



Public Comment Sheet

North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC Sandpiper Pipeline Project

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

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COMMENTS

I am an enrolled member of the White Earth Reservation and hold rights within the 1855 treaty territory. I also gather wild rice, maple syrup to feed my families. The proposed pipeline through our territory especially through our traditional rice fields is not something I want in our territory, knowing about the history of spills and accidents from the past. I know ~~was~~ my family and I do not want that possibility to happen to our natural resources. This land is our land given in treaty, accordingly you must honor that right. We are opposed to this pipeline put through our land.

Sincerely

Leslie Fain Anishinaabe Member

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

Larry B. Hartman  
Energy Environmental Review and Analysis  
Department of Commerce  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500  
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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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Larry Hartman of the Minnesota Department of Commerce

Dear Mr Hartman

I believe that destruction of the natural environment in North Dakota and in Canada must be ended. We are threatening our children with climate crisis if we continue to burn carbon and pollute the atmosphere.

Therefore, I believe that we must reject all future pipelines through Minnesota. We cannot control what is done in North Dakota or Canada, but we can refuse to participate in this madness.

We are addicted to fossil fuel burning here and it will stop one way or another. Let us choose now to end this. Let us not be forced to stop because of future catastrophe.

Please help us to stop these carbon pipelines now while there is still some time to do so.

Thank you?

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2635 Girard Ave S #110  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** Laurie Fenner <fenner.laurie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 17, 2014 7:49 AM  
**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** Sandpiper oil pipeline project

I request that a full EIS be done on the Sandpiper oil pipeline project - reference docket 13-474. Anything less is totally irresponsible.

Thank you!

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Laurie Fenner  
320-279-0456

## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** Ray Fenner <raymond.fenner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 17, 2014 7:52 AM  
**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** Sandpiper pipeline

I request that a full EIS be done on the Sandpiper oil pipeline project.

Thank you,

Ray Fenner

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## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** Margie LAST\_NAME <margarethe1@myway.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 22, 2014 11:10 PM  
**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** proposed pipeline by enbridge through Mahtowa MN

Good Evening,

Is there somewhere I can find a detailed map that shows if the proposed routes involve my land in Mahtowa? I find maps that are too generic. I need either land ids, owner ids, or exact map of area showing current roads including 35 and Co Rd 4 and the pipeline. I would appreciate any help you can give me.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

M. Ferguson

Dear Harry Hartman - docket # 13-474

I do not want oil in the rice  
or water or land, that is destroying  
our world

Aloise Sunmaker  
Tribal member

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To: Larry Hartman

Environmental Review Manager, MN Department of Commerce

PUC Docket Number: PL-6668/PPL-13-474 (Sandpiper Pipeline)

From: Terry Finzen

Subject: Sandpiper Pipeline (PUC Docket Number: PL-6668/PPL-13-474)

May 19, 2014

As a land owner in Crow Wing County directly impacted by the proposed Sandpiper route, I have serious concerns. An oil spill along this route would be devastating to the environment, the areas ground water, lakes and rivers, and area tourism. The poor safety record of oil pipelines make the proposed route too risky.

Shortly after the first comment period closed, I received a notice from Enbridge of a second pipeline proposal, the "Line 3 Replacement Project". The proposed route is identified as "generally along the proposed Sandpiper pipeline route". Why was this not disclosed earlier? How many other pipelines will follow? Are pipeline proposals considered on an ad hoc basis? Why isn't there a long range planning process in place which would develop pipeline corridors that have less potential for environmental damage?

**Follow the existing pipeline route (Northern Route).** Following the existing northern route, would make monitoring and mitigation planning easier, negate the need for new easements, limit the loss of habitat, and should cost less than developing a new route.

**The route can hope for the best, but must plan for the worst.** In my immediate area, a spill would impact not only ground water, but a watershed that could potentially damage a chain of lakes and rivers including Jail Lake, Lizzie Lake, Clough Lake, Norway Lake, the Pine River and the Whitefish chain. This potential environmental impact exists along much of the proposed route.

**Pipeline or power line.** The proposed route in our area follows an existing power line. The existence of a power line doesn't validate a pipeline route. The potential environmental damage from an oil pipeline is much greater and a pipeline route should be considered on its own merit.

**Proposed easement:** On my property the proposed route requires a permanent easement, an additional temporary easement and a temporary equipment staging area. These so called "temporary easements" result in a permanent loss of timber and a permanent change to the environment. The new "Line 3 replacement Project" proposes an additional easement and loss of habitat.

Thank you for your consideration.

Terry Finzen



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Deephaven, MN 55391

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Dr. Burl Harr, Ex. Sec.  
MN PUC  
121 7th PL E Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Docket number 13-474



P.O. Box 821, 122 W. Jefferson Street, Viroqua, Wisconsin 54665  
mosa@mosaorganic.org ■ 608.637.2526 | phone ■ 608.637.7032 | fax

Dear Dr. Harr,  
This letter supports opposition to routing the Sandpiper Project through organic or transitioning-to-organic land.  
Janaki Fisher-Merritt  
2612 County Rd 1  
Wrenshall, MN 55797

Dear Janaki,

3/26/2014

A proposed pipeline route may impact your organic farm. You requested that MOSA write a letter regarding how a disturbance on your organic farm could impact the certification of your land. You may share this letter as you see fit.

Certified Organic operations are responsible for maintaining a detailed Organic System Plan (OSP). This OSP represents the operator's plan for meeting the National Organic Standards and maintaining the organic integrity of the operation. The OSP is updated and verified annually by the organic certification agency and addresses all aspects of management including crop fertility, soil and water conservation, crop rotation, weed, pest, and disease management, adjoining land use (including buffers that are required), pest control, equipment use, crop storage, handling, transportation, marketing, labeling, and recordkeeping.

Organic production is defined as a production system managed by "integrating cultural, biological, and mechanical practices that foster cycling of resources, promote ecological balance, and conserve biodiversity." Organic producers are responsible for demonstrating how production practices maintain or improve the natural resources of the operation and minimize erosion.

Fallow or wild land, as well as production acres, are very important as part of the organic system as a whole. They may be considered part of the productivity of the system. These areas serve as habitat for beneficial insects (such as pollinators or pest predators), birds, wildlife, and soil biota that support the overall biodiversity of the system and this land may be used as part of the crop rotation. Additionally, wild land can be certified for organic wild crop harvests (such as mushrooms, ramps, berries, herbs, etc.).

A disturbance of this land could impact the productivity of the overall system and impact organic certification in at least the following ways:

- 1) Soil organic matter and structure is an important foundation of organic productivity. Heavy equipment can compact soil and decrease the productivity of soil. The movement of soil destroys soil structure and may induce erosion. The movement of non-organic soil (as fill or on equipment tires) onto organic land can impact organic certification.
- 2) The application of herbicides or other chemicals that are prohibited by the National Organic

Standards would result in the land becoming contaminated. A 36 month transition would be required from the date of application. Additional buffering of organic land may be required, taking land out of production.

- 3) A leak of oil or other chemicals from the pipeline may make land ineligible for certification.
- 4) Biodiversity of the overall habitat would be impacted.
- 5) The process of reseeding disturbed land must use approved seeds and substances. Plastic mesh that stays in place or treated seed are prohibited.

Feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lynne Haynor".

Lynne Haynor  
Certification Specialist

John Fisher-Merritt  
2614 County Road 1  
Wrenshall, MN 55797

13 March, 2014

Dr. Burl Haar, Executive Secretary  
MN Public Utilities Commission  
121 7<sup>th</sup> Place, Suite 350  
St Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Docket number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

When I started farming in Carlton County in 1976 there wasn't much of a market for locally grown vegetables, and no market for local organically grown vegetables, so it took a long time to get started making a living at it. But now local produce is very popular and local organic vegetables bring premium prices. Whole Foods Co-op in Duluth sells over \$2 million a year in produce, mostly organic. Community Supported (CSA) farms are providing organically grown produce to nearly 1000 families in the area. Many restaurants and even institutions like Essentia Health and UMD are purchasing organic produce. The fact is that demand is increasing along with availability, creating economic opportunity for farmers in Carlton County, where the best soils in Northern Minnesota lie.

In our area the proposed southern pipeline route goes through several farms whose soils are primarily Campia Silt Loam, the best soil type in northern Minnesota. Even in cases where this land isn't farmed organically and isn't currently producing high value crops, or is even run down through misuse, the potential still remains. Farmers are aging and will eventually be willing to sell to talented beginners who will use the land to its full potential. A pipeline easement would significantly reduce or eliminate their ability to do so.

Two of our former interns are among those talented beginners. They have purchased good farmland from aging farmers that lies close to the proposed pipeline corridor. These two young farmers are producing crops whose value approaches \$25,000 per acre per year, demonstrating the potential of this good land to provide enterprising, energetic farmers with a livelihood.

In spite of Enbridge's claims to the contrary, the 120 foot strip of land disturbed by construction activity, compacted by heavy machinery, with the mixing of soil horizons during installation of the pipe and the resulting destruction of soil biodiversity would make it very difficult, if not impossible to produce high value organically grown crops, especially if the establishment of a new corridor resulted in multiple pipelines. The likelihood of multiple pipelines is great, considering the potential number of oil wells in the Bakken oil fields and burgeoning tar sands production.

In a bold move to protect economic development potential in Carlton County, our County Commissioners met with Enbridge officials, insisting that the Sandpiper "preferred route" avoid private land in the Organic and Sustainable agricultural area of Carlton County as much as possible, following existing utility easements. Enbridge officials followed their recommendations and amended the "preferred route" to more clearly follow existing power line and pipeline rights-of-way east of Interstate 35. This represents a marked improvement over the original "preferred route", but the evidence clearly demonstrates that opening a new pipeline corridor which crosses any prime farmland would adversely affect economic development in Carlton County. I strongly urge the Public Utilities Commission to continue to adhere to their long standing "non-proliferation policy", and require the proposed "Sandpiper" pipeline to follow the already established pipeline corridor, the "Northern Route".

