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

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

Dear Mr. Hartman:

As a citizen of Hubbard County, I have a few remarks to make about the Sandpiper Pipeline Enbridge proposes to construct.

No. 1

1. **Extend the timeline until August 1, 2014 so that the many residents who are not here during the winter could have some 'say' in the matter. If this project is to be democratic and transparent, it is unwise to keep so many people in the dark.**
2. **Extends the timeline in order to study and develop an alternate route. Your documents say citizens are to do just that if a problem exists with the present route. An onerous task but one I (and friends) am willing tackle.**
3. **My understanding is that PUC allows for an extension of time, I ask that you do that.**
4. **Endbridge withheld the SHAPE file, which worked to their advantage, disadvantaging concerned county residents.**

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No. 2

1. **CEA should include risk analysis of leak/rupture. The Kalamazoo spill was in compliance with all the State and Federal standard. That river is still not cleaned up, so one can understand my skepticism.**
2. **Minimum design and operating standards results in high leak and pipe rupture probability.**
3. **The Canadian Transportation and Safety Boards investigation of the content of the train cars that derailed in Lac Megantic, Quebec indicated oil was extremely volatile and dangerous. It certainly was!**
4. **Analysis of Bakken oil is also equally as dangerous and explosive.**

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No. 3

1. **Leak Scenario? One cannot wholly describe the effect a leak or rupture in a 30" pipe with 1000#'s of pressure per inch would have on the resources we value here in Hubbard County. Pristine Lakes, Ojibwe wild rice beds could become contaminated (their economy depends on wild rice), rivers polluted, Headwaters of the Mississippi (thousands of tourists a year) soiled, trout streams decimated, aquifers susceptible to contamination. It is not 'if' a pipe leaks, but 'when'.**
2. **A full Environmental Impact Study should/must be done.**

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No. 4

1. **It appears the PUC process for CEA fails to meet MEPA standards. Why would an "inferior" alternate route be permitted?**
2. **Use GIS software to "optimize" and compare <u>all</u> reasonable and prudent alternate routes.**

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No. 5

1. **I request immediate posting of all comments, including requests for a time extension. In on-line petition, early 500 citizens have expressed concerns about this pipeline. They must not be ignored.**

Thank you for your consideration of my requests,

Mary Adams

Mary Adams
218 652 3519

2.

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Public Comment Sheet

North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC Sandpiper Pipeline Project

PUC Docket No. PL-6668/PPL-07-13-474

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Representing: Gina Alvarado

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COMMENTS

Preserve our community and land DO NOT Run this line through our land.

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COMMENTS

NO WAY!!

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From: JJAlwin@aol.com
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: ENBRIDGE PIPELINE ROUTE DOCKET 13-474
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2014 3:19:40 PM

Thank you for extending the time period for the public hearings on the issue of the Enbridge pipeline route. Considering all of the pristine lakes and forest land and farms which will be affected by these pipelines (I understand there will be two), we believe that a full Environmental Impact Statement is in order. The possible impact on the area could be devastating and long lasting so rushing into a decision does not seem wise. Thank you for your consideration. Jack & Joyce Alwin, 23395 Cnty Rd 109, Menahga, MN 56464 (Palmer Lake)

Hartman, Larry (COMM)

From: vicandr@mchsi.com
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2014 9:28 AM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: PUC Docket 13-474 Sandpiper
Attachments: Hieroglyphic stairway (1).doc

To: Larry Hartman
Environmental Review Manager
MN Dept of Commerce

From: Irene Victoria Andrews
31135 Sunny Beach Road
Grand Rapids MN 55744

RE: PUC Docket 13-474 Sandpiper Pipeline

I urge you to recommend NO further development of the Sandpiper Pipeline. The potential for continued destruction of our environment is to high. Sandpiper will cross pristine eco-systems in norther Minnesota, carrying oil extracted from the Bakken oil shale formation in North Dakota.

In addition to the damage done in extracting this oil (oil shale development wastes as much as 5 barrels of water for every barrel of oil produced) there is high probability of leaks and spills that could effect the rivers and watersheds along the path of the pipeline.

The Sandpiper crosses the Red, Mississippi, St. Louis and Nemadji River watersheds; the St. Louis and Nemadji Rivers feed Lake Superior, a National Estuarine Research Reserve. The Mississippi is already the 2nd most polluted river in the U.S. It doesn't need to be further damaged.

The Bakken Shale formation contains high levels of corrosive hydorgen sulfide, which will further damage the environment and endanger those in the vicinity.

Most of all, the continued extraction and use of fossil fuel is causing irreversible climate change which will further destroy the potential for life on this planet for our children and grandchildren. We need to consider the long-term damage we are doing to future generations.

Please do not recommend continued destruction of the planet.
Thank you.

Hieroglyphic stairway

From " a hieroglyphic stairway"
By Drew Dellinger

It's 3:23 in the morning
and I'm awake
because my great great grandchildren
won't let me sleep
my great great grandchildren
ask me in dreams

what did you do while the planet was plundered?
what did you do when the earth was unraveling?

surely you did something
when the seasons started failing

as the reptiles, mammals, birds were all dying?

did you fill the streets with protest
when democracy was stolen?

what did you do
once
you
knew?

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Name: Mary Angenaush

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Nayfah Woush, MN
56566

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COMMENTS

I oppose to the pipe line if it breaks a leak it well affect our way of life.

Mary Angenaush

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Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number PL-6668/PPL/PPL-13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

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

I feel that the "preferred southern route" goes against your PUC selection criteria. A pipeline through this area would damage existing and planned future land use for the natural environment – including the air, water, plants, animals, and recreation opportunities for citizens. This land provides food, water, recreation and wildlife habitat. Installation of the pipeline will be done by workers who come from afar and move on to the next location. Economies within the route are already sustainable economies, with jobs in agriculture, forest and wetland management, and recreation filled by people who live and raise families in the area. Clear cutting 120 foot wide right-of-ways and excavating trenches sixty feet wide and six feet deep to lay pipe goes against sustainable practice. Instead, we should be minimizing the disturbances to our precious forests, wetlands and water as natural resources and features. A pipeline along an environmental route would mean disrupting natural areas, and perpetual clear cutting. Sustainable environmental activity means preserving long term growth, minimizing disturbance. Management plans should be for sustainable land management, nurturing soil, forests and wetlands as living organisms with life-producing power, instead of maintaining pipelines and waiting for toxic spills.

Instead of opening a new right of way through private land, why not use sustainable right-of-way, including existing rights-of-way, or including replacing existing obsolete line, adding line on an existing right-of-way, or using a former transportation right of way? Surely these would show a more reasonable and prudent alternative.

For these reasons, if the Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed necessary, Enbridge should be required to route the pipeline though an area that will not jeopardize a vulnerable aquifer, the Mississippi Headwaters and the lakes, streams, and rivers of Hubbard County and Northern Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Anne Bandel

Hartman, Larry (COMM)

From: Annie Morgan Banks <anniembanks@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 11, 2014 8:38 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Comment re: proposed Sandpiper Pipeline Project, Docket Number 13-474

To Larry Hartman, Environmental Review Manager, Minnesota Department of Commerce,
Email: larry.hartman@state.mn.us
Mail: 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101
Fax: 651-539-0109
Online: http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/#comment

Re: The proposed Sandpiper Pipeline Project, Docket Number 13-474

I am writing to express my absolute opposition to the proposed Sandpiper Pipeline Project.

The placement of this pipeline goes through numerous Indigenous communities' traditional territories and reservations, such as the White Earth Ojibwe on whose territories I am very grateful to be currently living on, and violates treaty rights and inherent rights as the original peoples of these territories. I completely disagree with these violations of rights and I request that your governmental entity take action to deny the permit of Enbridge's proposed Sandpiper Pipeline in Northern Minnesota.

Every one of us is a signatory to the treaties and we all have a responsibility to both uphold the treaties and to respect the agreement to ensure a clean environment for current and future generations. The state lacks jurisdiction in White Earth territory because of inherent treaty rights as reaffirmed. As a settler who is deeply grateful to live on these lands, it is the very least that I can do to support the affirmed treaty rights of the Ojibwe people and act in support of protecting the land from dangerous pipelines, and I call on your department to do the same.

This proposed line needs to be challenged as it threatens the people, life ways, watersheds, and wildlife of greater Minnesota and beyond, as it also threatens areas in North Dakota by being the route by which fracked oil will be brought from there. The fracking of oil poses a serious risk to the North Country of North Dakota and also to the Great Lakes, if it is transported anywhere near them.

The North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC, a.k.a. Enbridge Incorporated, has a terrible track record. They are responsible for hundreds of oil spills in the past decade, including the largest and costliest inland oil spill in U.S.

history, when an Enbridge pipeline sent over a million gallons of tar sands oil in to the Kalamazoo River, with devastating results. Do you want to be responsible for something like this happening in northern Minnesota, to the communities and ecosystems there?

I vehemently support the call to deny Enbridge Incorporated the permit for pipelines across the north. Without your approval, the pipeline expansion will not be allowed. I strongly encourage you to exercise your ability to deny the request and protect people, communities, and environment from the harm these pipelines would cause.

Very sincerely,
Annie Banks

Ponsford, MN, 56521

Rice, Robin (PUC)

From: Beth Bartlett <bbartlet@d.umn.edu>
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2014 1:05 PM
To: #PUC_Public Comments
Subject: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline

To the Honorable Commissioners:

I am writing in opposition to the proposed Enbridge Sandpiper pipeline. I am commenting both on the Certificate of Need, #13-473, and the Routing Permit, #13-474.

With regard to the Certificate of Need, I do not believe that Enbridge Energy has not sufficiently demonstrated that this proposed pipeline is in the public interest. Refineries in Minnesota and surrounding states are at capacity with domestic supplies of crude oil. Therefore, this project is not in the public interest of the people of Minnesota and the Certificate of Need should be denied. In addition, demand for crude oil in Minnesota is declining, and we should not sacrifice our watershed, wetlands, forests, and farmlands for additional crude oil transportation capacity that is not needed to supply our energy needs. We should be investing our resources into renewable energy resources.

I also believe the routing permit should be denied. Northern Minnesota cannot afford to lose scarce farmland to pipeline construction. Even without a leak, the pipeline construction in a new route would irreparably damage the capacity of the affected soils to produce. As someone committed to lessening the food impact on climate change by eating local, organic food whenever possible, I rely on the local, organic food grown in Carlton County for many of my food needs. These organic farms are vulnerable to loss of certification, soil destruction and ecosystem damage by putting in a new pipeline route. The wild, natural and forested areas also provide essential ecosystem support to sustainable farming and are valuable natural resources in themselves by providing critical wildlife habitat and protection for the rivers of the Lake Superior watershed.

We also need to honor our treaty obligations. I write this as a descendant of Anglo-European immigrants to this land. As a Euro-American citizen, I argue that to expand this pipeline is to dishonor our treaty obligations to the indigenous populations in this region. The proposed pipeline would cross many waterways and wild rice lakes. In that this pipeline expansion puts the quality of the water at risk, and thereby the quality of everything that lives in and on the water, it would violate indigenous treaty rights to fishing, hunting, and gathering on ceded territory.

