline on Enbridge's proposed Southern and Northern routes could cause devastating environmental damage to the lakes, rivers, wetlands, trout streams, aquifers, groundwater, drinking water, and agriculture. There could be significant impact on wildlife, fish and marine life, aquatic vegetation, and the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS). In the event of a spill, the loss of use of the lakes and rivers for recreation, as well as the negative economic impact on tourism revenue, lake shore property values and Hubbard County property tax dollars would have great human impact. These, and the other human and environmental impacts set forth in the following documents (collectively, the "Documents") should be studied in the Comparative Environmental Analysis:
  - (1) The Friends of the Headwaters' position paper dated April 2, 2014 and submitted to Larry Hartman by letter dated April 3, 2014.  
[PUC Document ID's 20144-98540-04, 20144-98540-05, 20144-98540-06, 20144-98540-07]
  - (2) Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' letter to Larry Hartman dated April 4, 2014  
[PUC Document ID's 20144-98005-01, 20144-98005-02, 20144-98005-03, 20144-98005-04]
  - (3) Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's letter to Larry Hartman dated April 4, 2014.  
[PUC Document ID 20144-98170-01]
  - (4) Bob Merritt's letter to Larry Hartman dated March 17, 2014 and the statement of Bob Merritt's testimony at the Sandpiper Pipeline hearing in Park Rapid, MN on March 12, 2012.  
[PUC Document ID's 20143-97538-01 (3 of 3 in the pdf file)]
  - (5) Paul Stolen's letter to Larry Hartman dated April 4, 2014.  
[PUC Document ID 20144-98436-07]
- b. The need, cost and timing for providing personnel, training and equipment for fire departments, first responders and other critical personnel in order to respond in the most efficient and effective way under the best practices to a leak, spill, fire or other damage causing event along each of the routes under consideration in order to mitigate damage. The need and cost should be determined over the life of the pipeline and a comparison of all of the routes under consideration should show how much of the costs will be paid for by Enbridge and the source and security of its funding and what cost are left to be paid for by the state, counties, townships, cities and others.

### **3. To address the human and environmental impacts the following specific methods should be studied in the Comparative Environment Analysis**

a. The PLA request that an Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS"), in lieu of the Comparative Environmental Analysis, be prepared for the Sandpiper Pipeline because an EIS is the only way that a comprehensive environmental analysis will be prepared for all of the environmental impacts on all of the natural resources involved in Enbridge's proposed Southern and Northern Routes and the alternate routes under consideration. For instance, the 2014 Federal EIS prepared by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the proposed Pebble Mine in Bristol Bay Alaska fully analyzes the operational impacts of proposed pipelines.

b. Use accepted standard methods of determining impacts that are used in the EIS.

c. As set forth in Documents in 2a.

d. Estimated cost comparison for the construction and maintenance of each route under consideration and the ultimate cost impact on a barrel of oil and gallon of gasoline.

e. Take into consideration the public's comments and comments from the MDNR, MPCA, and other state agencies regarding matters that are within such agency's area of expertise.

After attending public meetings and reviewing the available information on Enbridge and the Sandpiper Pipeline, the PLA's current position is that if a Certificate of Need for the Sandpiper Pipeline is issued by the PUC, the PLA will request that the PUC (i) deny Enbridge's request for its proposed Southern Preferred Route and its Northern Route and (ii) approve any of the Alternate Routes A, B, C, or D as the Route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

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**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
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May 29, 2014

Environmental Review Manager, Minnesota Department of Commerce Larry Hartman  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Rosanna Walker  
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Moorhead, MN 56560-6165  
(218) 766-9813

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Ms. Janet Weidler  
115 Nob Hill Rd  
Hendersonville, NC 28791-1338

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Environmental Review Manager, Minnesota Department of Commerce Larry Hartman  
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Dear Environmental Review Manager, Minnesota Department of Commerce Hartman,

Minnesotans have been blessed with a beautiful and bountiful place to live. It is ours to preserve for future generations. When our children were growing up, a week at a rented cabin for fishing and sight seeing, was the highlight of the summer. One year we got a boat ride to the wild rice areas.

Tourism, stewardship of water resources, call on us to keep oil pipelines as far away as possible so that the heritage of the land, especially what was promised to native peoples, can be preserved.

The pipeline advocates are thinking of their profits and efficiencies  
-- I doubt that any of them will be providing their profits to the public good.