## Rice, Robin (PUC)

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**From:** Gene and Julie Fladeboe <fladeboe1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 03, 2014 2:22 PM  
**To:** #PUC\_Public Comments  
**Subject:** Enbridge Pipeline Route Docket Number 13-473 and 13-474

Honorable Commissioners,

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

As we look at the PUC's criteria for making decisions regarding pipeline routes the following criteria that you outline, in our opinion, meets the need for a full Environmental Impact Statement versus a review with Enbridge. The specific criteria that we refer to include the following: Natural environment: the proposed Sandpiper Pipeline southern route affects the Mississippi Headwaters, various trout streams like the Straight River, wetlands, ricing beds, and the Red River of the north. It is our understanding that Enbridge is looking at routing not only the Sandpiper Pipeline but also Line 3 through the Straight River aquifer, which is shallow, not to mention the Mississippi Headwaters. The pipeline will also affect our economy, which includes aspects of our agriculture, forestry and tourism. Imagine when (not if) there is a pipeline leak and the damage it will do some of the clearest and cleanest lakes in Minnesota. Image the damage it could do to the Mississippi River.

For the above stated reasons it seems that the Public Utilities Commission would want to protect our environment and in doing so to explore alternative routes that would not jeopardize the Mississippi Headwaters, lakes, streams and rivers that are in Hubbard County and Northern Minnesota.

Also we would also recommend that the PUC extend the public comment period to August 1, 2014 which would give residents of Hubbard County and northern Minnesota a longer period to respond and share their comments as so many of our residents are out of the state for the winter months and also have the right to share their views on the proposed pipeline.

Sincerely,  
Gene and Julie Fladeboe

## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** apache@web.lmic.state.mn.us  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 17, 2014 7:50 PM  
**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** Flynn Sat May 17 19:50:25 2014 PL6668/PPL-13-474

This public comment has been sent via the form at: [mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/publicComments.html](http://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: Michele Flynn

County: Carlton County

City: Sturgeon Lake

Email: [ma\\_flynn63@hotmail.com](mailto:ma_flynn63@hotmail.com)

Phone: 218-273-4019

Impact: PUC Docket Numbers (13-474) I am very concerned about the fact that this will be travelling through a significant number of wetlands, streams and forests. Many of the areas are hard to access year round and in the case of a Kalamazoo River (years later, they are still cleaning it) type spill/failure it may be hard to respond to quickly. Also, how do we know the sensors that would indicate a pressure drop due to a spill or leak would work in a timely manner? There is too much risk to the watershed to put a pipeline in this part of Minnesota and I don't believe it should be done.

Mitigation: There should be facilities, equipment and employees staged every 50 miles or so along the length of the pipeline, especially anywhere near water or forest land, so spills and leaks can be responded to quickly, before Kalamazoo type damage is done.....better yet, scrap the project. There should never be more than an hour going by before a spill is discovered. People, animals and plants need potable water to live, we don't need the oil that bad.

Submission date: Sat May 17 19:50:25 2014

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

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick  
[andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us](mailto:andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us)



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MAHWAHWA MN  
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COMMENTS

my ~~one~~ number one thing is  
the slow threat of spilled and the  
water in the lakes reduce the  
wild rice, fish ducks any thing else  
that lives in the area, one thing  
says it all it takes my children to  
live off the land

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

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## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** Cliff Frank <clifffrank@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2014 9:05 AM  
**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** Enbridge Proposed Route

Mr. Larry Hartman,

And then what? I ask you to consider the question "and then what?" Apply it to the decision you are faced with, because the 'proposers' and 'objectors' are only facing the impending decision - no one is talking about the 'And then what?'

If we take off our pro' or con' views and ask the question ... we realize that pipelines fail, maintenance is overlooked due to poor share holder returns, and control on spending, and so a leak, spill or blowout occurs, and then what? So our leadership and government and local first responders are cleaning up life and lost resources, while our courts try to fight the corporation on recouping lost money spent for clean up, the corporation files for bankruptcy protection, and our land is destroyed and our future generations are given the waste of the land we left them with.

So, if the Pipeline does not go through and we continue with the 'normal', the price of gas will go up and down a few bucks, and we make decisions today, and innovate, we change our patterns of driving and/or spending, and deal with that today, not tomorrow and for our future generations to clean up. If the pipeline doesn't go through we will be fine, and the corporate sponsors and lobbyist will find another way to profit off of Earth's resources.

Nope the 'And Then What?' question needs to be asked, and when it is, it is obvious this is a Bad deal for the people of MN and 1/3 of the U.S. that are impacted by the Mississippi watershed.

The proposed Enbridge route jutting through our pristine wetlands and woods is of serious environmental risk and impact not only to myself, my family, my community, the environment, all of the flora and fauna, animals, fish, and bird life. An oil spill or pipeline leak or any type of catastrophe would have potential to destroy this place we call our home. The Mississippi headwaters region feeds into nearly 1/3 watershed of the United States and I can't believe this is being considered.

What human and environmental impacts are being studied in the comparative environmental analysis?

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

I would like to see a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)--a much more comprehensive and rigorous examination of the environmental hazards in this pipeline route.

Please make the right choice for the people living in this region, and the 1/3 of the U.S. impacted by the Mississippi watershed - shut this proposal down!

Sincerely,  
Cliff Frank  
Bemidji, MN

## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** Julie Frank <juliefrank99@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2014 10:52 PM  
**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** Enbridge proposed route

Larry,

The proposed Enbridge route jutting through our pristine wetlands and woods is of serious environmental risk and impact not only to myself, my family, my community, the environment, all of the flora and fauna, animals, fish, and bird life. An oil spill or pipeline leak or any type of catastrophe would have potential to destroy this place we call our home. The Mississippi headwaters region feeds into nearly every river, stream and waterway in the United States and I can't even believe this is being considered. This is dirty big money looking to sweep this under the rug in an impoverished region of the United States. Obviously the end location of MN being Lake Superior indicates this oil will be heading out the Great Lakes & over to China for further destruction of this country and our economy, but that's getting slightly off topic, let's stick to the environmental impact of this atrocity of a proposal.

There need to be alternative routes that do not come so close to the Headwaters or the largest grouping of lakes and rivers of Northern MN.

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

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Please make the right choice for the people living in this region, shut this thing down.

Sincerely,  
Julie Frank  
Bemidji, MN

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

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**From:** Joe Fraser <jfraser@rainresources.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2014 6:45 PM  
**To:** #PUC\_Public Comments  
**Subject:** Request for Environmental Impact Statement - Docket Number 13-473 Certificate of Need, 13-474 Route Permit

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

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

**Honorable Commissioners:**

**Due to what is not enough analysis, review, and accountability if there are problems, I am opposed to the Enbridge Pipeline proposed Southern Route project moving forward as defined today.**

**While not against the concepts of the pipeline, I do not feel enough has been done by Enbridge or the PUC to ensure success in this endeavor. I also feel that potential problems and failures with this project are being analyzed and that any pain caused by such problems will be born by local residents and Minnesota taxpayers.**

**The Headwaters area of Minnesota is an important natural resources area for our state and our country with many historic areas. I do not trust that Enbridge is doing enough to make sure to protect this area, and I also do not believe current state laws and processes are requiring enough of Enbridge to ensure this project would be done successfully and maintained correctly.**

**The least Minnesota residents and taxpayers should expect is a thorough Environmental Impact Statement. I also would like to see more information on how Enbridge would/will deal with problems that may arise. They do not have a good track record in other parts of the country and this is our only chance to have them step up before the project is done. Once approval may be granted, it is too late for us to do what is best for our state and taxpayers.**

**My concern is that Enbridge will send lawyers instead of environmental experts to clean up any problems. Minnesotans will pay the large and long-lasting price for any mistakes made by Enbridge if we move too hastily.**

**Construction jobs are very tempting and are welcomed to the area. However if this project is done poorly with a high failure rate, future tourism jobs and land values will be impacted very negatively, making this economic situation less appealing.**

**Please demand as much review and accountability up front before granting approval for such a potentially dangerous and long-lasting problem project. Or better yet, please consider other routes that will not impact an area of such important natural resources.**

**Thank you so much for your consideration of these issues.**

**Best regards,**

***Joe Fraser  
Residence owner  
21616 Duck Lake Drive  
Park Rapids, MN  
218-732-5502***

## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** JON FRASZ Owner <j.p.frasz@centurylink.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2014 4:22 PM  
**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Doc #13474

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From: JON FRASZ Owner <j.p.frasz@centurylink.net>  
To: Larry h <Larry.h@state.mn.us>  
Sent: Thu, 24 Apr 2014 17:15:44 -0400 (EDT)  
Subject: Doc #13474

Dear sir I am writing to oppose the Sandpiper pipeline. I believe it will pose a predictable threat to our economy. The tourist industry in our state is a major part of our economy and depends heavily on the quality and sustainability of our rivers, lakes and parks. All of which would be irreparably damaged by oil spills which ALWAYS accompany these pipelines.

I'm also concerned with the safety of Lake Superior which constitutes 20% of the World's fresh surface water. And our Fisheries that produce \$ 7.2 Billion annually are also at risk. Also the wild rice wetlands, would be at risk. There are probably close to 100,000 jobs at risk related to all of these.

I believe if you take all of this into serious consideration you will deny the construction of this pipeline through our state. Thank you for your consideration of this. Jon P. Frasz 1009 S. Division St. #4 Northfield, Mn. 507-645-4613



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COMMENTS

What will a pipeline do?  
~~beed~~ Destroy natural habits  
Be a threat to our people  
and the wild life will also  
suffer. Leakage will destroy  
our rice on Rice Lake and  
to We have enough pollution  
already thats effecting our  
weather.  
Has to Stop somewhere

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

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85 7th Place East, Suite 500  
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March 25, 2014

Re: PUC Docket Number (13-474)

There are several other concerns, that I forgot to mention in my original letter to you on March 24, 2014, which need to be addressed.

Early last spring, we had a forest fire between Menagha and Hubbard, if I was told correctly, started by a gentleman welding outdoors. We were fortunate that the wind direction turned, and the flames were contained. It does not take much because during the last 10 years, we have noticed a lot more "no burn days" due to droughts, hot windy days (during the summer months), our porous sandy soil, etc. Since the proposed crude pipeline/pumping station runs west of one of the more populated towns (Park Rapids), and west and south of Long Lake (which is almost completely populated by summer homes/cabins as well as some year round residencies), this becomes a potential fire hazard for our community, especially during prevailing winds. The Bakken crude is more flammable than the tar sands crude. Should an accident occur, either during construction (welding) or operation, the damage could be enormous, in life and dollars. Does this pipeline company and its subcontractors carry enough insurance/bonded to cover a catastrophic event, whether during construction or operation? Unfortunately, we are reading about more companies throwing their hands up and declaring bankruptcy (W. Va.) after a catastrophic event. I am very concerned that our home insurance policies will increase significantly due to this increased risk. Also, who is going to train and equip our firefighters to fight that type of a fire? This will be another added cost to our community. There is the potential of environmental damage from a crude leak, if not contained immediately. Who will be responsible for that clean-up and how quickly will they get there?