I do not support the building of this pipeline, but if it is determined that the pipeline be built, co-locating new pipelines with existing crude oil pipelines is most consistent with the principle of non-proliferation and minimizes damages to farms, the environment, and landowner rights.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Bartlett, Ph.D.
2215 Heather Ave.
Duluth, MN 55803

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PUC Docket No. PL-6668/PPL-07-13-474

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Name: Craig Bower

Representing:

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COMMENTS

I don't want the pipe line going thru our Reservation and or area.

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Rice, Robin (PUC)

From: linda bauer <drlindabauer@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2014 11:18 AM
To: #PUC_Public Comments
Subject: 13-474

Honorable Commissioners,

Please keep the Sandpiper line with in the existing utility corridors and by pass productive farm land. We Buy local food and do not want our farm source contaminated.

Thank you,
Dr. Linda Bauer
Sent from my IPad

Hartman, Larry (COMM)

From: BernelBayliss . <bbayliss50@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2014 9:59 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: My daughters future

Fresh water is the single most important resource on our planet.
There is currently a last ditch effort to wring every possible ounce of fossil fuel out of our world before renewable sources become the norm.
This greedy short sighted gorging does not take real costs into account.
For years to come the tax payers of North Dakota will bear the costs of attempting to ameliorate the environmental degradation currently occurring.

You are in the unenviable position of having to defy market forces or risk what could be the single biggest mistake of your life. A mistake that will affect thousands and last for years. A mistake that will affect your children, and their children, and their children.

I do not envy you, but I know what decision I would make. I would protect my daughters access to fresh water. Without it we die, and it really doesnt matter how rich you are when your dead.

Sincerely, Bernel Bayliss

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COMMENTS

Do not Cut your Mother's Breast. We have to protect Mother Nature.

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COMMENTS

I am an enrolled member of White Earth Reservation and I am a regular harvester of wild rice – Each year we look forward to harvesting rice from the Big Rice Lake area – I am currently passing down our traditions to the younger generations, namely my nieces, nephews, cousins. I show them how to identify rice that is ready & we'll tell them the stories of how our ancestors & relatives had rice camps and how they finished it by hand – I tell them stories of how this product is used for food, income and a important part of migration story – Years ago, this area was so thick with rice wild & all the lakes were full – Many crops have been destroyed by development along lake shores that it does not grow there anymore – I suggest another route to be used, if it has to be necessary, along I-29 to I-94 and do not destroy a tradition & culture for monitary value

Thank You
Evelyn Bellanger

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Hartman, Larry (COMM)

From: Bob Berdahl <rmberdahl@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2014 3:45 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: PUC Docket Number (13-474) Enbridge Pipeline

Dear Mr. Hartman

I am a former President of the Potato Lake Association with many years of Engineering experience (including development of complex mechanical systems), and I have several comments and recommendations regarding the Enbridge Application for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

The human and environmental impact of an oil spill on the proposed northern and southern routes where we have many lakes and river systems (including the Mississippi), and wetlands needs more study. An oil spill could have major impact on wildlife, fish and marine life, aquatic vegetation and groundwater. The Park Rapids economy is heavily dependent upon our healthy lakes and a spill could negatively impact the already fragile economy of this area through loss of tourism, declining lakeshore property values and other areas of the local economy. Based upon other pipelines in operation today, we expect that oil will leak or spill from the pipeline at some time. A study should be conducted to better understand the human and environmental impact of a spill. This study needs to assume several levels/types from minor to major.

As a former Marine Engineer with experience in controls and piping systems, I believe that piping system designs can be improved to increase overall system reliability well beyond that of the proposed approach. I understand that Enbridge is prepared to design and build the pipeline according to currently accepted design standards and practices, however, I am challenging those standards and recommending studies of current and potential design approaches with the goal of reaching much higher system reliability and much reduced environmental impact in the event of a system failure.

I believe that various routes exist for the pipeline including alternative route "A" that moves the pipeline out of the sensitive lake country and into a sparsely populated area of mostly farmlands. This route is consistent with Enbridges's stated preference of building pipelines across farmland due to stable soil, easier and quicker construction and access for construction and for problems when they do occur. This approach also provides less natural habitat destruction and less environmental damage when failures occur.

After attending public meetings and reviewing available information on Enbridge and the Sandpiper Pipeline I believe that this project should not go forward as proposed and the Enbridge request for the Southern Preferred route and the Northern route should be denied. I am supporting any of the alternative routes A, B, C or D as the route for the pipeline.

Thank you for considering my comments and recommendation. If you would like to discuss this further please call Bob Berdahl at 218-699-3000

Bob Berdahl

Rice, Robin (PUC)

From:	Dana Bergstrom <dana.bergstrom@me.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, April 02, 2014 8:42 AM
To:	#PUC_Public Comments
Subject:	North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC (NDPC), Docket PL-6668/PPL-13-474
Attachments:	PUC letter April 2.docx

In case there are issues opening the attached document, the letter is copied below as well.

Thank you,
Paul & Dana Bergstrom

April 2, 2014

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Sent VIA Email: PublicComments.PUC@state.mn.us

Dr. Burl Haar, Executive Secretary

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

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RE: North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC (NDPC), Docket PL-6668/PPL-13-474

April 2, 2014

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RE: North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC (NDPC), Docket PL-6668/PPL-13-474

Dear Dr. Haar:

We are opposed to the preferred Southern route for the proposed Sandpiper pipeline. If you decide this proposal is necessary, NDPC should be required to place this new pipeline in their existing Northern Mainline corridor that already has 180 miles of impacts rather than proliferating another 180 miles plus 44+ more miles on human settlement and the environment across Minnesota. New impacts are not equal. Building a new pipeline corridor (even when placed adjacent to a electrical power utility corridor) has much greater impact to the environment and human settlement than already existing impacts on the Northern Mainline pipeline corridor.

In eastern Carlton County, the original proposed route east of Interstate 35W was proposed through pristine lands with wetlands directly feeding into the Blackhoof River and Nemadji watershed into Lake Superior. This proposed pipeline corridor would cut through mature trees and diverse plant life through creeks and fragile wetlands that support soils from erosion. This would negate the active management plan of the Nemadji watershed by the Carlton County Soil and Water Conservation District paid for by tax dollars. Also, the Carlton County Board has recognized this area as an important resource for organic farming because of the highly productive soils and weather moderation from Lake Superior. This original route through eastern Carlton County should be dropped.

The proposed Southern route runs through many farms. It takes years of careful tending of the soil to prepare for organic farming. Organic farms are particularly vulnerable to loss of certification from soil destruction and ecosystem damage from pipeline construction and spills. Healthy soils, forest ecosystems and wildlife are key ingredients necessary to producing organic food. These farms produce food for our local economy. Northern Minnesota cannot afford to lose scarce organic farmland to pipeline construction. As the climate heats up, we need to preserve farmlands with available clean water and our moderate climate conducive to food production.

The Southern route as proposed is over 76 percent on private lands. Unfortunately, this gives NDPC the leverage of eminent domain to force landowners to sign contracts with little negotiation and afterward without the authority to enforce these agreements without expensive litigation. All these families are especially vulnerable since there are few lawyers in these communities with the experience of the PUC process and pipeline contracts. Is this in the best interest of Minnesota?

Especially in cases where the land was previously untouched by any utility corridor, the route often is proposed through the center of people's property, which would destroy the existing plant ecosystem and locate it nearer to their homes. This would negatively affect private landowner's ability to insure, manage, and resell their property. And, what about adjacent neighbors? Especially in lake communities, which depend on tourism, maintaining a pristine natural environment is key to their economic health. Many people's home and property are their single largest financial investment in their lifetime. This pipeline would greatly reduce the value of these families investment and force them to bear the stress and risks associated with loss of control over who is on their property, invasive species, herbicide spraying, oil spills, polluted groundwater, and to their health. In other words, this turns residential, resort and farming communities into a continuous industrial site for miles across Minnesota.

New oil pipelines need to be located with existing crude oil pipelines to be consistent with the principle of non-proliferation in order to minimize the damage to: families investments in their homes; local tourist businesses; farms; and to diverse forest ecosystem, wetlands and watersheds. We are at a critical time in our state where we need to minimize our impact on the climate by continuing to conserve non-renewable energy rather than enable expansion of the oil pipeline industry with a new corridor opening the way for many more pipelines to ship oil to the gulf. Instead, we need to protect and encourage organic agriculture for local food production. And, we need to maintain the health of our ecosystems along with protecting our wetlands, rivers and lakes from the effects of deforestation and erosion. By allowing another crude oil pipeline corridor across Minnesota, it takes us further away from these goals.

If the PUC decides this proposed pipeline is necessary, please reject the proposed Southern Route and require NDPC to use their existing Northern Mainline corridor where these impacts already exist. The impact of constructing a new oil pipeline corridor on human settlement and the environment is much greater than impacts on the existing corridor.

Sincerely,

Paul & Dana Bergstrom

Hartman, Larry (COMM)

From: Jan <jbest51@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 6:25 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Sandpiper line PL6668/CN-13-473 Certificate of Need/PPL-13-474 Pipeline Route: public comment

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Hartman March
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St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: PL-6668/CN-13-473 Certificate of Need
PL-6668/PPL-13-474 Pipeline Route

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

Enbridge/North Dakota Pipeline Company has proposed a new pipeline, the Sandpiper, through the heart of Northern Minnesota's pristine lakes, rivers and forests. As cabin owners in the Outing, MN area, we wish to comment on this pipeline and raise some questions.

Does Enbridge have a "need" for a new Sandpiper line? If the following Enbridge pipelines are all approved, Enbridge will be increasing their daily shipping volume by 1.5 million bpd, the equivalent of two Keystone XL's, via these pipelines: Northern Gateway from Edmonton to Kitimat, BC will carry 525,000 bpd; Line 9B from Sarnia, Ontario to Montreal 300,000 bpd; Alberta Clipper 800,000 bpd; Line 3 replacement from Neche, ND to Superior, MN

760,000 bpd. These figures do not include the proposed new Sandpiper line. Enbridge will be exporting some of the above mentioned oil. Which begs the question...should Minnesota endanger our lands and waters by acting as a conduit for Enbridge to foul our environment on its way to profitability? Minnesota has all the risks, Enbridge has the rewards.

Does Enbridge know the final destination and use of the oil in the Sandpiper pipeline? What percentage will be refined in Minnesota refineries? How much of the oil going through the Sandpiper line will stay in Minnesota? How much of this oil will be used in the United States? How much of this oil will be exported? Should Minnesota take on the risk of spoiling our environment so a Canadian based company can sell oil from East and Gulf coast refineries to foreign markets? Minnesota already has 14% of Bakken oil production going through our state's lands.