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Patricia Burmeister  
11015 57th Ave N  
Plymouth, MN 55442-1623  
(763) 577-0607

**From:** [Contact, Commissioner \(COMM\)](#)  
**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
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May 29, 2014

Environmental Review Manager, Minnesota Department of Commerce Larry Hartman  
85 7th Place East, Suite 500  
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Dear Environmental Review Manager, Minnesota Department of Commerce Hartman,

I strongly oppose this project and encourage you to deny a permit.

I am astonished that such a project does not require an EIS, given the potential devastating effect on the environment and the economy of Minnesota in the event of an oil spill.

In addition, this project merely continues our dependence on fossil fuels, which is short-sighted and contributes to climate change.

Please do NOT approve this project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. William Chadwick  
16404 Norwood Ln  
Minnetonka, MN 55345-4439  
(952) 738-1783

**From:** [Contact, Commissioner \(COMM\)](#)  
**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
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Environmental Review Manager, Minnesota Department of Commerce Larry Hartman  
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Mary Jane Lee  
5920 Wisconsin Cir N  
New Hope, MN 55428-2758  
(763) 533-7254

**From:** [Contact, Commissioner \(COMM\)](#)  
**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Kathy Kasten  
832 6th Ave SW  
Faribault, MN 55021-6129  
(507) 332-0708

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**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
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Ms. Judith Kim  
20000 Lakeview Ave  
Excelsior, MN 55331-9295

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**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
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Ms. Anita Cummings  
981 Arbogast St  
Shoreview, MN 55126-8134

**From:** [Contact, Commissioner \(COMM\)](#)  
**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
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Ms. Meg Bradley  
3112 38th Ave S  
Minneapolis, MN 55406-2143  
(612) 991-9985

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601 Main St SE Apt 101  
Minneapolis, MN 55414-2942  
(651) 402-5927

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**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Docket number: # 13-474  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 28, 2014 3:40:57 PM

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9548 Wyoming Ave S  
Minneapolis, MN 55438-2902  
(952) 941-6572

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Ms. Kathy Michael  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
1200 Marquette Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55403-2419

**From:** [Contact, Commissioner \(COMM\)](#)  
**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Carole Rust  
1826 Alameda St  
Saint Paul, MN 55113-6532

**From:** [Contact, Commissioner \(COMM\)](#)  
**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Docket number: # 13-474  
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To: Contact, Commissioner (COMM)  
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Mrs. Bob and Joy Johnson  
230 2nd St NE  
Harmony, MN 55939-8826  
(507) 886-3656

**From:** [Contact, Commissioner \(COMM\)](#)  
**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Docket number: # 13-474  
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4300 W River Pkwy  
Apt 500  
Minneapolis, MN 55406-3681  
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**From:** [Contact, Commissioner \(COMM\)](#)  
**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Docket number: # 13-474  
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Mr. Marvin Bunnell  
Chowen Ave So.  
Minneapolis, MN 55416

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Mrs. Lois Swanson  
901 16th Ave N  
South St Paul, MN 55075-1427  
(651) 451-1038

**From:** [Contact, Commissioner \(COMM\)](#)  
**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
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Mrs. mary faulkner  
4921 Girard Ave S  
Minneapolis, MN 55419-5216

**From:** [Contact, Commissioner \(COMM\)](#)  
**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
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From: United Church of Christ [<mailto:ucctakeaction@ucc.org>] On Behalf Of Laura Lokken  
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2014 3:55 PM  
To: Contact, Commissioner (COMM)  
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Mrs. Laura Lokken  
1931 5th St S  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494-6005  
(715) 421-3498

**From:** [Contact, Commissioner \(COMM\)](#)  
**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Susan Mieska  
1809 Estate Ln  
Northfield, MN 55057-3212

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**Subject:** FW: Docket number: # 13-474  
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To: Contact, Commissioner (COMM)  
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Ms. Kayte Knutson  
7815 Hearthside Ave S Apt 301  
Cottage Grove, MN 55016-5501

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**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
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Dr. Sarah Nelson  
2420 E 5th St  
Duluth, MN 55812-1440  
(218) 461-9596

**From:** [Contact, Commissioner \(COMM\)](#)  
**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
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Mr. John Pegg  
1335 Minnesota Ave  
Duluth, MN 55802-2425  
(218) 349-1786