We are very disappointed that this proposed crude pipeline path is being authorized "under the radar", considering the potential damage that can occur to our community. This notice for comment date should be extended so all property owners, from tax records, have a chance to voice their opinions. The notice should have been sent by US Mail and not word of mouth or local newspaper. Some of our Long Lake neighbors live as far as Florida and Texas during the winter months. Their comments/concerns should be included as well. I find it interesting that if you want to make a small structural change to your cabin, the neighbors within a certain perimeter are notified by US Mail for comment. Why not with this proposed crude pipe line/pumping station?

I look forward to hearing from you, to answer my concerns.

Sincerely,  
  
Vera and Jim Gallagher  
35147 Maffit Lake Road  
Cumming, Iowa 50061

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## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** Karen Gebhardt <kageb1@gvtel.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 04, 2014 11:01 PM  
**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** Suggested Enbridge Checklist/Line List  
**Attachments:** SuggestedEnbChecklist.doc

Dear Larry:

It was nice meeting you in person this evening in Clearbrook. As promised, I have attached my suggestion for a detailed "Line List," for use by Enbridge (or North Dakota Pipeline...whatever they are calling themselves.) Yes, it is significantly longer than the one last used by Enbridge during the Alberta Clipper/Southern Lights projects, however, I believe theirs is purposely vague. Since I now fully understand that there are no consequences for their "bad actions" against landowners, there really isn't any reason for having a Line List—they don't pay any attention to it anyway. But, if a citizen group were to band together to demand better behavior from Enbridge, this would be a document that could provide a place to start.

Kind regards,  
Karen A. Gebhardt

**Suggested**

# Enbridge Pipeline Checklist for Land Owners & Tenants along ROW

This version requires that both parties agree in writing to the many details of Construction and Restoration to be done on private property.

Right-of-Way Tract(s)# \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Line Receipt Secured:    YES     NO

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Enbridge ROW Agent name and Contact  
(Write below or attach business card)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Land Owner:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tenant:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Pre-Construction Instructions:

Designated Contact Name(s) and Phone Number(s) for 24 hour Advance Notification of start of Construction:  See above Landowner     See above Tenant

Initial date and time of 24-hour Advance Notification: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Notification by:  Phone,     E-mail,     Fax     U.S.P.S, Certified Letter

Proposed Enbridge ROW will affect the following land types:

(Check all the following that apply, and indicate approximate acreage of each land type)

_____ Agricultural Land (Pastures)	Number of acres: _____
_____ Livestock pasturing along ROW?	
_____ Fences crossing or along ROW?	
_____ Agricultural Land (Cropland, Hay Ground)	Number of acres: _____
_____ Enrolled acreage in USDA Program(s)	Number of acres: _____
_____ Wetlands/Seasonal/Lowland/Swamp	Number of acres: _____
_____ Forest land/Wildlife habitat	Number of acres: _____
_____ Tree Farm/Tree plantation	Number of acres: _____
_____ CRP or other USDA designated land	Number of acres: _____
_____ Prairie land, fallow field or Natural habitat	Number of acres: _____
_____ Hunting Land (private or commercial use)	Number of acres: _____
_____ Conservation Easement Land	Number of acres: _____
_____ Certified Organic Farming (private or commercial use)	Number of acres: _____
_____ Other: _____	Number of acres: _____



RESTORATION AFTER CONSTRUCTION

Treatment for Weeds on disturbed construction land: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

After pipelines are buried, trenches will be crowned with 3" – 6" of berm (depending upon soil type: Light soil = 6", Heavy soil = 3") to allow for settling, unless otherwise advised: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Restoring fertilizer levels to that of adjacent undisturbed agricultural land, as tested before or within one year after construction activities.  YES  NO Details: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Restoration, or replacement of or compensation for livestock shelters or hunting structures: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Replacement or replanting of Trees and/or Shelterbelts: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Landowner(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Tenant(s):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Enbridge ROW Representative:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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For Enbridge Office Use only

Signed Photocopy sent to Landowner and/or Tenants name herein:  YES. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Copies of this Check List will also be sent to the following, as needed:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> County Inspectors        | <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration Supervisor     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Monitors     | <input type="checkbox"/> Replanting Crew Supervisor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Appraisors   | <input type="checkbox"/> Dewatering Crew Supervisor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Inspector  | <input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractor for _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Survey Crews             | <input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractor for _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clearing Crew Supervisor | <input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractor for _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing Crew Supervisor  | <input type="checkbox"/> Subcontractor for _____    |

**Trees & Shelterbelts:**

- Compensation agreement     Replanting agreement     Relocation of trees (limited by size)
- Stacked off ROW for Owner's use. \_\_\_\_\_ Initialed permission to stack OFF ROW
- Hauled away for Sale or destruction at Pipeline's discretion
- Separate agreement in writing is attached

Limbs/trunks/slash:

- Mulched     Burned (with applicable permits)     Wind-rowed off ROW     Hauled away

Tree stumps:

- Cut off at ground level     Removed     Mulched in place

**Buildings and Structures:**

- Structure to be:  Moved     Disassembled/Reassembled     Destroyed for Compensation
- Separate agreement in writing is attached

**Access:**

Access across ROW will be needed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Litter Clean up:**

Permission for once daily clean-up of personal litter and construction litter OFF the ROW, as needed.

- YES, permission granted     NO, permission denied.

**Dewatering during Construction:**

In areas of high water tables, or after significant rainfall, or near wetland areas, *dewatering* may need to be done from the excavated trenches. Landowner permission is requested to dewater up to 150 feet OFF the ROW, and any subsequent damages to crops or other lands will be reimbursed. Permission is optional, but will assist in speeding up construction using only approved dewatering methods.

- YES, permission granted     NO, permission denied.

Miscellaneous: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Are there any WATER WELLS within 150 feet, or SEPTIC SYSTEMS within 100 feet of either side of company's Pipeline?

- NO.  YES. Well, Located: \_\_\_\_\_
- NO.  YES. Septic System, Located: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER Utilities Lines or Easements across, along or within 150 feet of either side of pipeline:

- Rural Water Line or Septic Treatment Line: \_\_\_\_\_
- Buried Natural Gas Lines: \_\_\_\_\_
- Buried Telephone Lines: \_\_\_\_\_
- Buried TV Cable Lines: \_\_\_\_\_
- Buried Electric Lines: \_\_\_\_\_
- Overhead Electric Lines: \_\_\_\_\_
- Archaeological sites: \_\_\_\_\_
- Any other Buried Utilities or fixtures: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Unique features existing in the ROW, along the ROW or near the ROW:

- Buildings: \_\_\_\_\_
- Shelterbelts (planted or natural): \_\_\_\_\_
- Deer Stands, other hunting structures: \_\_\_\_\_
- Livestock shelters: \_\_\_\_\_
- Commercial Logging operations: \_\_\_\_\_
- Commercial Operations affected by construction and/or ROW: \_\_\_\_\_
- Drain Tile: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Have there ever been any Anthrax outbreaks on this property?  YES, in year: \_\_\_\_\_  NO

Depth of Cover Waiver Initialed: 100%  YES  NO

DURING PRE-CONSTRUCTION CLEARING and DURING CONSTRUCTION:

**Soil, rocks, fertilizer:**

Approximate depth of topsoil in agricultural fields: (Fill in amount in inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Fertilizer testing of top soil done on adjacent undisturbed fields:  YES, date: \_\_\_\_\_  NO

Are there any field ditches or special drain tiles which may need special attention? (Please describe):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If Rocks (greater than 4" diameter) are brought to the surface, please describe any special handling of this:

- Haul Away  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fences and Livestock:**

Livestock in pasture areas on, across or along ROW (list types) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of fences crossing ROW, needing temporary gates.

Replace, repair or leave intact, fencing as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Larry Hartman, Environ. Rev. Mgr.

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Minn. Dept. of Commerce  
85 7th Place East, Suite 500  
St Paul, MN. 55101

5-20-14

re: docket 13-474

Dear Mr. Hartman,

The lack of an adequate Envir.  
Impact Statement is painfully  
apparent in the proposed Sandpiper  
pipeline route.

A route through less sensitive  
areas ought to be found before  
any serious consideration is given  
to this proposal.

Sincerely,

Roger Geddes

601 Main Ave N.

Park Rapids, MN 56470

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## Rice, Robin (PUC)

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**From:** Mike Gengler <mikegengler@googlemail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2014 5:26 AM  
**To:** #PUC\_Public Comments  
**Subject:** 13-474

April 4, 2014

Dr. Burl Haar, Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7th Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Docket number 13-474

Honorable commissioners,

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

One of the ways that I know the area of the proposed route is a farm my aunt and uncle own. I have visited this farm many times, and for one summer, I even lived there. The farm is a great place to go to learn things. You can learn to milk a cow, shear a sheep, spin yarn, fell a tree safely, split firewood, restore an old outbuilding, raise a chicken for meat or for eggs, start a garden, can food to save for winter consumption, deliver a newborn animal, turn sap into syrup, repair a barbed wire fence, and many other things. It is also a place to gather with family and friends for relaxing, entertaining and fun times together.

A pipeline would change all that.

We, the citizens, need to protect the natural resources we have been given and the best way to do that is place oil pipes with other oil pipes. Non-proliferation is the best way to protect the environment. Following a power line corridor is not the same. Oil needs to go with oil.

Where we get our food from is an important aspect of life. If we allow oil pipelines to run thru our states farmland and fields we risk contaminating our food. Organic or not, all farmland should be protected from the dangers of an oil pipeline.

For these reasons, if the Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed necessary, then Enbridge should be required to route the pipeline along existing pipeline corridors.

Sincerely,

Mike Gengler

421 Van Buren Ave N Apt 118  
Hopkins MN 55343

**Rice, Robin (PUC)**

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**From:** Richard Gengler <richard.gengler@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2014 1:31 PM  
**To:** #PUC\_Public Comments  
**Subject:** Re: Docket number 13-474  
**Attachments:** R Gengler comment Docket number 13-474.doc

Richard Gengler  
215 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

04 Apr 2014

Dr. Burl Haar, Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7th Place East, Suite 3507  
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Docket number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

I am writing to express my opinion on the sandpiper pipeline. Minnesota and the world as a whole can't afford to lose any more land to oil pipeline construction. If the pipeline must be built, it is very important to route it follow existing right of ways and not through new right of ways where millions more trees must be cut down and thousands of acres of farmland ruined. Organic farms are especially vulnerable to loss of certification, soil destruction and ecosystem damage. Oil pipeline routes should avoid organic farms.