The Sandpiper line would cross Route 6 north of Outing, MN where there is one of the purest artesian wells in the state. In fact, it is so pure the state has a trout fish hatchery for the state's trout in Spire Valley, where the Sandpiper line would cross. The artesian spring on the fish hatchery property is used by many Minnesotans for their drinking water as it is so pure.

Spire Valley has unique archeological significance as it is part of the route taken by cartographer Joseph Nicollet in 1836 when he mapped the Upper Mississippi River. His maps were the most accurate at that time and subsequently led to the U.S. westward migration and settlements. For nine thousand years, this same valley was used as a travel route by native and ancient cultures. Artifacts have been found throughout this region. An oil spill in this area would be devastating.

The route of the Sandpiper line along highway 48 in Cass

County is home to several packs of wolves, numerous marshes and wetlands, osprey and eagle nests and indigenous native plants and trees. Roosevelt Lake, just south of Spire Valley where the pipeline would cross Route 6, is now a well known muskie designated lake. Any oil spills would affect this watershed, the fish in this lake and the local economy. Since this area is more remote, there would be less attention to oil spills. Less than 23% of oil spills are detected by oil companies. Civilians discover most oil spills. Since this is a less frequented area, there is less of a chance of someone discovering a spill.

Enbridge has had oil spills and will continue to have spills. Enbridge, on average, has 7350 barrels a year in spills. In Minnesota, there was a 48,000 gallon spill at the Cass Lake pumping station in 2002. Three and a half years later, thirty-five miles of the Kalamazoo River in Michigan has not recovered from the worst inland oil spill ever in North America! Enbridge caused the million gallon spill and $1 billion dollars later, the Kalamazoo is still not clean, nor will it ever be the same.

The Minnesota commissioners responsible for the environmental review of Enbridge's Sandpiper line, need to study the Kalamazoo spill to prevent spills like this from happening on Enbridge's lines in Minnesota, including the Sandpiper line. Federal inspections occur yearly. The commissioners need to press the federal inspectors into at least quarterly inspections on the Sandpiper line.

What can be done to improve the safety of oil flowing thru our state? If 375,000 bpd are going through the Sandpiper line, what is the most amount of oil that could spill before a shut off valve would work? Will Enbridge increase the bpd flowing thru the Sandpiper line in the future and what effect will that increased amount of oil have on the environment if there were an oil spill? How frequent

should there be pipeline route markers and shut off valves along its path? What is the plan and spill response time for spills along the route? What kind of training needs to be done for those responding to spills? Who are the local responders, how will they be compensated, and how many local responders should there be? In the Outing area, the closest response team proposed by Enbridge is in Cass Lake. That is an hour away, too far to be of any value in this remote area. The environmental review needs to visit Enbridge's Canadian remote response headquarters to see how spills are controlled from a remote location. What happens if there is a power outage at this remote station, or along the Sandpiper line?

Enbridge is proposing running the Sandpiper line along current utility lines. Is there a problem having an oil line in close proximity to a high powered electrical line? What are the fire dangers of this highly volatile fracked oil? Do town fire departments have the equipment, time, knowledge and budget to fight these fires caused by this fracked oil? Most of these departments are volunteer fire departments.

Will tar sands oil run through the Sandpiper line after 20 years, when the Bakken light crude is gone? Enbridge proposed in the last month either replacing Line 3 or running another line along the Sandpiper for tar sands oil. Dual oil lines through Northern Minnesota along the Sandpiper line would be environmentally devastating.

One way Enbridge tests for leaks before the pipeline goes on line is to run water into its pipes. Most of the time this water is pumped from local creeks, rivers and lakes into the pipelines. What is the possibility of zebra mussels or other invasive species being spread by water being pumped into their water distribution system (water tank, hoses, etc.)and then being used again in subsequent

areas along the pipeline? Will these water tanks, hoses, or whatever be appropriately cleaned and disinfected to prevent the spread of invasive species?

Minnesota is marketed and known as the land of ten thousand lakes. Tourism brought in 17% of state sales tax revenue in 2012 and is a $12 billion dollar industry statewide. People come to hunt, fish, buy cabins, stay at resorts, golf, snowmobile, etc. A land polluted by an oil spill in Northern Minnesota would not bode well for our tourism industry. Our commodity of clean water and abundant wildlife would be in jeopardy. The state has invested a lot in our state parks. Having the Sandpiper pipeline near the headwaters of the Mississippi and Itasca State Park and crossing the Mississippi four times is not forward thinking that would protect our natural resources and our tourism economy.

Should Minnesota be complicit in boosting carbon emissions worldwide which would occur from putting in another pipeline through our state? On March 4, 2014 Ernest Moniz, the U.S. Secretary of Energy, said in and interview with PBS program Here & Now that he expects wind, solar and other renewables to make up 30 to 40 % of the country's energy mix by 2030. Combined with energy efficiencies, the need for more oil will decrease in the United States. Does this suggest a good portion of the oil flowing through Minnesota will be exported? Wouldn't exporting contribute more to global warming?

We are against the Sandpiper line and specifically against Enbridge since their land and water stewardship has been less than adequate. The frenzy for oil in the Bakken/tar sands area needs to be slowed down so the citizens of Minnesota can protect our abundant resources for current future generations.

Sincerely,

Jan Best
Brian Whittemore
P.O. Box 333
Remer, MN 56672

To: Larry Hartman, From: David Bagl

#13-474

Knowing the possible disaster that a pipeline such as the Sandpiper could bring to our land, water, agriculture etc, I dont see any benefits that could out weigh the possible risk.

These are lakes I've fished since I was young. They are home to the wild rice that our families not only make a livelyhood from but it also feeds the mouths of many people.

I travel often for work and no matter where in the country I am, everyone always speaks of Northern Minnesota as a beautiful country in which the Mississippi flows through.

I dont understand how anyone asside from those that are willing to do anything for a dollar, could possibly want to desecrate the areas of the state.

It's Not if but when will there be a Spill.

Rice, Robin (PUC)

From: ann buselmeier <bezbusel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 16, 2014 3:43 PM
To: #PUC_Public Comments
Subject: PPL-13-474; Routing Permit for Sandpiper Pipeline

Mr. Hartman,
I am contacting you to voice my concerns related to the proposed Sandpiper Project and the building of a crude oil pipeline corridor through a portion of Aitkin County which is close to property I (my husband and I) own. As a property owner in this area, I am very concerned about this proposal and the potential environmental and monetary ramifications it brings to the area. I am urging the MN PUC to **NOT APPROVE** the permit for Enbridge to build the Sandpiper pipeline. Enbridge should be limited to one corridor, the existing one which will:
(1) offer more efficient maintenance and lowering cost in the long run
(2) provide a consolidated future environmental and monetary *disasters to fewer* counties
Historical information on existing pipelines has proven that environmental and economical disasters are not a theoretical discussion but a **reality**. Enbridge Energy has had 800 oils spills over a period of 10 years which include 23 major spills in Minnesota since 1972 according to a Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. At the recent public hearing in McGregor, MN, safety records for Enbridge were brought to the table and it is noted that not one of the points was discussed, countered or acknowledged in fact, largely ignored.
Our public meeting has created much skepticism stemming from the scheduling of the meeting. This meeting was quietly scheduled in the middle of the afternoon during working hours for most people,

during a time when many Minnesotans who are land owners in the area are 'south' for the winter or not available for other reasons. This alone gives the appearance of an evasive, untrustworthy, and deceitful nature to this process.

The economical argument for jobs is weak when you consider the astronomical cost of cleanup from these spills, decreased property values, and permanent damage to our precious land and resources. I believe it is short sightedness on the part of politicians who consider a few permanent Minnesota jobs outweighing the threat to the properties, water shed, and ultimately our water. We all need clean water. Contaminated water may be an acceptable cost of doing business to Enbridge, but you can't afford to ignore their irresponsible "safety" record. We do not want to be the next Kalamazoo.

I am aware of the MN PUC's mission "to create and maintain a regulatory environment that ensures safe, reliable and efficient utility services at fair and reasonable rates". This mission alone **requires you** to decline the proposed Sandpiper Project!

Please do the right thing for Minnesota, your state and your home. Please do not grant the permit to Enbridge for the proposed Sandpiper Project.

Ann Bezdichek-Buselmeier
Landowner, Aitkin County

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

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

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

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

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Hartman, Larry (COMM)

From: apache@web.lmic.state.mn.us
Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2014 9:09 AM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Blake Sat Feb 15 09:08:31 2014 PL6668/PPL-13-474

This public comment has been sent via the form at: mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/publicComments.html

You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

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

Docket number: PL6668/PPL-13-474

User Name: Gina Blake

County: Becker County

City: Detroit Lakes

Email: geegblake@gmail.com

Phone: 2188470958

Impact: I think the Sandpiper Pipeline is necessary to ship crude oil to refineries from the oilfield sites.With train derailments occuring almost weekly, a pipeline would take most of that crude where it needs to go rather than on the railways! I vote for the pipeline.

Mitigation: I know of no mitigation that's been proposed.

Submission date: Sat Feb 15 09:08:31 2014

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

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COMMENTS

We do not want a pipeline runing through our Reseveration!

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Randi Boisen
1200 Kenwood Ave #226 Duluth MN
11/21
Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474
Honorable Commissioners,

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

I am concerned about Criteria B. the natural environment, public and designated lands, including but not limited to natural areas, wildlife habitat, water, and recreational lands.
The pipeline would destroy wildlife and disturb our environment. It would take away local access to organic farms and fresh produce, which greatly benefit the community. After the pipeline is installed, the farms would no longer be allowed to grow there and the wetlands/wildlife would suffer greatly. This would be a terrible harm to the community and environment and I do not support the Sand Piper Pipeline.

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

existing northern corridor, or along existing utility corridors.

Very truly,

Randi Boisen

Randi Boisen

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COMMENTS

i dont want the pipelines going through our Reservation it will kill our site

Renon Bonnell

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Hartman, Larry (COMM)

From: Lynne Boulden <lboulden2@cableone.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 01, 2014 10:00 AM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: 13-474

Dear Mr. Hartman,
I am writing in regard to the proposed Enbridge pipeline that will run approximately 600 feet from Duck Lake. For several years, we have vacationed on Duck Lake and have appreciated the pristine, clean nature of the lake and the woods that surround it. My husband and I have been considering purchasing a vacation home on the lake but because of the proposed pipeline, we are now waiting to see what happens. If the pipeline is built we will definitely not purchase here and will expand our search to include other locations, including other states. It is our conservation stance that pipelines should not be built in areas that will endanger our precious natural resources.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lynne Boulden
3217 Marshall Ave.
Sioux City, IA 51106

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Name: Craig Bower

Representing:

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I don't want the pipe line going thru our Reservation and or area.

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COMMENTS

please stop this pipeling from Happening!

There is at least 1 oil spill per week, stop this pipeline before it begins, and prevent it from destroying our Water, Rice and the aquafer.