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**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
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Sincerely,

Mr. Allan Henden  
5520 Park Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55417-2439  
(612) 824-5793

**From:** [Contact, Commissioner \(COMM\)](#)  
**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
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Mr. Jim Gausman  
3353 Chowen Ave N  
Robbinsdale, MN 55422-2920  
(763) 522-3722

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Ms. Betty Wentworth  
5516 Bimini Dr  
Minnetonka, MN 55343-4142  
(952) 935-0779

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1550 Eustis St Apt E  
Saint Paul, MN 55108-1211  
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Ms. Sue Wedge  
425 Lally Ct  
Zumbrota, MN 55992-5157  
(507) 732-7025

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Dr. Anita Bradshaw  
4225 24th Ave S  
Minneapolis, MN 55406-3027  
(612) 791-8217

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Sincerely,

Dr. John Kemp  
801 Rockview Ct  
Duluth, MN 55804-1912  
(218) 525-5041

**From:** [Contact, Commissioner \(COMM\)](#)  
**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Docket number: # 13-474  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 28, 2014 6:44:51 AM

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State Of Minnesota  
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To: Contact, Commissioner (COMM)  
Subject: Docket number: # 13-474

May 27, 2014

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Sincerely,

Ms. Deborah Braun  
7315 E River Rd  
Fridley, MN 55432-3034  
(612) 251-4598

**From:** [Contact, Commissioner \(COMM\)](#)  
**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Gail Antonson  
6775 Fremont Ln  
Woodbury, MN 55125-3982  
(651) 738-8519

**From:** [Contact, Commissioner \(COMM\)](#)  
**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
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May 27, 2014

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Penny Cragun  
927 N 8th Ave E  
Duluth, MN 55805-1425  
(218) 727-2972

**From:** [Contact, Commissioner \(COMM\)](#)  
**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
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Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2014 10:56 PM  
To: Contact, Commissioner (COMM)  
Subject: Docket number: # 13-474

May 27, 2014

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Hartman  
85 7th Place East, Suite 500  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Sharlene Legenhausen  
24438 Jacobs Rd  
Rochert, MN 56578-9666  
(218) 847-5118

**From:** [Contact, Commissioner \(COMM\)](#)  
**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
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Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2014 11:56 PM  
To: Contact, Commissioner (COMM)  
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Sincerely,

Mr. Thomas Uphaus  
2650 N Pine Creek Rd  
La Crescent, MN 55947-9619  
(507) 895-2152

**From:** [Contact, Commissioner \(COMM\)](#)  
**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
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To: Contact, Commissioner (COMM)  
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Environmental Review Manager, Minnesota Department of Commerce Larry Hartman  
85 7th Place East, Suite 500  
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I oppose this pipeline. I request that you deny Enbridge the permit needed to construct it. Please support a just and fair commenting process, and protect families, communities, and the environment from the harm these pipelines cause.

Sincerely,

Ms. Susan Burns  
83 Birch St  
Mahtomedi, MN 55115-1602  
(651) 429-2133

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**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
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Sincerely,

Mr. Bryan Olson  
2719 Mallard Dr  
Woodbury, MN 55125-3851  
(651) 261-7125

**From:** [Contact, Commissioner \(COMM\)](#)  
**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Docket number: # 13-474  
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Subject: Docket number: # 13-474

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Sincerely,

Ms. Hannah Campbell Gustafson  
3804 40th Ave S  
Minneapolis, MN 55406-3439

**From:** [Contact, Commissioner \(COMM\)](#)  
**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Docket number: # 13-474  
**Date:** Friday, May 30, 2014 11:50:03 AM

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From: United Church of Christ [<mailto:ucctakeaction@ucc.org>] On Behalf Of James Little  
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2014 10:59 AM  
To: Contact, Commissioner (COMM)  
Subject: Docket number: # 13-474

May 30, 2014

Environmental Review Manager, Minnesota Department of Commerce Larry Hartman  
85 7th Place East, Suite 500  
St. Paul,, MN 55101

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Sincerely,

Dr. James Little  
5208 Latona Ave NE  
Seattle, WA 98105-3744  
(206) 547-7061

**From:** [Contact, Commissioner \(COMM\)](#)  
**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Docket number: # 13-474  
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To: Contact, Commissioner (COMM)  
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May 31, 2014

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**Subject:** FW: Docket number: # 13-474  
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To: Contact, Commissioner (COMM)  
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May 30, 2014