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.

Sincerely,

Richard Gengler

## Rice, Robin (PUC)

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

To Whom It May Concern,

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

Please add me to the mailing list for this project.

Thank you,  
Collette Adkins Giese

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Collette L. Adkins Giese  
Amphibian and Reptile Senior Attorney  
Center for Biological Diversity  
651-955-3821  
[CAdkinsGiese@BiologicalDiversity.org](mailto:CAdkinsGiese@BiologicalDiversity.org)  
<http://www.BiologicalDiversity.org>

## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** apache@web.lmic.state.mn.us  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2014 8:38 AM  
**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** godwin Fri May 30 08:38:27 2014 PL6668/PPL-13-474

This public comment has been sent via the form at: [mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/publicComments.html](http://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: mary godwin

County: Beltrami County

City: bemidji

Email: [mlgodwin@gmail.com](mailto:mlgodwin@gmail.com)

Phone: 2187555060

Impact: I'm writing to express my opposition to the pipeline project. I am not a fan of fracking and believe a pipeline through a system of water ways is a dangerous thing for not just the people and animals and plants in the area itself but for all those geographically below them as the water flows to the ocean. Please do NOT allow this project to move forward.

Mitigation:

Submission date: Fri May 30 08:38:27 2014

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

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick  
[andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us](mailto:andrew.koebrick@state.mn.us)

## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** Teresa Goodrum <mnterryg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2014 10:56 AM  
**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** PUC Docket Number 13-474

Dear Mr. Hartman,

Thank you for your work on collecting information and comments on the Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline project. My comment is this.

We have been vacationing and now living in Becker County (on Two Inlets Lake) for many years and want our grandchildren to have the same experiences that we and our children have had. Clean water, fishing, Itasca State Park, wetlands, forests, and clear night skies that are filled with stars. We do not want these things to be a memory due to the impact that the installation of the pipeline will bring.

If an ATV drives through the streams and wetlands that this line will cross there is punishment. Horses are not allowed in some areas yet huge earth movers and diggers will be welcomed.

I understand the need for jobs and the temporary economic windfall that this work brings, yet where will all these folks be when the line fails? Answer: far away and working on more lines. This is not acceptable.

Many alternate routes have been presented for this pipeline and I ask that those which do not cross the Mississippi River and the watershed are not accepted. As I stated earlier, we live on Two Inlets Lake and the Hay Creek flows out of it and travels South into many lakes and streams.

Please help keep our home safe from this endeavor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Teresa R. Goodrum  
31639 Two Inlets Drive  
Park Rapids, MN 56470  
[mnterryg@gmail.com](mailto:mnterryg@gmail.com)



Public Comment Sheet

North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC Sandpiper Pipeline Project

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

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: Dawn Goodwin

Representing: Mawinzo Asiginigaazo

Email: dawngoody-1@yahoo.com

Address: 14506 Auginaush Rd.  
Bagley, MN 56621

Tel: (218) 694-3996

COMMENTS

We, the members of Mawinzo Asiginigaazo oppose Enbridge's proposal for the Sandpiper. Our relationship to this docket is that we pick the berries that are located next to the proposed pipeline. Also, our favorite berry patch is down stream and right next to the Mississippi River.

Mawinzo Asiginigaazo, means Berry Pickers gathering. We are an alliance of berry pickers from this area. We go to these berry patches every year and have come to depend on this important cultural resource. Do you know or realize that we even have a feast to celebrate and give thanks for the first berries of the season?

We want to be able to continue to enjoy this

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

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

Email: larry.hartman@state.mn.us  
Toll Free: 800-657-3794  
Voice: 651-538-1839  
Fax: 651-539-0109

Electronic Submittal: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/publicComments.html?projectId=33599>

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Important resource that has been embedded  
Comments Continued: in our Anishinaabe Culture for  
thousands of years. We want our children,  
grandchildren and great grandchildren  
to continue to have this important resource  
also, without the fear of contamination.  
Sincerely,  
Members of Mawinzo Asiginigaazo.

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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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Name: Dennis Goodwin

Representing: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 26661 Wild Rice Loop  
Bagley MN 56621

Tel: 1218 407 5294

COMMENTS

This is Dennis Goodwin I've riced Rice Lake for over 20 years my family depends on this rice to eat and for extra money for my family I have 4 kids under 6 years old and to jeopardize my family's well being is unacceptable we don't need a pipe line no where near the lake. I make over 6 to 7 thousand dollars and 200 pounds finished we don't need this pipe line at all. Please think of the families - before you ruin our lake.

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

Larry B. Hartman  
Energy Environmental Review and Analysis  
Department of Commerce  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500  
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Public Comment Sheet

North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC Sandpiper Pipeline Project

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

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: Randy Goodwin  
35500 Eagle View  
road

Representing: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: White Earth, MN

Tel: 218.983.3285

COMMENTS

I oppose the pipeline running through the  
White Earth Nation. The potential damage  
to our traditional rice beds is too high  
a risk. Please honor the request  
of the people of the White Earth Nation.

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

Larry B. Hartman  
Energy Environmental Review and Analysis  
Department of Commerce  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 500  
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A personal note ...

44552 State Hwy 6  
Emily, MN 56447

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

Dear Sir,

I am writing about the proposed Sandpiper oil pipeline, whose preferred route would run through the lake watershed about a mile north of (above) Lake Roosevelt. It would run along the Spire Valley aquifer which is used for the hatching of trout to stock Minn. streams and the Great Lakes. It could be destroyed during construction because of its shallow depth. A break in the pipeline would destroy the aquifer, run into our lakes, and then into the Mississippi.

Please request they do an EIS and consider a more southerly route.

Sincerely,

Bobas Wright

## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** mike gragert <1mrmagoo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2014 4:13 PM  
**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** spire valley PUC 13-473 &PUC 13-474

To whom it concerns,In regards to PUC 13-473 & PUC 13-474. I think proposed location next to an old important trout rearing pond & spring is too risky to it and it's eventual flow thru lakes and onto Mississippi river. I believe an EIS is needed. The pipeline should be proposed to a more safe location . THANKS, MIKE GRAGERT

## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** Janet Gray <jangray@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 17, 2014 6:57 PM  
**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** PUC Docket Numbers (13-474)  
**Attachments:** FRIENDS OF THE HEADWATERS PROPOSAL.docx

Hello Commissioner Hartman

As a summer resident of Hubbard County for over 50 years, I write expressing my opposition to the route proposed by Enbridge to move oil from the Bakken fields in North Dakota to Superior, Wisconsin known as Sandpiper.

The Sandpiper route would head south from Bagley MN close to wild rice sources for the White Earth nation, pass near the source of the Mississippi, through already fragile trout habitat of Straight River and large farm enterprises raising potatoes & beans under irrigation from the same aquifer.

It is a given that over time, oil pipelines will leak. Any leak in the line along the Sandpiper route will affect and endanger an area visited by large numbers of tourists each year and the businesses accomodating them for a huge economic impact.

"My" family lake property at 109 County Road 109, Menahga MN 56464, is at the north end of Palmer Lake. Residents at the south end of Palmer are within 500 feet of the proposed line. Residents of Duck Lake to the west are within 600'. Property owners on both lakes feel vulnerable.

I recognize the oil resources are needed, and must be transported. I also support the work concerned citizens forming the group "Friends of the Headwaters" are doing, including suggesting four (4) alternate routes for Enbridge to consider, each going through less vulnerable, less populated parts of Minnesota and the Dakotas.

Please study the attachment containing that information carefully. I respect your position and efforts.

Janet Gray  
[jangray@charter.net](mailto:jangray@charter.net)

Home: 976 Willow Grove Circle  
Waite Park, MN 56387

Lake: 23615 County Road 109  
Menahga MN 56464

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SUNDAY MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> 2014

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LARRY HARTMAN  
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER  
MN DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
85 7<sup>TH</sup> PLACE EAST SUITE 500  
ST PAUL, MN 55101

MR LARRY HARTMAN,

AS A young Native American women in High School,  
My responsibility includes a huge importance to protect  
the future of the land and especially the WATER.  
CONTINUING THIS PIPELINE will Damage the land,  
water and people in drastic measures.

THIS SHOULD NOT CONTINUE AS IT WILL RESULT  
IN AN UNHEALTHY EARTH FOR THE GENERATIONS  
TO COME. It is my right as an indigenous  
person to protect the environment.

THE PIPELINE SHOULD NOT CONTINUE.

Thank you.

-Breanna Green

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# Comment

## Speaker Registration

Complete to add your name to the speaker's list for tonight's public information meeting.

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Name Kathy Grell  
First Last

Did you sign in at the door? If not, please add your address here:

Address 18657 Eastview Dr  
Parke Rapids

City \_\_\_\_\_ State MN Zip 56470

*I'm in favor of the pipeline  
but will not be able to stay + speak.*

## Rice, Robin (PUC)

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**From:** Julie Guth <jtguth@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 03, 2014 2:11 PM  
**To:** #PUC\_Public Comments  
**Subject:** docket #s 13-473 and 13-474

15479 Ladyslipper Lane  
Deerwood, Minnesota 56444  
April 3, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of north central Minnesota, I respectfully request that the Department of Commerce deny the permit of Enbridge's proposed Sandpiper Pipeline in Northern Minnesota. These pipelines threaten all Minnesotans, our wildlife, and our land -- and are they are unnecessary. . This land and this water are precious and they are endangered. The Sandpiper Pipeline hopes to bring up to 375,000 barrels of fracked Bakken oil through a separate route in northern Minnesota. Fracked oil from the Bakken poses a serious risk to the North Country -- particularly in light of the recent 800,000 gallon oil spill in a remote area of North Dakota. Furthermore, it is my understanding that the increased pressure on the pipes that would be. The Sandpiper line of fracked oil will also facilitate the creation of a national sacrifice area in western North Dakota created by the proposed flow is quite likely to compromise the pipes, causing ruptures and consequent spills. Additionally, there appears to be no economic need, other than to increase Enbridge's profits, for the proposed line. The refineries to which the oil would flow are already operating at, or near, capacity and are storing the refined oil.