Miigwech,

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No Pipeline
Clean Water
Clean Nature

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From: apache@web.lmic.state.mn.us
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2014 10:59 AM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Bucholz Tue Apr 22 10:58:36 2014 PL6668/PPL-13-474

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

Docket number: PL6668/PPL-13-474

User Name: Judy Bucholz

County:

City: Perham

Email:

Phone:

Impact: I am all for the pipeline and I believe it can be constructed in an environmentally safe way.

Mitigation:

Submission date: Tue Apr 22 10:58:36 2014

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I DON'T WANT THE PIPELINE TO COME THROUGH BECAUSE IT WILL DESTROY OUR NATRUAL RESOURCES

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Fax: 651-539-0109

TO: Larry Hartman, Environmental Review Manager
MN Dept. of Commerce

From: Brad & Tracy Bushee
23227 425th Ave SW
E. Grand Forks, MN 56721
ph. 218-773-1452

Subject: Alternative Route for Sandpiper pipeline
PUC Docket No: PL-6668/PPL-13-474 (Route Permit)

RE: Use of existing LINE 3 pipeline corridor

Please permit the North Dakota Pipeline Company to use the existing Line 3 pipeline corridor and Right of Way for the Sandpiper Line.
The existing Line 3 corridor is less than 1 mile away from the proposed Sandpiper line that would run directly next to our residential home that could injure our children and grand-children.
Your help is greatly appreciated and will help our family sleep better at Night.

Sincerely, Brad + Tracy

5-30-14
Fax: 651-539-0109

TO: Larry Hartman, Environmental Review Manager
MN Dept. of Commerce

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Subject: Alternative Route for Sandpiper pipeline
PUC Docket No: PL-6668/PPL-13-474 (Route Permit)

LINE 81

RE: Use of existing LINE 3 pipeline corridor

Please permit the North Dakota Pipeline Company to use the existing Line 81 pipeline corridor and Right of Way for the Sandpiper Line.
The existing Line 81 corridor is less than 1 mile away from the proposed Sandpiper line that would run directly next to our residential home that could injure our children and grand-children.
Your help is greatly appreciated and will help our family sleep better at Night.

Sincerely, Brad & Tracy

Note: LINE 81 is the existing corridor

#13-474

My name is Linda Campbell. I have no vested interest in the lands and waters that will be crossed by this pipeline, but, the lands and waters are part of my home on this beautiful earth. We cannot take a chance on destroying the life and livelihood of native/indigenous peoples. And we cannot take a chance on destroying our land and water resources. Please do all you can to protect this precious earth—

Linda Campbell

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Hartman, Larry (COMM)

From: Andrew Capistrant <andycappedparking@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 5:23 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Sandpiper Pipeline concern

Hello my name is Andrew and I would like to take a moment to express my opposition to the further abuse of our wetlands and woodlands. I believe it is time we consider the survival of non human existence over the commodities of western civilization, after all human life always has and always will depend on the well doing of our one and only Mother Earth.
Please do an honest job and represent the people of this generation so we can pass on a sustainable life style to the many hopeful future generations to come. Please give the correct PEOPLE the right to decide on this pipeline, no matter how many dollar could be made or lost we will never be able to buy back a healthy Earth or a healthy human population. All corporations consider their own financial growth as first priority, Enbridge is no exception. Our addiction to oil must end in order to save this species. Sustainability and responsibility needs to begin now.

Thank you,
concerned but hopeful Andrew

Hartman, Larry (COMM)

From:	Loretta Cartner <lcartner123@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, April 08, 2014 7:14 AM
To:	Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Cc:	#PUC_Public Comments
Subject:	Fw: Docket 13-474 and 13-473 Comments Loretta Cartner
Attachments:	Docket 13-474 Comment Loretta Cartner.pdf

My home is located along the Carlton County Route Alternative and have spent much time writing my comments for the Sandpiper Pipeline project. After reviewing the docket for the Sandpiper Pipeline Project, it appears that my uploads malfunctioned. Please accept my comments attached below.
Sincerely, Loretta Cartner

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Exhibit 2 under two more separate emails.

April 4, 2014

Dr. Burl Haar, Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: In the Matter of North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC,
MPUC Docket #13-474 and #13-473

Dear Dr. Haar:

I am opposed to the Carlton County Route Alternative for the hazardous liquids Sandpiper Pipeline Project proposed by North Dakota Pipeline Company (NDPC). My husband and I own property and a home located on the Carlton County Route Alternative and would be negatively affected. I utilize my 25 years of professional experience working as a forestry technician, hydrology technician, geological engineer, and mineral management specialist, to present the following discussion.

The PUC should dismiss and reject the Carlton County Route Alternative for the following reasons:

- PUC should honor the agreement between NDPC and the Carlton County Commissioners that revised the Preferred Route to more closely follow existing utility corridor right-of-ways (ROWs) near Interstate 35 and reduce socio-economic and environmental impacts to eastern Carlton County. They both recognized the significant impacts to the organic farmers and other landowners along the original route, sensitive soils and watersheds. I commend the Carlton County Commissioners for their forward vision and NDPC for their willingness to propose a more environmentally and socio-economically sound Preferred Route through eastern Carlton County. The revised Preferred Route submitted in January 2014 is a significant improvement over the Carlton County Route Alternative.

- The majority of the revised Preferred Route in eastern Carlton County is now proposed to follow existing ROWs in accordance with the State's non-proliferation policy and statute on route selection criteria . Eastern Carlton County has numerous existing ROWs crossing the area (see exhibit 1). There is no justifiable reason why a pipeline would need to be routed through 14.7 miles of greenfield as proposed in the Carlton County Route Alternative.

• The Carlton County Route Alternative cuts across two corners of our property and, in effect, wraps 180 degrees around our house. The route would permanently remove 15% of our land from any future use by us. It would destroy the most productive parts of our property on higher ground where the best soils and vegetation are located. It would remove a 120 foot wide strip of timber from the back of our property. It is proposed to be located 200 ft from our home, 110 ft from our organic garden, and 250 ft from our drinking water well. As future pipelines are added to this new corridor, they would get even closer to our home and water well and destroy our garden, lawn and landscaping for the temporary construction work space.

Our organic garden provides a significant portion of our food needs. Without this garden we would be harmed not only monetarily but deprived of a very important aspect of our lives. Our property has limited topsoil and level ground conducive to establishing a new garden.

• We choose to live here for it's proximity to the organic sustainable farms in our immediate area and the lack of utility corridors. I believe living so close to a highly explosive, high pressure, hazardous liquids pipeline would put our safety at risk and negatively impact me and my family's health including mental and physical anguish and fatigue. Our house and well are directly downhill and down gradient from the Carlton County Route Alternative proposed pipeline and any future spills would flow into our house and yard. In addition, the numerous carcinogenic and other dangerous chemicals contained in the pipeline could contaminate our drinking water well if there was a leak. Our well is in the route survey corridor of the pipeline. We would be burdened by having to monitor our water well for contamination which would be very costly without just compensation. Without monitoring, we risk drinking dangerous, potentially life threatening contaminated water without being aware of this hazard. In the application, NDPC does not propose to monitor any landowner's drinking water wells. It is not appropriate to locate a hazardous liquids pipeline corridor that close to our home or any other homes. For any route chosen for this project, NDPC should be required to annually monitor groundwater wells located within the route survey corridor.

• We manage our property organically and any chemical application along the pipeline ROW during maintenance would negatively impact our property, garden and our health. The use of chemicals would impact a larger area than just along the ROW due to aerial drift and would contaminate a large area around our home and community. The chemicals would harm the native vegetation in the area and the vegetation on our property.

• We would personally be subject to a negative economic impact caused by this pipeline. Our property values would be permanently devalued due to the presence of a hazardous liquids pipeline in very close proximity to our house. In addition, it

removes 15% of the property from any future use by us. I have investigated numerous studies and based on the results, I expect our property to loose 10-30% in value and take much longer to sell. I have been told that a local real estate agent said that it is difficult to sell homes in the Duluth area that are located near utility ROWs. Negative public perceptions of utility corridors and living near hazardous liquids pipelines are driving forces in how much a home can sell for. There would be no reduction in our property tax, so in essence, we would be paying more taxes for land that is not truly ours. Eminent domain proceedings would not adequately compensate us for our true losses. We have made our retirement decisions based on critical economic considerations such as the value of our home and property and how this will support us as we downsize in our retirement. The significant reduction in our home's value would negatively affect our economic stability during retirement; a vulnerable time in our lives.

- The Carlton County Route Alternative would place a new hazardous liquids pipeline corridor through 14.7 miles of "greenfield". The revised Preferred Route in eastern Carlton County would eliminate 10.5 miles of undisturbed "greenfield" and follow existing ROWs. The Preferred Route has fewer stream crossings and trout streams impacted compared to the Carlton County Route Alternative. It also avoids the MN protected Clear Creek and Deer Creek watersheds and has a reduced impact to the MN protected Blackhoof River watershed. The Nemadji River and Deer Creek are on the impaired waters list for turbidity concerns under section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act. Eliminating the Carlton County Route would mitigate impacts to these impaired watersheds.

- The Carlton County Route Alternative would invade our community and potentially destroy the delicate balance of the surrounding ecosystem and negatively affect the socio-economics of the area; in particular the vibrant organic sustainable farming businesses in eastern Carlton County. It risks future economic growth of sustainable organic farming in our area. The prime farmland in our area has some of the best soils for growing food in the region. The disruption of these soils by constructing a pipeline ROW, continuous maintenance, and future expansion will make these soils unsuitable for growing food. If a pipeline corridor is constructed along the Carlton County Route, the thin 0-6 inch thick Prime Farmland soils in eastern Carlton County would not retain their viability for growing crops and farmers would loose the ability to organically farm or expand their current operations. In addition, use of herbicides to control noxious and undesirable plants that frequent pipeline corridors is not compatible with the area organic farming businesses.

- Saying the Carlton County Route was developed "to minimize impacts by taking the most direct route possible" is misleading. The Preferred Route is only 1.4 miles

longer than the Carlton County Route Alternative. Using differences in distance when comparing this alternative to the Preferred Route is meaningless considering the Preferred Route is 43.3 miles longer than the Northern Route Alternative. The 1.4 miles out of 612 total route miles is only 0.2% of the entire route. The main difference is that the Carlton County Route is in "greenfield" and the Preferred Route follows existing pipeline and transmission line ROWs. Clearly the Preferred Route is superior to the Carlton County Route.

- Directly east of our property is a large tract (approximately 1.4 square miles) of undeveloped forest. This tract has multiple tributaries of Clear Creek flowing through it. Clear Creek is a tributary to the Nemadji River, a protected watercourse in Minnesota. This forest is ecologically diverse. It functions as a wildlife corridor between Jay Cooke State Park, Blackhoof State Forest, and the Nemadji State Forest. We have witnessed wolves and otters traveling through from north to south in the winter. The Carlton County Route Alternative would cut through this forest and upset the balance of this important natural resource. The route would fragment this large tract of forest. Forest fragmentation is a statewide issue that the Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources is addressing. Additional unnecessary fragmentation caused by this project should be avoided.