Environmental Review Manager, Minnesota Department of Commerce Larry Hartman  
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Mrs. Jennifer Manner  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Dorothy Backstrom  
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(952) 831-1922

**From:** [Contact, Commissioner \(COMM\)](#)  
**To:** [Hartman, Larry \(COMM\)](#)  
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May 29, 2014

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May 29, 2014

Re: Docket number: #13-474

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Sincerely,  
Virginia Houck  
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Edina, MN 55435

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Contact, Commissioner \(COMM\)](#)  
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From: United Church of Christ [<mailto:ucctakeaction@ucc.org>] On Behalf Of Mari Castellanos  
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May 27, 2014

Environmental Review Manager, Minnesota Department of Commerce Larry Hartman  
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St. Paul,, MN 55101

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Lorene Liddle  
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Minneapolis, MN 55406-3681

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**From:** Tom Watson <twatson@iphouse.com>  
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**Attachments:** Sandpiper Pipeline WAPOA letter April 2014.docx

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Please receive our letter addressed to Mr. Larry Hartman, MN Dept of Commerce, re: requests and comments regarding the above matter.

We would like to submit this to the MN Public Utilities Commission re: the above matter.

Regards,  
Tom Watson

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President  
Director, Land Use and Government Relations  
Whitefish Area Property Owners Association (WAPOA)  
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March 31, 2014

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

Re: Public Utilities Commission (PUC)  
Docket Number PL-6668/PPL-13-474

Dear Mr. Hartman:

The Whitefish Area Property Owners Association (WAPOA) is a 45 year old 501(c)3 non-profit entity representing the 14 lakes comprising the Whitefish Chain of Lakes in northern Crow Wing County. We have a membership of over 1,000 private property owners and about 50 businesses in this area. The eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) largest lake system in Minnesota, the Whitefish Chain of Lakes is covers 14,400 acres of open water, 119 miles of shoreline and a catchment area of over 28,000 acres. The proposed Sandpiper Pipeline, if approved and constructed, would directly impact the Whitefish Chain of Lakes and the larger catchment area.

The Whitefish Chain of Lakes is the largest open water system in the Pine River Watershed, a very large watershed composed of over 500,000 acres, over 500 miles of rivers and streams and about 440 lakes greater than ten acres in size. In other words, this area of northern Crow Wing County and southern Cass County has a very significant area of lakes, rivers, streams and catchment areas adjacent to them. The proposed Sandpiper Pipeline, if approved and constructed, would directly impact the Pine River Watershed, the Whitefish Chain of Lakes, and their larger catchment area.

By a unanimous vote, WAPOA's Executive Committee of the Board of Directors approved this letter and our requests of the Minnesota Department of Commerce and the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Post Office Box 342 Crosslake, MN 56442

ARROWHEAD MUD BIG TROUT ISLAND LOON UPPER WHITEFISH LOWER WHITEFISH RUSH HIDDEN DAGGETT LITTLE PINE BERTHA CLAMHELL  
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The proposed Sandpiper Pipeline is a serious environmental matter for the property and business owners of the Whitefish Chain of Lakes area. WAPOA has the following four requests regarding the application by Enbridge Energy Limited Partnership and North Dakota Pipeline Company (collectively, Enbridge) to construct its proposed Sandpiper Pipeline as described in the above referenced Docket No. (Project):

- 1. Provide for public comment that includes an opportunity for participation by the directly impacted private and business property owners in this area, including the large number of seasonal residents.**

WAPOA's over 1,000 members include a number of private property owners on the Whitefish Chain of Lakes and the neighboring lake systems. A significant number of our members are seasonal residents and have not had the opportunity to participate in the public forums conducted this winter. The large Whitefish Chain of Lakes and surrounding lake systems that include large amounts of sensitive shoreland and wetlands identified by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources are directly included in the proposed Enbridge route of the proposed Sandpiper Pipeline across our northern boundary. WAPOA, including our Board of Directors and advisors composed of both permanent and seasonal members, and our members need more opportunity for review and comment on the Enbridge proposal.