This proposed line travels over an area that contains one-fifth of the world's fresh surface water supply and it is worth protecting. Our wild rice beds, lakes, and rivers are precious, and our regional fisheries generate \$7.2 billion annually, and support 49,000 jobs. Wild rice, or manoomin, which grows wild on the lakes and rivers of the north would be threatened. Manoomin has sustained the lifeway of traditional harvesters for thousands of years. This is the lifeblood of the Anishinaabeg people (whose treaty area this pipeline crosses) and also a significant part of the economy of the region.

As a member of one of the communities that would be impacted, I oppose this pipeline and I request to your agency deny Enbridge the permit for pipelines across the north. I also support extending the comment to allow more citizens to make their voices.

Thanks you for your time and consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Julie Guth



Public Comment Sheet

North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC Sandpiper Pipeline Project

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

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Name: Jacqueline M  
Hadfield

Representing: Self

Email: 50baja@gmail.com

Address: 17942 Happy Drive  
Park Rapids Mn 56470

Tel: 218-732-4360

COMMENTS

I am apposed to the route of the Embbridge-Sandpiper pipeline for the following reasons: ① Our lakes, rivers & aquifers are the cleanest in our state. ② Petroleum (once spilled), is virtually impossible to remove from an aquifer. ③ A pipeline going through our lake country is an ill conceived idea, considering that tourism contributed \$30 million to our economy. ④ I'm concerned that a leak or spill would greatly impact the quality of our natural resources as well as the quality of our air, water and soil. ⑤ Land owners are affected by this. I doubt Embbridge-Sandpiper will pay a fair amount for their easements, nor compensate them fairly for spills that will occur, and Eminent Domain is just a fancy phrase for stealing someone's land. ⑥ I believe a full and

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**Comments Continued:**

*comprehensive impact study should be done, and I cannot stress this enough. If it can be done for Plymouth it can be done for Embury - Sandpiper. I live in a small lake in the woods and worry about the damage this pipeline would do to our wildlife. (see pg 2)*

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COMMENTS

Despite what Enbridge - Sandpiper claims, they have a poor safety record regarding spills, and a poor record for clean up of these.

It is not that I am anti oil, I just feel that this proposed route would do great harm to this pristine environment. I urge you and the PUC to consider an alternative route.

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**Sent:** Sunday, April 13, 2014 12:46 PM  
**To:** staff, cao (PUC)  
**Cc:** sandpiperproject@enbridge.com; Lynn Sue Mizner; Hartman, Larry (COMM); Ek, Scott (PUC)  
**Subject:** Link to public comments.  
**Attachments:** photo.JPG; ATT00001.txt

Who is in charge of setting up this link? Evidently they didn't want anybody to view public comments, how ridiculous. This does not need to be this complicated. I've gone into it four times and cannot view it.  
Brad Hageman

## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM); Lynn Sue Mizner  
**Subject:** What a joke finding public comments  
**Attachments:** photo.JPG; ATT00001.txt

What in the hell are they trying to do other than not let us view the comments. I entered this four times and still can't find nothing!

ral Information Report (revised January 2014), which may be found online at <http://www.enbridge.com/~media/www/Site Documents/Delivering Energy/Projects/Sandpiper/EIR Supplement/EIR Supplement Sandpiper 1312014.pdf>

Despite the ugly address, the document lays out Enbridge's rationale for the proposed pipeline routing, and compares the advantages and disadvantages of the various route options, among many other issues in its 154 pages. There are also route maps included.

As a recap, Enbridge is proposing a 610-mile pipeline to carry light crude oil from North Dakota to Superior, Wisconsin. Five primary delivery routes have been evaluated by the company — ranging from an existing right of way that just touches the northeastern corner of Aitkin County, which Floodwood-area readers are very familiar with — to four other options that cut across Aitkin County.

— see ENBRIDGE

## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** Brad H <bradhageman@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 12, 2014 10:25 PM  
**To:** john.trepl@contractlandstaff.com  
**Cc:** debra.carter@contractlandstaff.com; Nelson, Casey (COMM); Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** Follow up November 20 letter

PUC Docket number (13-474)

Dear Mr. Trepl, my property is in Jevene Platt Workman Township section 24, Brad Hageman. I was under the understanding that you would be getting back to me concerning the flags that were marked wetland along my north property line. You stated you would have to contact your environmental to find out exactly what the meaning of the flags marked wetland is. I have not heard from you or a land agent as was written in your letter to me December 3rd. No one has talked to me about my property value, property loss, tax abatement, anything! I was doing a treeplanting on the area where you are going to tear down trees which would have lowered my property taxes. I can no longer use the acreage that you are taking. Also you stated, "to determine the value of trees", there's much more value that is going to be lost due to the location of pipeline and potential block valve. 17 years ago I set-aside an acre and a half lot that is for sale, I was offered 35,000 by a local church but was asking 45,000 for it .

As of Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 11 o'clock was the first time I saw where the actual line would be running. It was at this time at the McGregor meeting that I voiced my opinion after seeing it.

I have ponds and a high hill, THE highest hill surrounding McGregor where I was planning on putting my retirement home that is within your marks of easement.

I have sent numerous letters asking that your proposed route be changed. The Soo Line trail seems like it would be the best option, or get whatever you need done to put it in the northern corridor make them allow more pipelines were there already are some in existence.

Thank you, please reply to my questions. Brad Hageman

Sent from my iPhone



T 48 N R 24 W

ESA  
44.6 ACRE AREA

T 48 N R 23 W

ESA  
470' WIDE

ESA  
450' WIDE

Proposed Pipeline - Gasstop  
Water - Gasstop  
Trail Boundary

## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** Brad H <bradhageman@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 16, 2014 5:08 PM  
**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** New route proposal PUC document number (13-474)  
**Attachments:** image.jpeg; ATT00001.txt

The route that I'm proposing is in workman Township Aitkin County. Sections 31,32, 33, The pipeline should follow the roads that are already established on this land that I helped developed as farmland in a 4 mile section here. (Last I heard US steel owned it. 218-749-7529.) and at section 34 drop down into Jevne Township section 3 diagonally cut through section 11, then 12 into McGregor Township 7, 8,9, to 15, 14,13 to get back to the Burlington Northern San Francisco Railroad. (This route affects less homeowners and goes through property that is state of Minnesota tax forfeited.) This route alone over a 12 mile area goes from where it starts in workman twp. and heads to where they are and cuts out a couple miles of pipeline and makes it straighter and affects less homeowners!

If this is not acceptable, I am sending a picture of my section with two alternate routes where I would rather see it go if it has to be on my property. One is on my southern line of my property the other is just north of my property and would affect less homeowners and straighten it out. Looking at my area alone in 2 miles I can straighten the pipeline which seems to be smarter.

I still think whoever planed this route has stock in the pipeline company,..... straighten the thing out! If it were my pipeline and I had to pay for it it would go on the Soo Line Trail.

Thank you for listening and please get back to me if you have any questions. Separate photo will be sent showing white dots where I think it should go.

Brad Hageman

The map below is marked spread 8 map 102 of 123  
320-293-4663

## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** Brad H <bradhageman@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 22, 2014 2:58 PM  
**To:** emu@frontiernet.net; dgkoerber09@yahoo.com  
**Cc:** Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** Other pipelines coming

Puc doc. 13-474

Just got a letter from Enbridge stating that another pipeline will probably be coming in alongside once we sign along to Enbridge we're allowing them to bring in multiple pipelines 5 to 6. Could be electrical could be natural gas could be oil could be anything they want to bring in. I just received a letter yesterday as maybe you did to stating that line 3 is a 1300 mile pipeline that comes from Alberta to The Superior will probably be paralleling the Sandpiper route so they are already planning other pipelines to come through. Mister Hartman, I was wondering if the easement stays the same or do they take more easement as they add pipelines?

Brad Hageman

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**From:** Brad H <bradhageman@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 21, 2014 10:10 PM  
**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM); staff, cao (PUC); Ek, Scott (PUC); sandpiperproject@enbridge.com  
**Subject:** Copy of notice puc doc. 13-474  
**Attachments:** photo 1.JPG; ATT00001.txt; photo 2.JPG; ATT00002.txt; photo 3.JPG; ATT00003.txt

The below letter was sent over a month ago to Mike Bradburn this letter was sent certified stating Enbridge no longer can go onto my property as I am not hearing from anybody about the project and what will be compensated for my losses.

I recently just received a letter from John McKay that states line 3 another Pipeline will be possibly put on my property if I'm understanding this letter that was just sent prior to this one.

Brad Hageman

## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** bradhageman@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 17, 2014 8:33 PM  
**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** Re: E dockets number13-474

Thank you for the link. I seem to be missing on how to find the comments made publicly and recorded by the court reporter at the McGregor meeting and other meetings throughout the state in March. Are those not posted here?

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**Sent:** Thu, Apr 17, 2014 11:00 am  
**Subject:** RE: E dockets number13-474

Brad: All of the comments received are posted on the DOC EERA website at:

<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities//resource.html?Id=33833>

All comments have been sorted, organized and indexed. Public comments are arranged from A to Z and there are hot links for all files. We will be doing the same posting on E-dockets this week.

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**To:** Nelson, Casey (COMM); Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** Meeting in Carlton

How was the Carlton County meeting? Was it similar to the McGregor meeting? What is the next step to make sure this can be changed, stopped, or the whole thing switched? One of my swimming ponds is within their proposed right away right where mile marker 546 is where I want to put my retirement home.

Sure wish we would put our time energy and money into renewable resources. Make it an option that homeowners can afford to put in solar, and or wind power.

Brad Hageman

[bradhageman@aol.com](mailto:bradhageman@aol.com)

Sent from my iPhone

## Rice, Robin (PUC)

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**From:** Nina Hakanson <peschak4@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 10, 2014 11:25 AM  
**To:** #PUC\_Public Comments  
**Subject:** Sandpiper Pipeline

This pipeline will place at risk sensitive tracks of land and aquatic ecosystems. Remember, this lands belongs to the public and it is my right to keep it preserved. The oil corporations and the companies who will profit actually have no rights to trash MY land.

Sincerely,  
N. Hakanson  
922 Summit Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55105

April 27, 2014

Dear Larry Hartman

My interest in the Sandpiper Pipeline is stewardship of the land. I will never forget the time Pope John Paul II visited Iowa; I was sixteen. As he descended and emerged from his helicopter, nearly a million people sat silently on the hillside of this open field area and awaited his words. He remarked on the beauty of the land and he called us to be good stewards of the land. If he thought the prairie of Iowa was beautiful, he would be speechless about Northern Minnesota. Remember, he called us to be good steward of the land.