- We are owners of a rural property in a nearby state that currently has two hazardous liquids pipelines passing through it. For years, we made attempts to eradicate both spotted knapweed and trefoil, noxious and invasive weed species, from the pipeline ROWs. These weeds are now starting to invade the road to our house, our hay fields, and our yard. In time, we expect them to spread down roads and into farmers fields and beyond. The trefoil was introduced by Enbridge as part of the "reclamation" seed mix. The weeds are continually dispersed by illegal snowmobile and ATV use on the ROWs to the point that we cannot control their spread anymore. We have given up trying to stop the spread of these weeds due to the intense labor and high cost for us. Based on this experience, noxious and invasive weeds are a real problem with pipeline ROWs and impacts need to be fully studied and effective mitigation required.

I am a member of the Carlton County Land Stewards and participated in the writing of their Route Permit Application comments dated and submitted to the PUC April 3, 2014. Instead of copying all that information into my letter, I will incorporate them by reference and ask that they be considered part of this comment submittal.

My overall impression of NDPC's project Environmental Information Report (EIR) is that it lacks detail and is not clear as to what impacts may occur. There is little raw data to substantiate most of the claims made by NDPC. It appears to be an office generated computer exercise and now it needs to be expanded to better represent site specific resources. Project impact mitigation measures are limited and need to be further

developed to address additional impacts not examined or disclosed. I am attaching the U.S. Department of State, June 5, 2009, Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), Chapter 4 – Environmental Analysis, for the Presidential Permit application for Line 67 (Alberta Clipper) (see exhibit 2) to be incorporated by reference into my comments. I request that this document be used as an example of the type of details that should be included in the Sandpiper project environmental analysis. Many issues and environmental impacts and effects are applicable, and much of the same mitigation would apply and should be included in the project permit. **The FEIS document should be used for the project analysis and also to address the Northern Route Alternative since it is co-located in the existing Enbridge Mainline ROW pipeline corridor where the Alberta Clipper was constructed.**

The NDPC Environmental Impact Report is limited in scope and does not adequately disclose the resources along the routes. It is impossible to understand what impacts can be expected. Without that detail, it is very difficult to develop alternatives to submit during this public comment period for the route application. **Due to high controversy, complexity, and potential significant impacts expected (construction, maintenance, direct and indirect impacts, reasonably foreseeable and connected actions), a complete Minnesota Environmental Impact Statement under the Minnesota Environmental Policy Act must be completed.** It should include site specific details about the Preferred Route and all the Alternatives and offered back to the public for their comments and alternatives. Only then can meaningful alternatives be compared, impacts fully disclosed to the public, and well reasoned decisions made.

In summary, the Carlton County Route Alternative should be rejected as a viable route for this project, the route must follow existing ROWs, and a detailed site-specific Minnesota Environmental Impact Statement should be completed. Thank you for this opportunity to voice my comments and concerns relating to the project.

Sincerely,

s/s Loretta Cartner

Loretta Cartner
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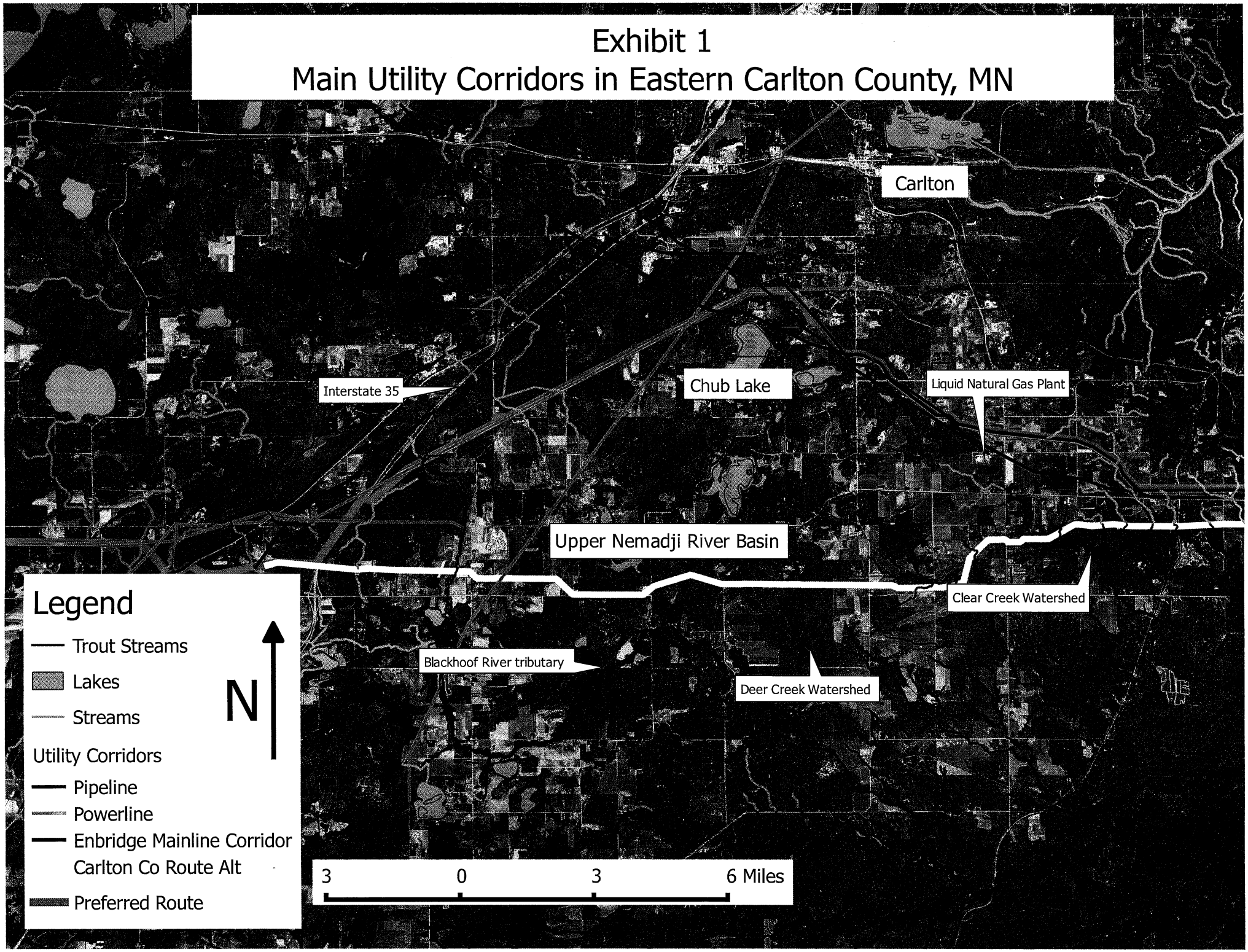
Exhibit 1
Main Utility Corridors in Eastern Carlton County, MN



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Do not allow the pipelines. This is harmful to the native people and especially to the children.

Thanks, Susan Center

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Public Comment Sheet

North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC Sandpiper Pipeline Project

PUC Docket No. PL-6668/PPL-07-13-474

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March 30, 2014

Dr. Burl Haar, Executive Secretary
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Re: Docket number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

In all the time I have spent visiting family and friends throughout this great state of Minnesota, I consider my trips to my aunt and uncle's organic farm in Northern Minnesota to be some of my most memorable. Since hearing of the plans for the new Sandpiper pipeline route, I have been terribly concerned about what it will do not only to my family's farm, but to so many others like it that are threatened by this plan.

Enbridge has made some strides to remedy the original new route so that it no longer runs through the farm on which I have learned so much, but nonproliferation is the best way to avoid destroying our valuable natural resources. The current route still runs through too many of these wonderful farms. To destroy any part of these farms, especially those that are Certified Organic, would be devastating to a way of life that helps people provide for their families, their communities, and the state.

This isn't just about money. This is about keeping sustainable farms sustainable and keeping the Northland area of Minnesota the wonderful, diverse, beautiful place that it is.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Christensen

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COMMENTS

Do not want the pipeline!

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April 2, 2014

Dr. Burl Haar, Executive Director
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RE: Docket number 13-473 and docket number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am purchasing land in Carlton County for the purpose of organic farming. It is next to the originally proposed Southern Route for Enbridge's proposed Sandpiper pipeline. You have both the responsibility and the ability to protect this land for organic farming as put forth in MN Rule 7852.1900, subp. 3 Criteria a) ...existing and planned future land use; b) ...natural environment, ...including but not limited to natural areas, wildlife habitat, water...; d) ...economies within route, including agricultural...; f) use of existing rights or ways...; i) ...cumulative potential effects of related or anticipated future pipeline construction (already Enbridge is proposing replacement of Pipeline 3 and the precedent set by having one pipeline pretty much promises expansion along side of it which would impact the land I am purchasing).

Minnesota State Supreme Court's precedent for non-proliferation is another way you can protect this farmland from pipeline intrusion. And while I would much prefer an existing pipeline corridor be used, the amended Southern Route submitted by Enbridge is a better choice than the originally submitted Southern Route.

Sincerely,

s/s Patricia Clure

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COMMENTS

Please don't let your judgement be fooled and clouded by money or pressure. Uphold environmental laws put in place to protect us and the earth. Where do you want your children to grow up? Thank you
Larry Hartman

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3 April 2014

To: Dr. Burl Haar, Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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Re: Docket number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

We need you now, to help us protect our farmlands and waters. Pipeline companies have no reason to care about what is important to Minnesota farmers and residents who rely upon them.

There has been substantial temporary and permanent damage to many, many communities throughout the United States due to incidents which can render our lands and waters from barely usable to potentially unusable.
Our natural resources are irreplaceable.

Recovering from cancer makes organic foods and good water imperative for me to thrive. Many people benefit from our local organic farms.
Organic farms will risk loss of certification, soil destruction and our eco systems may suffer damage which may as well be considered permanent in our lifetime.

Natural farmlands and forests provide valuable and essential ecosystems.
They provide critical wildlife habitat and protect the health of impaired rivers such as the Nemadji River in the Lake Superior Watershed.

Routes should avoid organic farms, indeed all farms not already impacted. 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 landowner rights. There is no valid necessity for new routes.

Has not the greed of mega corporations taken enough away from us? Help us keep what remains intact. We need your support right now.

Respectfully,

Catherine S. Colvin

P.S. Please accept my apology for sending this to the wrong email address on the first try.

03-03-14

Mr. Larry Hartman
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Re: CN-13-473
PPL-13-474

I am a central MN resident and as such have a vested interest in the North Dakota Pipeline Sandpiper project. I believe all Minnesotans have an interest in a pipeline crossing an environmentally sensitive watershed such as a major lakes area in MN. I am a retired police chief and have significant experience with government, review boards, balancing competing priorities and seeking/evaluating public input. I was a Governor's appointee to Regional Review Committee District 6 (East Metro) for several years, serving as Chair or Vice-chair for that entire time. I reported to the State Emergency Response Commission which was responsible for implementing SARA Title III in MN. I am not a "not in my back yard" type of thinker. I recognize that we have to provide access to the products and services that we consume.