WAPOA's seasonal and permanent property owners would appreciate the opportunity to participate in the review and consideration of these matters. Many of our member property owners live along or near the proposed Pipeline Route, the larger catchment area surrounding the proposed route, and the sensitive rivers, lakes and wetlands. A large number are also seasonal residents who have not had the opportunity to participate in the informational and public meetings/hearings because they have been held when those people are not "at the lake." The seasonal residents and the Board of Directors of WAPOA, including seasonal directors, should not be denied the right to obtain all of the information and participate in the limited number of meetings/hearings just because Enbridge selected timing that was advantageous to it.

- 2. Extend to August 1, 2014 the public comment period for the opportunity to consider and propose alternative routes or route segments and the detailed environmental information requested.**

Based on the meeting we attended and our review of the available materials, Enbridge has failed to date to provide answers to a number of critical issues

raised by the public. The public and our members need Enbridge's answers to these critical issues so that they will have all of the available information before they provide their comments on the Project, including alternate routes or route segments, safety measures, and environmental impacts.

As examples of some of these critical issues that Enbridge has not addressed, we believe they include (i) the exact, detailed location of the proposed pipeline; (ii) the number and exact location of the additional valves Enbridge said it would provide for additional protection in the sensitive areas of the rivers, lakes and wetlands; (iii) nature, amount and protection of assets set aside to cover direct and indirect public and private costs of a leak or spill; (iv) providing accurate information about safety statistics; and (v) the additional impacts and critical issues resulting from the new information that Enbridge's may use the route for the Project for the replacement and relocation of its Line 3 which new information (i) amounts to a substantial amendment to its application and (ii) is contrary to Enbridge's documents which provide that it has no plans for any other use of the pipeline route than the Sandpiper Pipeline. This conduct by Enbridge has frustrated not only the public and local governmental authorities regarding having adequate time to provide comments by April 4<sup>th</sup>, but also the various organizations such as WAPOA, agencies and property owners involved in reviewing the proposed Project.

Safety is a major concern to us at WAPOA. We know that pipeline spills and leaks have occurred, both in Enbridge operations and elsewhere. We clearly would like to have more details about prevention and safety measures required and proposed for our wetlands, rivers, lakes and environmentally sensitive lands and areas from the construction and operation of the proposed Pipeline.

Finally, extending the deadline for public review and comment will enable the large number of the seasonal property owners that live along or near the general Pipeline route and sensitive areas along the proposed route. The seasonal residents should be provided an opportunity to obtain all of the information and participate in the requested additional meetings/hearings.

**3. Conduct during June and July, 2014 additional public information meetings and hearings in the area of the proposed Pipeline route.**

These additional meetings are needed to address the concerns set for the in requests 1 and 2 above.

**4. Require that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be prepared for the Project.**

Minnesota Statutes 2013, Section 116D.04 includes the following

*"Subd. 2a. When prepared. Where there is potential for significant environmental effects resulting from any major governmental action, the action shall be preceded by a detailed environmental impact statement prepared by the responsible governmental unit. . . ."*

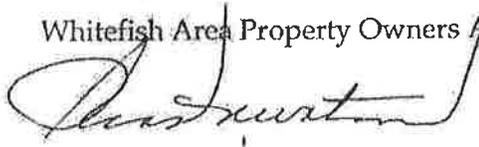
WAPOA cannot imagine a project that has more potential for "significant environmental effects" than this Project. The Pine River Watershed and Whitefish Chain of Lakes waters, rivers, lakes, which are some of the clearest and cleanest in Minnesota, creeks, and wetlands are all extremely vulnerable to adverse impacts from construction, leaks and spills from this Project. Our water resources, including both surface and ground water, are extremely vulnerable to these adverse impacts and threats from construction and spills, and actual incidents could be devastating to these waters. The forests and lands in the area of the proposed Pipeline are also vulnerable to adverse impacts that should be analyzed thoroughly.

An **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** should be required by the Responsible Government Unit (RGU) for the Project, both as outlined in Minnesota state law and common sense. The magnitude of the proposed Pipeline Project and the potential impacts on these highly sensitive, unique and valuable water, forestry and land resources of the state deserve the highest level of scrutiny and "analytical" review as provided in state law. The EIS analysis is a tool for the RGU, and voluntarily for Enbridge of course, to prepare and provide for all interested parties, citizens, property owners, and regulatory agencies.

Thank you for considering our requests. If you have any questions or want to discuss our request, please call Tom Watson, WAPOA President at 218-543-6064.

Sincerely,

Whitefish Area Property Owners Association (WAPOA)



Thomas N. Watson  
President