Stewardship for the pipeline means adding safeguards for the Mississippi waterways. It is about changes in how Enbridge does business based upon their last accidents. It is about reviewing multiple maps that show the rice lakes, the swamp area, the aquifers and water sheds. It is about recognizing that 120 feet of land will be cleared to place the pipes 54 inches deep (PUC docket 13-474) and that will forever change the landscape. Stewardship is recognizing the economic impact with the pipeline on tourism, potato growth, individual families and the water for their horses—for economic gain or loss. How will the roads in the areas where the construction equipment will travel be impacted?

It calls for DNR reports to be taken seriously and for the Department of Homeland Security to understand the potential impact on 50 million people if the water way is compromised. Enbridge has a tree for a tree program and what is available for wildlife, rice, and scenic beautification? Stewardship is having a plan for restoration and emergency response to accidents.

Stewardship calls us to pay attention, give our best advice and perspective. After reviewing information on line and in docket 13-474 Comments from Park Rapids public meeting, I say that the planned southern route has so many high impact water areas, so much land to be disrupted which is a negative impact on tourism. It should be reconfigured to minimize the potential negative effect on the economy and the water.

Respectfully,

Linda J Hansen

Long Lake, Park Rapids Minnesota

Seasonal Resident

## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** Linda hansen <hansensack@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 13, 2014 8:16 AM  
**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM); Lorraine.Little@enbridge.com; christine.davis@nrg-llc.com  
**Cc:** Sharon Natzel  
**Subject:** 13-474 Sandpieper  
**Attachments:** I cleaned up our list of questions that are for pipeline company - see if OK or other suggestions.zip

Attached are questions and comments from the meetings held in Park Rapids. The purpose of the meeting was to show seasonal residents how to become knowledgeable about the project and how to comment on the Sandpiper project. The parking lot questions were recorded so that we did not give inaccurate answers to the questions. Christine Davis thought these could be helpful in the process.

**Parking Lot Questions Related to Pipeline Company from the 3 Long Lake Area Association  
Informational Spring 2014 Update for Seasonal Residents regarding the Sandpiper Pipeline Project**

1. Clarify **Enbridge** and **North Dakota Pipeline Co. LLC**? What is the relationship? Is this a disguise for a foreign company? What legal rights does the pipeline company have to the ROW?
2. Is a route through Canada an option?
3. Why are they choosing a new route when the northern route exists? The southern preferred route has an established right-of-way for Koch refinery (North to South) that continues to the Twin Cities on the west side of Hubbard County. However, the West to East route across Hubbard County to Superior, WI is all new ground for pipelines in an electrical powerline utility corridor - - totally different impact to land/water. Are there failed negotiations on northern route that can be changed with regard to reservation lands? Other reasons for not using?
4. Is Enbridge required to have the resources to clean up spills on the North Dakota Pipeline Company, LLC's Sandpiper Pipeline? Is NDPC, LLC required to have resources to clean up spills?
5. Michigan is suing Enbridge for the cost of clean-up for the Kalamazoo spill. Why necessary?
6. What is the access to a potential spill? e.g. LaSalle
7. Will additional trees be removed to allow aerial view of the pipeline?
8. Is there an option for landowners in ROW to offer to cover the cost of a spill in order to receive a higher payoff for their land? If this is true, how can the State allow this?
9. DNR reports 1 mile of line holds 279,000 gallons of oil. DNR report states that the 15 valves proposed are not adequate.
10. What are the dimensions of the existing pipelines; including other companies in corridors used?
11. What does comparative analysis mean? Is it less rigorous than an Environmental Impact Study (EIS)? How does an EIS study compare to an Environmental Analysis (EA) study?
12. Will Canadian tar sands oil go through the Sandpiper pipeline? Line 3?
13. How will the delay in the Keystone line impact the flow of oil from Canada through this proposed Sandpiper pipeline? Line 3?
14. If this is a Canadian company, why not build the line through Canada?
15. How are leaks found? Visual observation and sensors in the line? Heard that only 20% of leaks are found by an oil company. Most are found by land owners?
16. The spill in Kalamazoo was found by Edmonton. How long before oil flow stopped?
17. Ruptures are detected by pressure monitors?
18. How much pollution could happen in a spill of the oil in one mile of 30" Sandpiper pipeline? Line 3 with 36" Pipeline – cumulative effect with potential in preferred southern route?
19. DNR information states 15 valves are proposed in the route. What time does it take to shut the valves?
20. Would additional pump stations improve safety?
21. What does a pump station do? When Sandpiper is at full design capacity, will more pump stations be required between Clearbrook and Superior? Could the type of oil piped in the pipeline require additional pump stations?
22. Does a 30 inch pipe move oil faster than a 24" pipe?

23. What is the corrosive nature of the oil and the chemicals put in the oil used to move the oil through the pipeline? Are tar sands oils and chemicals used for that type of oil more corrosive to the pipe than chemicals currently used for Bakken crude oil?
24. When the pipeline crosses the Mississippi in multiple sites, does it go over or under the water?
25. When the pipeline crosses Hay Creek it impacts several lakes. What about pollution and safety?
26. What is the mentality of not following the Northern route? Is it tribal territory? Is it beyond the State's ability to rule and needs a Federal ruling?

## Rice, Robin (PUC)

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**From:** Randel Hanson <rhanson2@d.umn.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 04, 2014 1:23 PM  
**To:** #PUC\_Public Comments  
**Subject:** Routing Permit #13-474, Certificate of Need #13-473

**Dr. Burl Haar, Executive Secretary**

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

My name is Dr. Randel Hanson, and I am a professor in the Program in Environment and Sustainability at the University of Minnesota Duluth where I perform research and teach about sustainable agro-food systems and related issues. I am part of a larger network of university level researchers in Minnesota and elsewhere exploring how to create sustainable human systems that affect more positive outcomes for human health, our landscapes, and our economic aspirations.

I also founded and direct the Sustainable Agriculture Project (SAP) at UMD's Field and Research Studies Center. SAP formed in 2009 to institute education, research, and community engagement around agro-food systems and sustainable land management in the western Lake Superior region. SAP is a working, ten acre organic farm that allows faculty, students, and community people to understand via an experiential manner how to create human systems that enhance natural systems while providing for humans need. SAP builds on an emerging set of research world-wide that recognizes the important ecological value of organic and sustainable farming systems (in contrast to conventional, fossil-fueled agro-food systems). These organic and sustainable farming systems are not simply research projects; they are also the fastest growing sector economically in our larger food system.

I am writing this letter to urge the MN Public Utilities Commission to recognize the value of organic soil and mandate that Enbridge pipelines utilize existing pipeline pathways and avoid organic farmlands to preserve them for the farmers who cultivate them and our community that benefits from them.

At the heart of organic certification is the reliance on the ecosystem services of healthy soil built over years of careful management which in turn provides high quality, nutritious food free of harmful chemicals. Organically certified soil is the result of a third party evaluation process that recognizes a host of standards for food production, seeds, processing and retailing. Central to the process is the cultivation of micro and macro biological activities that activate ecological services which can be channeled for fertility, insect and weed control, and biodiversity enhancement. This biologically based approach contrasts with the chemical approach characteristic of conventional, fossil-fuel based approaches, which have been widely recognized to be unsustainable due to the progressive deterioration of soil systems, their reliance on fossil fuels, and related secondary impacts this process has on biodiversity and human health.

If organic land management is not followed after it has been granted, organic certification can be removed in an annual review process. Thus, organic certification provides a standard by which the consumer feels the security of high quality, healthy produced food cultivated in sustainable ways. It is no wonder that our own region has experienced a surge in organic farming that is also fueling the economic growth of this sector. In the event of spills or other problems, the livelihood of these organic farmers, gained over many years of careful management of their soil and lands according to federal standards, could be erased overnight. Such a spill-event on these organically certified farmsteads would be an ecological, economic, and social catastrophe that would reverberate far beyond the lands in question.

In the western Lake Superior region, organic farming is clustered in the Carlton County area because of the high quality of the soil in this area. Many of the organic farmers in Carlton County have been managing their lands organically for many years. Taken together, they feed hundreds of people directly through community supported agriculture and many, many more through various retail and institutional outlets. They provide a public service with their activities that extends far beyond their farmsteads and their county. Thus, they contribute to our broader economy in ways that multiply beyond their individual farms.

And finally, I want to note that these organic farmers are educational and research leaders that are far ahead of our mainstream university systems in charting a more sustainable and healthy agro-food system. Organic farmers in the Carlton County area have formally mentored many of our new organic farmers, creating community-based educational system based in experiential learning that is in turn creating very significant economic value for our region. We are learning much from their example, and we are exposing more and more young people to the benefits –socially, economically, and ecologically- of their important work.

And so, **I urge the MN Public Utilities Commission to recognize the value of organic farmland and protect it** from the contamination that could occur if a petroleum pipeline was built atop it. The MN PUC has ample precedence in making such a decision, based on university research and legal processes. There is ample opportunity to use existing routes for the proposed pipelines without breaking new ground.

These farmers, our community and region, and our young people in search of more sustainable pathways forward need these organic systems kept intact for the many benefits that they bring.

I trust that our public institutions will find the protection of these organically certified lands firmly in the public good and take steps to protect them. Thank you for the opportunity to participate and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions with which I may help.

Prof. Randel Hanson

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## Rice, Robin (PUC)

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**From:** Randel Hanson <randel.hanson@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2014 4:41 PM  
**To:** #PUC\_Public Comments  
**Subject:** Letter in re: Routing Permit #13-474, Certificate of Need #13-473

**Dr. Burl Haar, Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
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My name is Randel Hanson, and I teach Sustainable Food Systems and related courses and issues in the Program in Environment and Sustainability at the University of Minnesota Duluth. I also run the Sustainable Agriculture Project on the Field and Research Studies Center. The Sustainable Agriculture Project (SAP) formed in 2009 to institute education, research, and community engagement around agro-food systems and sustainable land management in the western Lake Superior region.

I urge the MN Public Utilities Commission to recognize the value of organic soil and mandate that the Enbridge pipelines avoid these lands to preserve them for the farmers who cultivate them and our community which benefits from them.