I have specific concerns on how the proposed project is to transverse the Mississippi River so close to its source, and what impact it will have on that geologically/historically significant area. It is a generally accepted fact that all pipelines will eventually have a spill (whether through human error, equipment failure or lack of monitoring or maintenance), it is only a matter of when and where and how much. Enbridge (like most other pipeline companies) has previously experienced spills on pipeline systems owned/operated by them.

I do believe that it is the State's duty to citizens to ensure that this project is not only desired by the company, but is absolutely necessary and can be safely implemented in an environmentally responsible fashion **over the long term**. In terms of **need,** I am concerned that apparently the refineries in Superior and the Twin Cities already have access to more supplies of crude oil than they can utilize. I see no indication of adding more refineries, or refinery capacity in MN or NW WI to help reduce the cost of fuel, so where is the benefit to our state? If NDPC/Enbridge is considering abandoning a northern mainline route after construction of Sandpiper, why should we use eminent domain to move the existing capacity? Absent MN needs, the needs of No. Dakota or Canada should not compel us to create a new route through MN, when the Northern Mainline appears to have capacity, and could be expanded with additional capacity. I fear the real purpose of this petition is to export Bakken oil through the Great Lakes, which of itself needs further study.

Nothing against NDPC/Enbridge, but I do not trust for-profit entities to focus on what is in the best interests of the public. Recent spills in North Carolina and West Va. illustrate how lax industry and utilities can be. Not repairing a large visible crack in a containment vessel? Building a containment pond over an abandoned storm sewer pipe leading

directly to a river? Cleanup that takes years longer than projected. The list goes on….. even as some in Congress propose repealing the Superfund Act with more than 1000 known sites yet to be cleaned up. I am not a bleeding heart environmentalist, but I am pragmatic. Government has to be the stopgap. Money is the ultimate motivator, and will fill all vacuums. Cost cannot be the primary determining factor of any approved route.

I recommend that the State, to the extent possible, require some absolute public benefit to MN, and an assurance that NDPC/ Enbridge and its' shareholders are on the hook for any future cleanup, not the public. Hopefully the State would prevent them from filing bankruptcy in the future to avoid responsibility for any cleanup costs, as has occurred in other states.

I wish Enbridge had included more project information on their website, as it would encourage fairer, more thoughtful, informed, public input. They have provided no information as to why Enbridge has chosen the current pipeline route, and have provided no alternatives so I am left to assume that it was budget/export related. **The proposed route crosses more than 100 rivers, streams, creeks, and brooks, in addition to other water features.** I believe that if a demonstrated compelling need is established a better route would follow the existing **"Mainline Pipeline"** route from Canada which runs near Bemidji, for the following reasons:

1. It is already in place, is shorter and more direct, and travels roughly to the same destination.

2. I assume an EIS was performed for that project which could be updated. I would hope the original EIS studied the impact of potential spills, although I understand that regulations/standards have probably increased in the intervening period perhaps necessitating a new one.

3. The right of way has for the most part already been obtained.

4. It would not subject additional watersheds to risk.

5. It would eliminate the need to cross additional private and state land and thereby eliminate some of the substantial opposition.

6. It would eliminate the need to subject an additional area of the state to a potential spill.

7. Co-locating the pipelines would simplify observation and inspections, save costs associated with that and reassure the public.

If the company successfully establishes need but is unwilling or unable to co-locate the pipeline…… turn down their request. The people of MN are under no obligation to allow pipelines to crisscross the state in a random fashion.

The project timeline on the Enbridge website seems rather aggressive, and the public has been brought in rather late in the process to adequately review and comment, especially to propose specific, detailed alternative routes that NDPL/Enbridge should have done in due diligence. I assume their timeline is intended to put pressure on the State to make a quick decision on the project. Please take all the time you need to perform due diligence in the public interest. The future of the fishing/hunting tourism industry in North Central MN and the welfare of our grandchildren are depending on you.

Please accept my thanks for the extensive documents you have posted on your website. If you would be so kind, please send me an e-mail confirmation that you have received my input. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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March 22, 2014

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Re: PUC # PL6668/PPL-13-474

Dear Sir:

I am a property owner in Hubbard County and I am concerned that there has not been enough time for proper review of the issues at hand.

I am quite aware that we need air and clear water and wet lands - marshes among other things.

I feel that this project should not be hurried but rather much time should be spent to review the issues.

We must think of the future concerning our resources.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Curtis

Hartman, Larry (COMM)

From: Michael Dahl <wedad08@gmail.com>
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Re: PUC Docket Number 13-473 and 13-474

Dear Mr. Hartman,

As you already know I have asked many questions and stated numerous reserves about the proposed route of the Sandpiper pipeline by North Dakota Pipeline Company/Enbridge Inc. I am making a comment today on a personal effect due to the misunderstanding that all previous statements were made as a representative of Honor The Earth alone. The following statement is one of my personal thoughts and feelings.

As a member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe People here in Minnesota which also part of the 1855 treaty territories I have numerous concerns with this proposed route primarily as an Indigenous man while also as a citizen of Minnesota. I was born and raised in Cass Lake, MN and have spent most of my adult life at home in the White Earth Reservation where my mother and previous generations were born. As a family we come from the lineage of people who negotiated and signed the treaties that lead to the formation of our reservation in 1867. These treaties, all 40+ treaties, were all signed seven generations ago. This is a spread of generations that is of iconic spiritual, social and cultural importance. We are taught and teach that we are to think both seven generation behind and ahead of us. We do not have time to think about our own generation because our ancestors have done that for the seven generation preceding us and have already thought about us. It is our duty to think about the next seven generations yet to come.

Now I could make a statement full of statistics and scientific data, but that has already been done by numerous people who are of higher qualifications to state them than I am. I am pleading to the simplicity of common sense based on what I have been raised to know and what I have learned from participating in the process utilized by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the Department of Commerce.

The current proposition made my NDPLC and Enbridge is one that is desired to go through the northern part of our state, through the northwest corner of the White Earth Reservation, along the Northwest shores of Upper Rice Lake in Clearwater County, coming within miles of the mouth of the Mississippi River and the Itasca State Park and continuing south to Park Rapids where it will turn east crossing the Mississippi River again before stopping in Superior, WI. The majority of this route is directly through the 1855 treaty territories and through the most condensed areas of lakes, rivers, forests and my primary concern, the abundance of Manoomin (Wild Rice).

Many many generations ago, possibly thousands of years ago, the Anishinaabe/Ojibwe people were located on the east coast of North America. We migrated westward in search of "the food that grows on water", Manoomin. We were instructed to make our home there and spread throughout the country as far as the Manoomin spreads. Once settling we were instructed to gather that Manoomin as a gift from creation to maintain our lives, it is still to this day a primary source of food and economy to many Anishinaabe people. Upper Rice Lake is an iconic lake that is of cultural, spiritual, social and now economic importance to our people. Almost every Anishinaabe person has a story that is relative to their life and previous generations to this lake. It is the "stronghold" of Manoonmin so to say, producing 100,000+ pounds of documented Manoomin every fall. This number does not reflect the amount of Manoomin gathered by families that collect a more modest amount to provide just for our families and communities. Many families still gather every year just to feed our families and to make ensure there is Manoomin accessible for community gatherings.

In 1902, the Lady Slipper was stated as the state flower of Minnesota. With that label in 1925 the state started to regulate the gathering and use of this flower. In 1953, the state of Minnesota labeled the Norway Pine/Red Pine as the state tree. In 1977 the state of Minnesota, long after the Indigenous people, realized the symbolic and economic value of Manoomin to the state and deemed it the "State Grain". This action, to my understanding, is one that would place a level of desire to ensure that the Manoomin would remain pure, safe and protected by the state. A majority of the supply of Manoomin to the world comes from Minnesota and and is primarily gathered by Indigenous people of Minnesota. All three of these State Emblems are known to grow in abundance along the proposed route of the Sandpiper pipeline. All three of these emblems were first monitored by the Indigenous people because of their spiritual, medicinal and practical uses. We are under the understanding that the State of Minnesota would also share the desire to protect and ensure their growth throughout that state.

In regards to the proposed route going primarily though the 1855 treaty territory and coupled with the environmental risks I am not alone in stating opposition to this route. Beyond the legal issues of granting this route permit being in violation of these treaty rights, it is just plain rude to not include the Indigenous people of Minnesota in the process of decision makings when in regards to these territories. The treaties of Minnesota, contrary to popular belief, did not "give" anything to our people. In actuality we "gave" to the government in

exchange for financial compensation while at the same time maintaining our right to hunt, fish and gather in a way to maintain a modest living. We were NOT given these rights, we maintained these rights as agreed by the United States Government.

The blatant disregard by the MNPUC, MNDOC, NDPLC and Enbridge is offensive and just plain rude.

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Your time and consideration is appreciated and I truly hope that considerations are made as a primary focus on the future and not only on the immediate desires.

Miigwech (thank you),

Michael E. Dahl

White Earth Anishinaabe

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Hartman, Larry (COMM)

From: Michael Dahl <wedad08@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2014 3:48 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Cc: Winona Laduke
Subject: Dockets 13-373 and 13-474
Attachments: PUC Comment.odt

hello Larry, i am sending in my comment from a personal stand point due to the misunderstanding that ll of my previous statements were as a representative of an organization.

i am sending it in two forms. one as just an email and this one with the statement made in a document using the program office pro. i am not sure on how it all works with the word processing and attachments so in case you cannot open the attachment it is also sent as just an email.

hope all is well and i do truly appreciate your time and considerations!!

Migwech,
Michael E. Dahl

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

Email: larry.hartman@state.mn.us

Re: PUC Docket Number 13-473 and 13-474

Dear Mr. Hartman,

As you already know I have asked many questions and stated numerous reserves about the proposed route of the Sandpiper pipeline by North Dakota Pipeline Company/Enbridge Inc. I am making a comment today on a personal effect due to the misunderstanding that all previous statements were made as a representative of Honor The Earth alone. The following statement is one of personal effect.

As a member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe People here in Minnesota which also part of the 1855 treaty territories I have numerous concerns with this proposed route primarily as an Indigenous man while also as a citizen of Minnesota. I was born and raised in Cass Lake, MN and have spent most of my adult life at home in the White Earth Reservation where my mother and previous generations were born. As a family we come from the lineage of people who negotiated and signed the treaties that lead to the forming of our reservation in 1867. These treaties, all 40+ treaties, were all signed seven generations ago. This is a spread of generations that is of iconic spiritual, social and cultural importance. We are taught and teach that we are to think both seven generation behind and ahead of us. We do not have time to think about our own generation because our ancestors have done that for the seven generation preceding us have already thought about us and it is our duty to think about the next seven generations yet to come.

Now I could make a statement full of statistics and scientific data, but that has already been done by numerous people who are of higher qualifications to state them than I am. I am pleading to the simplicity of common sense based on what I have already been raised to know and what I have learned from participating in the process utilized by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the Department of Commerce.