Organically certified soil is the result of a third party evaluated process that recognizes a host of standards for food production, seeds, processing and retailing. At the heart of the organic certification recognition is the process of relying on the ecosystem services of healthy soil built over years of careful management which in turn provides high quality, nutritious food free of harmful chemicals. Organic certification is granted by a third party process that helps everyone feel the security of high quality, healthy produced cultivated in sustainable ways.

Many of the organic farmers in Carlton County have been managing their lands organically for many years. Taken together, they feed hundreds of people directly through community supported agriculture and many more through various retail and institutional outlets. They provide a public service with their activities that extends far beyond their farmsteads and county.

I also want to note that these organic farmers are leaders in a movement to create sustainable land management practices in one of the faster growing sectors in our food economy today. Thus, they contribute to our broader economy in ways that multiply beyond their individual farms.

Finally, I want to note that these organic farmers are educational and research leaders who are far ahead of our mainstream university systems in charting a more sustainable and healthy agro-food system. We are learning much from their example, and we are exposing more and more young people to the benefits –socially, economically, and ecologically- of their important work.

And so, I urge the MN Public Utilities Commission to recognize the value of organic farmland and protect it from contamination that could occur if a petroleum pipeline was built atop it. The organic certification must be renewed each year, and in the event of spills or other problems, the livelihood of these organic farmers, gained over many years of careful management of their soil and lands according to federal standards, could be erased overnight.

These farmers, our community and region, and our young people in search of more sustainable pathways forward need these organic systems kept intact for the many benefits that they bring. Thank you for the opportunity to speak on this matter.

Best,

Asst. Prof. Randel Hanson  
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Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Very truly,



Joan Hatlestad

## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** Hauserman, Nancy R <nancy-hauserman@uiowa.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 07, 2014 11:34 AM  
**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** PUC Docket Numbers (13-474)

Dear Mr. Hartman:

I am writing to support the Long Lake Area Association's request for an alternative route for the Sandpiper oil pipeline that does not impact Long Lake. It has been my great and good fortune to be close friends with a Long Lake resident and so to have been able to spend part of my summers on Long Lake for the last 30+ years. For me it is always a privilege to be able to spend time on Long Lake and observe the remarkable balance that has been struck between some necessary "progress" (i.e. building) on the lake and the careful preservation of wildlife, birds, plants, fish, shoreline and so on. Everyone seems to pay attention both to the desirability of and need for preserving such a balance. It does not seem to me that allowing an oil pipeline will support or maintain the maintenance of such a balance. Historically and nationally, pipelines, however carefully installed and regardless of the espoused intention of the oil/transit companies or glossy advertisements to the contrary, do NOT support the delicate balance between nature and human society.

I have been a teacher of ethics for many years. I teach MBAs in a major state university. I urge them to use a decision-making model when they face tough decisions involving ethical components. It seems relevant here so I include the factors (knowing and hoping you already use something similar!): (1) how are you stating the decision that has to be made or the question answered (I think this is critical since different sides seems to ask different questions) (2) what VALUES are at stake? (3) what are the CRITICAL facts of the problem? (4) who are the STAKEHOLDERS? (5) what are your alternative solutions? (6) How do those solutions reflect or effect the VALUES you stated? (7) which solution best reflects the values and needs of stakeholders? (8) what facts might change your response going forward.

I don't in any way mean to be pedantic but really the Sandpiper oil pipeline has so many implications for so many people and varied stakeholders, including stakeholders like birds and fish, that cannot speak for themselves. Nothing less than a thoughtful and thorough consideration of the factors and implications should be accepted. We don't seem to get many second chances in nature so doing it right the first time matters.

Thank you.  
Nancy Hauserman  
729 N. Linn  
Iowa City, Iowa 52245  
(319)321-9815

## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** apache@web.lmic.state.mn.us  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2014 10:18 PM  
**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** Helland Thu May 29 22:18:28 2014 PL6668/PPL-13-474

This public comment has been sent via the form at: [mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/publicComments.html](http://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: John Helland

County: Hennepin County

City: Edina

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Phone: 952 944-1443

**Impact:** The Sandpiper pipeline proposal has several major risks to Minnesota's cleanest and most precious waterways. There already are several pipelines in this proposed corridor that can impact pristine lakes and rivers, including our iconic Mississippi river. Any severe spill or pipeline rupture can cause serious environmental and economic damage to the northern water regions and ecological landscape. The cumulative impact of another large pipeline added to the existing ones through the water-rich landscape is too large a threat, with ultimate consequences.

**Mitigation:** I endorse and would like to see Route A, from the Friends of the Headwaters group, be approved by the PUC. This would be a more prudent and feasible alternative than approving any corridor in our northern water-rich region. Minnesotans love and are immensely proud of their watery environment. I think it would be unconscionable to approve any private utility pipeline corridor against most Minnesotans wishes. Thank you, John Helland

Submission date: Thu May 29 22:18:28 2014

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

For questions about the database or the functioning of this tool, contact:

Andrew Koebrick  
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To the Minnesota Department of Commerce,

As a concerned citizen of the United States, and a frequent vacation visitor to Northern Minnesota, I request that you take action to deny the permit of Enbridge's Sandpiper Pipeline. The pipeline threatens the people, land, and wildlife of Minnesota. In addition, the pipeline crosses the treaty area of the Anishinaabeg people, whose livelihood will be destroyed by the breaches and spills that are sure to follow construction and operation of the pipeline. Respect the sovereignty of the Anishinaabeg people and the health and well-being of the people of Minnesota and all its tourist visitors and reject the pipeline.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Hennessy', written over a horizontal line.

Neil Hennessy

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## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** Kathlyn and John Hickman <hickman@wi.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 01, 2014 8:28 PM  
**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** Oil pipeline through Hubbard County

Dear Mr. Hartman. Our nearby lakes are too precious to put them at risk by allowing a major oil pipeline to be built anywhere near them.

Please do not allow the pipeline to be built close our Island Lake property. Thanks.....John & Kathlyn Hickman

## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** rhillesh@charter.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2014 8:34 AM  
**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** FW: Sandpiper Pipeline Project PUC Docket 13-473 and 13-474  
**Attachments:** Screen Shot 2014-05-28 at 1.39.13 PM.png

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

We too have serious concerns over the Enbridge preferred southern routing of the Sandpiper Pipeline and the proximity to both Lake Roosevelt and the Spire Valley Hatchery. The proposed route winds around the west and north end of Lake Roosevelt, we have been proud property owners on the north end of the lake since 1998. The proposal of placing a pipeline near critical and valuable habitats and recreational features such as those of this pristine lake, has no business even being considered by the State of Minnesota. A spill in this area would drain directly into the lake with devastating results.

We request an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) on alternative routes for the pipeline with special attention given to the environmental impacts of Minnesota's most premier lakes if leakage should occur.

Roosevelt Lake has two inlets and one outlet, which classifies it as a drainage lake. It is the third lake in a chain connected by Crooked Creek, with Leavitt and Lawrence Lakes flowing into it on the east side. Crooked Creek drains out of the south end of Roosevelt Lake and eventually joins the Pine River.

The Spire Valley Hatchery is adjacent to the proposed pipeline route directly to the north of Lake Roosevelt. This Minnesota DNR hatchery is valued for producing steelhead and Kamloops rainbow trout. Again, a spill here would be devastating and far reaching beyond this immediate community, both environmentally and financially.

Information following is copied from

<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities//resource.html?Id=33833> the proposed crossing point is downstream of the hatchery, (Spring Brook between Spire Valley Hatchery and Scout Camp ponds), any spills or leaks should not affect the hatchery, HOWEVER, there would be affects to the lower portion of Spring Brook, Scout Camp pond and Lake Roosevelt.

From an aquatic perspective in the Brainerd Lakes Area, leaks in or near the five stream crossings have the potential to affect not only those streams crossed by the pipeline, but downstream waters which include significant aquatic resources including the Crow Wing River, the Whitefish Chain of Lakes and Roosevelt Lake.

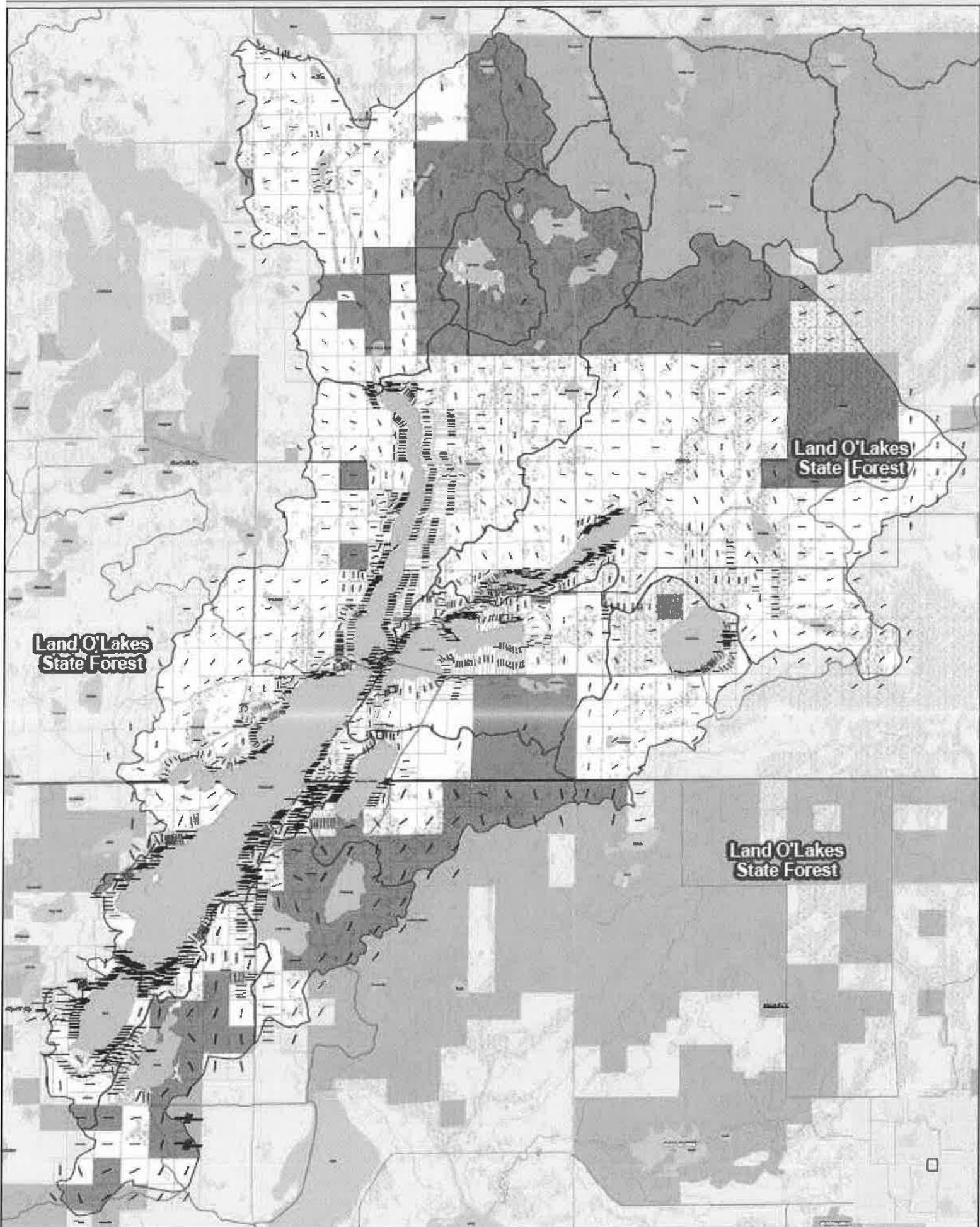
Please refer to the attachment of the watershed on Lake Roosevelt: From the Roosevelt Lawrence Area Lake Association ([http://www.ralalakes.org/Our Watershed 2.html](http://www.ralalakes.org/Our_Watershed_2.html)) comes this Roosevelt Lakes watershed map. The red line is the watershed of Roosevelt Lake.

As you can see from this map, the Enbridge "preferred route" would run through the Roosevelt lake watershed, along the Spire Valley aquifer.

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We thank you in advance for your serious attention and consideration given to this matter. We are confident you will find that an alternative route must be followed.

Sincerely,  
Duane and Romnee Hillesheim



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State Forest**

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May 4, 2014

#13-474

DEAR MR. HARTMAN,

As a Minnesota resident, a lover of our state's lakes, and a supporter of the treaty rights of the Anishinaabeg people, I respectfully request that you reject Enbridge Inc.'s proposed Sandpiper Pipeline Project.

My family leases a home on Pike Bay, in Cass Lake, MN. I grew up on this lake, and later spent many summers paddling the Boundary Waters. These waters were an irreplaceable part of my upbringing, and they continue to be very important to me. Everything I know about the Sandpiper Pipeline causes me severe concern that this risky transport of oil will jeopardize these lakes and many others in the region.

~~Even~~ Even more important than my personal enjoyment of the lakes of Northern Minnesota are the treaty rights of the Anishinaabeg people of Leech Lake & White Earth, which will be violated by these pipelines. These treaties are the law of the land, and there is absolutely no legitimate reason for Enbridge Inc. to violate them.

The proposed pipeline project is an immensely risky ~~one~~ one, whose impact on the ~~the~~ wild rice crop - as well as the aquifers, surface waters, and ecosystems in the region - cannot be predicted. The consequences of a spill in this region would be irreversible. And it is certain that the Enbridge proposal would result in not only one spill, but multiple accidents.

I am a young person who plans to spend the rest of my life in Minnesota. I've chosen to stay here largely because of the courageous, visionary approach this state has taken to protecting its waters. If Minnesota continues to approve harmful projects like these, though, I know that my family's descendants will live in a drastically different place than the one I have known. I urge you to reject the proposed pipeline project: it is common sense for the future of our state.

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Sincerely,

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## Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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**From:** marshall howe <howe.mcmillen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2014 5:13 PM  
**To:** Hartman, Larry (COMM)  
**Subject:** Comments re: "Application of North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC for a Pipeline Routing Permit for the Sandpiper Pipeline Project in Minnesota." Ref PUC Docket Number 13-474

### **Comments re: "Application of North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC for a Pipeline Routing Permit for the Sandpiper Pipeline Project in Minnesota." Ref PUC Docket Number 13-474 May 28, 2014.**

I am a resident of the lake country in Hubbard County, Minnesota. I am very concerned about the potential for severe environmental and economic damage, should this pipeline proposal be approved. These are my comments, addressing the three topics for which comments have been invited:

#### **1. What human and environmental impacts should be studied in the comparative environmental analysis?**

I am not thoroughly familiar with Minnesota environmental policies, but I assume (and would hope) that they are similar to, or modeled after, Federal agency responsibilities under NEPA, the National Environmental Policy Act. NEPA requires comprehensive environmental impact statements (EIS) subject to public review for controversial projects having the potential for significantly impacting the environment. I believe the scope of an EIS is substantially greater than what is required in a "comparative environmental analysis." The proposed pipeline has high potential for causing significant environmental impacts and is unquestionably controversial. The main risk, of course, is from oil spills, an inevitable consequence of any pipeline project. This risk, in the case of this proposed pipeline, is exacerbated by the unknown impact of the many chemicals used in the fracking process in North Dakota and the virtual certainty that toxic tar sands oil from Canada will eventually be transported through the proposed pipeline. This proposal clearly merits a full-blown EIS. At a minimum the following elements need to be addressed:

- **LOCAL/EXTENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION.** Hubbard County and neighboring counties contain many of the clearest lakes in the state. Small rivers connect many of the lakes, and the sandy nature of the soils results in permeability rates among the highest in the state, according to hydrologists. These features mean that an oil spill (and there will be oil spills!) has potential not only for (a) contaminating multiple lakes in a chain and rendering them unusable by tourists and sportsmen, but also for (b) infiltrating the aquifers and contaminating both private and municipal drinking water systems. The latter implies direct threats to the health of residents of the area.

Itasca State Park in Hubbard and Clearwater Counties is among the most beautiful parks in the State and Lake Itasca is the source of the Mississippi River. This area could easily be impacted by a spill from the Sandpiper Pipeline. Furthermore, east of Hubbard County the proposed line must cross the Mississippi River not once, but TWICE. A spill into this watershed will cause inestimable environmental damage far downstream.

Because the proposed pipeline will not be along an existing corridor, there will be extensive removal of forests. These newly created corridors, in addition to reducing forest cover in the area, will pose the threat of erosion that could result in silting of the lakes that it passes near.

The EIS needs to thoroughly explore all of the above environmental ramifications related to construction of the line itself and the spills that will eventually happen, including the potential effects of the chemicals used in the fracking process and the unique threats of tar-sands oil.

- **LOCAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS.** The economic well being of Hubbard and neighboring Counties is sustained, in very large part, by the tourist industry. Tourists flock to the area to take advantage of its many lakes for fishing and other water-related recreation, including enjoyment of Itasca State Park. This lakes region is comparable to the Brainerd lakes area in visitation by tourists. Any such event will have catastrophic consequences for many hundreds of merchants whose livelihoods are inextricably linked to the tourism industry in the county. Furthermore, the majority of the property tax base of this area is from lake homeowners. Spills contaminating lakes will result in a precipitous plummeting of lake home values and jeopardize the financial stability of county governments. Such changes in property values have already been seen in other areas of the state where the lake “contamination” has come from aquatic invasive species.
- There are no economic benefits for Hubbard County from the proposed line, except perhaps for the short period when imported workers are installing the line and are staying in the area. When they leave, all that’s left is the pipeline. There’s no upside here. The EIS needs to address in detail the very real potential for economic collapse in Hubbard County *when* the first and subsequent major spills take place.

**2. Are there any specific methods to address these impacts that should be studied in the comparative environmental analysis?**

- Models of oil movement through the aquifers need to be developed for worst-case-scenario spills.
- A comprehensive economic impact analysis is essential, using the best methodologies available.

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

- Although this begs the question of whether *any* routing of new pipelines will have *any* short- or long-term benefits for Minnesota or the nation (a valid and critical point for debate), yes, there are alternative routings available along existing pipeline corridors. The first is along the existing system of Enbridge pipelines that extends from Clearbrook in Clearwater County east to Lake Superior. Although similar threats to aquifers from oil spills along this corridor exist, due to sparser human population the economic impacts would probably be less severe.
- Another much less threatening option would be to place the line along an existing natural gas corridor (owned by Enbridge!) that extends from the Dakotas through western Minnesota. Most of the soils in this area have a much higher clay content than the soils in the proposed line. Spills here would carry much less of a risk of contaminating the aquifers. Further, there are relatively few lakes in this largely agricultural region. Finally, the corridor is already there, so habitat impacts of installing a line would be minimal.

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Dear Larry Hartman,

Please support the protection of our sacred earth and natural resources. The Sand/pipe Proposal raises spiritual, cultural, environmental and economic concerns. It is a serious threat to the wildlife and people of the area. Please educate yourself on the pipeline project and hopefully you will stand with us.

Thank You,  
Keighly Hudak

Dear Larry,

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Respect our earth don't  
destroy it!  
Remember we were here first!

- Jessica Hund



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May 3, 2014

Mr. Hartman,

I'm writing to provide comments on the Enbrige Sandpiper pipeline (PUC Docket numbers 13-474). I am a property owner in Hubbard County and strongly oppose the pipeline route because of the potential disastrous financial and environmental impacts to the region as a result of oil spills.

An alternate route would be from Grand Forks south to Fargo to the Twin Cities on the southern edge of Interstate 94 to oil refineries in Rosemount and St. Paul.

Human and environmental impact studies should include spills and the financial implications to people, business, tax expenditures/revenues, wildlife, tourism, etc.

Methods to address these impacts – I highly recommend assembling a team of true experts and not one that is driven by ideology, politics and business. This team must be led by a strong leader with an agenda and set of obtainable objectives. These objectives have to support the will of the people who own the property in this area.

I urge you and your office to continue to act on residents' concerns. Our state has to get this right, there's no redo or re attack when that pipeline goes into operation. Our state also has to be very careful in moving forward with this pipeline. Big business and their army of lawyers are sustained and driven by profit; their board of directors, shareholders and employees are also motivated by profit and gain. Please continue to review the comments and concerns of actual residents.

Thank you for taking the time and reading this letter.

Sincerely,



STEVEN R. HUSS, Colonel, United States Air Force

Hubbard County Resident and Lake Property Owner

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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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COMMENTS

Sandpiper line - goes directly through our  
downtown - water shed - we have  
two wells - contamination is a risk?

Our city would be willing to have a haz mat  
team @ training - our response time from  
notification would be less than 1 hour -

- ① We need equipment
- ② We need a way to get to remote areas -

Our fire district encompasses many sq. miles  
of pipeline -

Please respond - w. top answers  
Michael Hylton Mayor of Wrenshall

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

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