The current proposition made my NDPLC and Enbridge is one that is desired to go through the northern part of our state, through the northwest corner of the White Earth Reservation, along the Northwest shores of Upper Rice Lake in Clearwater County, coming within miles of the mouth of the Mississippi River and the Itasca State Park and continuing south to Park Rapids where it will turn east crossing the Mississippi River again before stopping in Superior, WI. The majority of this route is directly through the 1855 treaty territories and through the most condensed areas of lakes, rivers, forests and my primary concern, the primary locations for Manoomin (Wild Rice).

Many many generations ago, possibly thousands of years ago, the Anishinaabe/Ojibwe people were located on the east coast of North America. We migrated westward in search of "the food that grows on water", Manoomin. We were instructed to make our home there and spread throughout the country as far as the Manoomin spreads. Once settling we were instructed to gather that Manoomin as a gift from creation to maintain our lives, it is still to this day a primary source of food and economy to

many Anishinaabe people. Upper Rice Lake is an iconic lake that is of cultural, spiritual, social and now economic importance to our people. Almost every Anishinaabe person has a story that is relative to their life and previous generations. It is the "stronghold" of Manoonmin so to say, producing 100,000 pounds of documented Manoomin every fall. This number does not reflect the amount of Manoomin gathered by families that collect a more modest amount to provide just for our families and communities. Many families still gather every year just to feed our families and to make sure there is Manoomin accesable for community gatherings.

In 1902, the Lady Slipper was stated as the state flower of Minnesota. With that label the in 1925 the state started to regulate the gathering and use of this flower. In 1953, the state of Minnesota labeled the Norway Pine/Red Pine as the state tree. In 1977 the state of Minnesota, long after the Indigenous people, realized the symbolic and economic value of Manoomin to the state and deemed it the "State Grain". This action, to my understanding, is one that would place a level of desire to ensure that the Manoomin would remain pure, safe and protected by the state. A majority of the supply of Manoomin to the world comes from our state and and is primarily gathered by Indigenous people of Minnesota. All three of these State Emblems are known to grow in abundance along the proposed route of the Sandpiper pipeline. All three of these emblems were first monitored by the Indigenous people because of their spiritual, medicinal and practical uses. We are under the understanding that the State of Minnesota would also share the desire to protect and ensure their growth throughout that state.

In regards to the proposed route going primarily though the 1855 treaty territory and coupled with the environmental risks I am not alone in stating opposition to this route. Beyond the legal issues of granting this route permit being in violation of these treaty rights, it is just plain rude to not include the Indigenous people of Minnesota in the process of decision makings when in regards to these territories. The treaties of Minnesota, contrary to popular belief, did not "give" anything to our people. In actuality we "gave" to the government in exchange for financial compensation while at the same time maintaining our right to hunt, fish and gather in a way to maintain a modest living. We were NOT given these rights, we maintained these rights as agreed by the United States Government.

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Hartman, Larry (COMM)

From: Jan Dalsin <jandalsin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2014 4:19 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Comments Relative to PUC Docket Number: PL-6668/PPL-13-474 (Route Permit)

Dear Minnesota Commissioners of Commerce and Public Utilities:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the potential human and environmental impacts and alternative pipeline routes to be considered in the comparative environmental analysis in the matter of the Application of North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC for a Pipeline Routing Permit for the Sandpiper Pipeline Project in Minnesota.

My first comment has to do with the question, "Do we NEED this proposed Sandpiper pipeline?"
I raise the question because, to date, I have found no compelling reason to indicate that we, the people of Minnesota, need this pipeline.

What I have found in my study — which includes reading everything I can get my hands on, in print and online; listening, online, to the Hearing held by ALF Lipman, giving Honor the Earth an opportunity to present their case for honoring treaty rights, protecting culture and lifeways; advocating for the preservation of basic needs such as clean water and air, land, wild rice...; reading some of the previous comments, online on your public access site, including the comments by the Sandy Lake Association folks; and listening to, and pondering the meaning of, current stories about growing needs for water in Minnesota, and stories about Minnesota wanting to respond responsibly to the growing effects of our changing climate; and "getting-up-to-speed" on the topic of the "silent/dormant commerce clause" and the current heightened discussion and concerns regarding relationships between and among neighboring states — What I have found is this: There is nothing on the record which establishes the need for the proposed Sandpiper pipeline.

There have been alternatives suggested for the routing of the proposed pipeline. And these may come in handy, when taking up the question about "what human and environmental impacts should be studied in the comparative environmental analysis." And peoples have expressed their desires to preserve good water quality, and all that comes with preserving the land and the peoples, and protecting them from the harm which comes from the inevitable pipeline oil spills and accidents and impacts on the rest of what is needed for a quality of life.

In light of all of the above, it is reasonable to request of the Minnesota Public Utility Commission and the Minnesota Department of Commerce that:

a. An Environmental Impact Statement process be undertaken with regard to the proposed Sandpiper pipeline;

b. Further attention be given to the concerns of those who advocate for the protection and preservation and enhancement of Minnesota's clean water, clean air, healthy land, responsible use of natural resources; for respect for Native Americans' treaty rights, and their demonstrated concern for wild rice;

c. A robust conversation take place around concerns such as, "Are there ethical, moral considerations which come into play when dealing with matters such as pipelines?" Questions such as, "Whose rights take precedence — in "normal" times and/or in times of "crisis?" "Does corporate power, profit and convenience necessarily need to "trump" the common good of people, planet, resources, and all creatures?"

d. A well-placed discussion take place within state government and people, relative to the

place and interpretation of the "silent/dormant commerce clause." The times we live in, the rapidly changing climate and the repercussions of that reality demand that we responsibly address this emerging question: "How can we advocate for life in all its forms in this time of climate crisis?"

In summary, thank you for considering these comments. I wish you well in your efforts to provide for the future of us all.

Sincerely,

Lois Dalsin
1440 Randolph Avenue, #102
St. Paul, MN 55105

May 30, 2014

Hartman, Larry (COMM)

From: winnied@paulbunyan.net
Sent: Friday, May 02, 2014 10:42 AM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Enbridge pipeline through northern Minnesota

I saw in the newspaper a map of a different route for this proposed pipeline. Instead of running along side Itasca Park in Minnesota to south of Park Rapids and then east to Superior WI., This map proposed running south in North Dakota alongside Highway 29 and then southeast alongside 94 to St. Paul, MN.

If we can't prevent the pipeline altogether, I would like to see a petition prepared for signatures that would show the support for the Highways 29 & 94 corridor. I would like to see this offered as soon as possible. Definitely before the new May 31 deadline.

What can I do to help??

Sincerely,

MN citizen Winnie DauSchmidt
(218) 224-2516

Hartman, Larry (COMM)

From: Jim Degitz <j.degitz@snyderfoodservices.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 4:52 AM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Pipeline project

Good morning Larry,

I live in Indiana and have been vacationing in the Park Rapids area for almost 40 years. My dad and mom took our family there and now the 4th generation of my family are vacationing there 4-5 weeks a year including my sons and grandchildren.

Please consider NOT letting this pipeline go through this pristine area of so many natural lakes. God has provided all of us a treasure with this area, please consider all the history and what the Park Rapids area has to offer and a chance TO LOSE with this pipeline.

The safety record of this company is not a viable option for this area. Sand, rock and clear, clean water is not a option for oil and the effects of a pipeline break.

Thank you for your time and my family will continue to pray that God plays a role in this decision as he was the one that created this GODS COUNTRY for everyone to enjoy and not the intrusion of an oil pipeline.

God bless,

James S. Degitz

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Representing: White Earth

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COMMENTS

I Strongly Protest to the Pipeline coming thru or Reservation because of the Many problems it Could cause to our Natural Resources and distruction of our land.

Please submit comments at meeting to EERA staff or send to:

Larry B. Hartman
Energy Environmental Review and Analysis
Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, MN 55101-2198

Email: larry.hartman@state.mn.us
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Voice: 651-538-1839
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Electronic Submittal: http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/publicComments.html?projectId=33599

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Dear Larry Hartman,

As a White Earth tribal member, and as an educator in the St. Paul School District, I ask you to do all you can to oppose the pipeline proposed to run through our precious resource and relative: Our land.

The risk at hand in building this pipeline is too great, so join our wise judgment please.

Sincerely, Rebecca Fairbanks Dickinson

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Hartman, Larry (COMM)

From: Kenneth L Diesburg <diesburg@siu.edu>
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2014 7:25 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Sandpiper Pipelein

Dear Mr. Hartman,
I am a concerned summer home owner at Twin Lakes near Menahga. The map of the proposed Sandpiper Pipeline shows it crossing the Shell River just north of the upper Twin Lake. Regardless of whether it will be above or below ground, its construction will cause considerable disruption of sediment that will flow into the already sensitive upper Twin Lake thereby acceleration its eutrification. That lake serves as a valuable nursery for the reproduction of Muskie and other native game fish. Minnesota cannot afford to lose the tourism that will probably result from the accelerated destruction of the upper Twin Lake. However, rather than looking at the pipeline construction as a threat, we could have the company that is constructing the pipeline dredge out the upper Twin Lake, thereby returning to the more viable state is was in before the early Twentieth Century logging damaged it by straightening the Shell River Channel, which accelerated sediment deposit into the upper Twin Lake. It's a small lake. I imagine a construction company capable of building a pipeline a fourth of the distance across our continent has the means to dredge out a small lake at a tiny fraction of the amount of profit they will be making with the pipeline. If there would not be significant environmental disruption downstream due to the dredging, I think this would improve tourism to the area, benefitting Minnesotans and out-state summer home owners. It would also be a great public relations gesture coming from the pipeline owner and construction company, as well as the involved politicians.

Please tell me what you think of my idea. If it is viable, please carry it forward to the Public Utilities Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ken Diesburg
618-453-1787 office

Rice, Robin (PUC)

From: Charles Diessner <cfdiessner@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2014 8:07 PM
To: #PUC_Public Comments
Subject: Docket Number PL -6668/PPL -13-474

April 3, 2014

Larry Hartman

Environmental Review Manager

Environmental Review and Analysis (EERA)

Minnesota Department of Commerce

85 7th Place East, Suite 500

St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: Public Utilities Commission (PUC)

Docket Number PL-6668/PPL-13-474

Dear Mr. Hartman:

My wife and I live on Potato Lake in Park Rapids, Minnesota. After attending public meetings and reviewing materials 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. (the "Project") we have the following comments:

1. We are opposed to the Sandpiper Pipeline as proposed by Enbridge and we request that you deny its application.

Our opposition to the application is because Enbridge has failed to provide answers to a number of critical issues raised by the public, including (i) the exact location of the proposed pipeline; (ii) the number and exact location of the additional safety 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 the 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 plans to also use its preferred southern route for the Project for the replacement and relocation of its Line 3 which (a) amounts to a substantial amendment to its application and (b) involves cumulative effects on the natural environment and the economy that are not addressed by Enbridge in its documents which provide that it has no plans for any other use of the pipeline route than the Sandpiper Pipeline. This conduct by Enbridge of not providing adequate, correct and complete information on the Project has frustrated not only the public and local governmental authorities, but also the various agencies involved in reviewing the Project. Enbridge should not benefit from such conduct and it application should be denied.

2. Enbridge's request for its preferred southern route should be denied because there are better alternate routes, including using its Line 3 route not only for the replacement of Line 3, but also for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

Since Enbridge's preferred southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline involves the potential of such significant adverse environmental impacts involving highly sensitive, unique and valuable resources of the state as described in paragraph 3 below, the use of an alternate route, such as the Line 3 route, is critical.

3. **3. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should be prepared for the Project.**

Pipelines, like energy facilities, should be located compatible with environmental preservation and efficient use of resources. Minnesota law requires that "An EIS shall be ordered for projects that have the potential for significant environmental effects".

We cannot imagine a project that has more potential for "significant environmental effects" than this Project. The potential impacts of a leak or spill from this pipeline on the Mississippi and other rivers, lakes which are some of the clearest and cleanest in Minnesota, wetlands and the Straight River aquifer which is shallow and in sandy porous soils, all of which are extremely vulnerable, could be devastating. An EIS is

required for the Project because these highly sensitive, unique and valuable resources of the state deserve the highest level of scrutiny.

Thank you for considering our comments,

Chuck and Joan Diessner

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612-790-6565

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LARRY HARTMAN
MN Dept of Commerce
85 7th PLACE EAST SUITE 500
St. PAUL, MN 55101

MY NAME IS DON DAMUND, I LIVE AT 5029 WASHBURN AVE S, MPLS, MN. I AM OPPOSED to the proposed SANDPIPER PIPELINE project. THIS pipeline will threaten NATURAL RESOURCES AND INFRINGE ON TRIBAL LANDS. PLEASE DO NOT CONTINUE WITH this pipeline.

SINCERELY

Don Damund

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No absolutely No do we not let that kind of crude oil flow across our state! That pipeline is old, very old, we've had an explosion and deaths, spills. This crude is almost impossible to clean up we have a state that sits on water many lakes. its a network underground. Let them run a pipeline to their coast and ship it! And no North Dakota Bakken oil either. that state is totally nuts. that oil is just as dangerous & look at the spills they have had →

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No No No — I have also set my Rep. Paul Marquart hear my complaint.

Please keep our state the greatest state in the union. Don't sell us to the oil cartel or the Canadians!

Sincerely Colleen R Dorgan
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Gilworth, Mn 56529

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Hartman, Larry (COMM)

From: Dressler Fred <fjdressler@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 2:52 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Comments

I made these comments on the Dept. of Commerce website but when I clicked submit nothing happened. Please make sure these comments are added to the Sandpiper Pipeline project. PUC Docket Number 13-474.

Thank you

I have a cabin in the Park Rapids area. I am concerned about the pipeline near Hubbard. I don't feel that we should be finding new routes for pipelines. Our land and water resources are delicate. A new route increases the effort of caring for the pipeline and our environment. Rather than increasing the areas of care we should be decreasing those areas.

I think this would be an excellent time and place to continue the war on climate change. We must put an end to our reliance on fossil fuels. This new pipeline may be a very small step, but it is one of the few that I can have a direct impact on.

Hartman, Larry (COMM)

From: Dressler Fred <fjdressler@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 4:12 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Re: Comments

I called the 800 number but the switchboard person was unavailable at the time. I left my number.
In any case I was at the MN Dept of Commerce.energy. The page was titled "Public Comments."
The "Project" was the Sandpiper Pipeline.
I left my "Contact Information."
I then left a comment, I clicked on "submit" and nothing happened.
This is the website: http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/publicComments.html?projectId=33599

On Apr 30, 2014, at 2:57 PM, Hartman, Larry (COMM) <larry.hartman@state.mn.us> wrote:

> Mr. Dressler. Did you try to submit your comment on edockets or the commerce website for the project docket. If you would like to give me a call we can try to assist you.
>
> Larry B. Hartman
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Hartman, Larry (COMM)

From: Judy Dunlap <jdunlap@tilexdesign.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2014 12:32 PM
To: 'larry.hartman@state.mn.us'
Subject: No Pipelines

Dear Larry,

I am writing to support the protection of Minnesota's earth and water resources.

The choice between pipelines and rail cars is a false choice. The same as between a car with no brakes and a car with no steering wheel. Both dangerous, both supporting dirty energy.

I am asking for you to reject pipeline expansions and support clean renewable energy and a livable future.

Sincerely,
Judy Dunlap

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our way of life and others

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Hartman, Larry (COMM)

From: Andy DuShane <andydushane@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2014 12:28 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)

It would be really WISE to protect as much of Minnesota's precious aquifers as possible. In the near future water will become THE most precious commodity. A gas or oil pipeline will become 'moot'. So please keep the pipelines OUT of Minnesota, and the sand 'gobblers' away from the Mississippi. It will pay off in a slightly longer term than the oil and gas industries, but we will have that special sweet ground brew from the Jordan Aquifer.
Thanks,
Andy DuShane
936 8th Ave SE
Rochester, MN 55904-5006

Hartman, Larry (COMM)

From: Dan Emmel <demmel@tilexdesign.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2014 12:18 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Pipeline projects

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Sincerely,

Dan Emmel

May 5, 2014

Karen Emmel
2115 W. 21st St.
Minneapolis, MN
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Dear Sir,

I am writing to oppose the construction of the "Sandpiper" pipeline, and also the extension of the Alberta Clipper. The CLEAN water we are known for in Minnesota will suffer. Pipelines burst, and we can see the evidence. Building a pipeline through our pristine watershed makes no sense.

I love our state and want to register my outrage at this idea getting rammed through without enough fore thought!

Better to work on ALTERNATIVE energy right now.

Yours truly
Karen Emmel

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North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC Sandpiper Pipeline Project

PUC Docket No. PL-6668/PPL-07-13-474

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COMMENTS

Shame on all of you for all the misrepresenting of facts. the Truth is pipelines are leaking & having spills all the time in many states. Your record is Not any better (if not worse) than any of them. Several spills in Mn. alone. The EPA PUC & all entities that are supposed to protect the environment are falling flat on their faces & trusting the DNR's opinion on 'anything' environmental is a horrible judgment. As usual it's money & power that have the say in all of our worlds. There's no ethics among any of you which is of course covered up with smooth talk and baloney.

NO pipeline save our world. It's all we've got.

Please submit comments at meeting to EERA staff or send to:

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Dear Mr. Larry Hartman

I am proud of Minnesota's legacy of clean waters. We are known for our beautiful environment and the special care we take with it. There is simply no doubt that the placement of the Sandpiper (Alberta Clipper after a well) in our pristine watershed would be a violation of all we stand for in Minnesota.

Enbridge is trying to run this through without a truly due process and among all else there are other routes to be considered.

I oppose the pipeline, however if it must be would support I-29 via 94 to refinery. At least we could keep an eye on it —

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From: Ronda Estey <rondaestey@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 04, 2014 10:34 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Cc: Ronda Estey
Subject: PUC Docket #13-474

Importance: High

May 4, 2014

Dear Mr. Larry Hartman:
In regards to PUC Docket# 13-474.
I am writing in opposition to the Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline! This project goes against the Treaty Rights of our Ojibwe people!
As an organization, you have a responsibility to help protect federal & state lands within the state of Minnesota. The pipeline project does not take into account the seriousness of what a leak or spill, no matter what size, can do to the flora and fauna of the lands it is going to cover. I am particularly in concern over the protection of our lakes and wetlands that grow our native wild rice; which is a food source for our Ojibwe people in MN. I am also in deep concern of the effects that the pipeline can have on our wildflowers, our other necessities of food sources: wild berries, wild onions, wild mushrooms, and forests; particularly Black Ash and Green Ash areas of which we use for making our baskets, as well as pine, and maple trees for harvesting our maple syrup. We also worry about the impact these pipelines could have on our areas of land that grow natural herbs for medicinal and food sources.
A leak or spill of any type and size can do damage to our lands that have sage, sweet grass, herbs for teas, and herbs for ceremonial purposes which are extremely important to our tribe. The negative effects of having a pipeline go thru our MN lands also opens up the disastrous affect of a possible spill not only into our soils, but also our waterways: rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, and natural springs; which would contaminate and poison our supply of water for fish, birds, and animals; as well as living human beings within the state of MN. An oil spill, pipeline leak, or a train derailment would have a detrimental impact on our ecosystem, as well as disturbing the circle of life for humans, wildlife, fish and fowl. As a Native American and enrolled member of the White Earth Reservation and MN Chippewa Tribe, I was born in this state and want the promise that our waterways, lands, air and skies are going to stay clean, chemical free, and poison free for my children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren for generations to come!
We, as a state, have always felt pride in being the land of 10,000 lakes, etc. and always felt proud to have our native lands be filled with beauty, cleanliness, and areas of historical importance, but with one spill, no matter what size; the Enbridge Pipeline or any company's pipeline cannot guarantee that it would be able to clean up such a disaster to its original clean and chemical free state (no matter what they say or would try to do)?
Mr. Hartman, you, as a representative of the MN Department of Natural Resources, have a huge responsibility to protect our natural resources, so that future generations will be able to enjoy the same rights as you and I have as a citizen of the state of MN. It doesn't matter what race or gender or age we all are; the point to remember is that we all need to come together not for the sake of the dollar but because our grandparents before us entrusted us to continue to keep protecting our lands and natural resources for generations to come. I will continue to play an assertive role in protecting our MN lands, forests, waterways, and other natural resources; especially our native wild rice areas, because my children,

grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren are counting on us to guarantee that it will be there for them in the future.

If you continue to support the forward process of this pipeline; you have the responsibility to hold public hearings not only with each MN reservation's tribal council and people it is going to impose on, but also a responsibility to meet with each tribal elders committee, whom we hold with high respect and honor. Have you asked each township, city, county, or tribal reservation to do an environmental impact study on what could happen? Mr. Hartman, there have been many reports of past pipeline leaks and spills from not only in MN but other states as well, and almost all of them have had extended, and detrimental impacts beyond what was originally stated or predicted. As a citizen of this state, I don't want our state to be noted as one of those states or be scratching our heads after, asking why didn't we listen? I am asking you and the MN Department of Natural Resources to take a hard, close look at what could happen and take a stand and say, NO, to allowing anymore pipelines to be disturbing our lands and natural resources. The MN Department of Natural Resources has it's name as an organization for an important purpose: to serve our citizens and it's people and protect our state's natural resources; so please take a stand and say "NO MORE PIPELINES"!!!!!

In closing, I once again stress my stand, in OPPOSING the ENBRIDGE PIPELINE or any pipelines going thru any part of our lands of MN!!

Respectfully but with deep concern,

Ronda Estey
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& White Earth Reservation.
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