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From: backerwold@netzero.net [<mailto:backerwold@netzero.net>]

Sent: Friday, April 04, 2014 2:38 PM

To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)

Subject: PUC docket number 13-474

Hi Larry,

Please look at all possible alternatives available for the pipeline route that wouldn't potentially impact one of state's most beautiful, delicate trout streams.

Sincerely,

Bob Ackerwold

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Public Comment Sheet

North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC Sandpiper Pipeline Project

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

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Representing: N. Mn. Resident



Mary Adams
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COMMENTS

- 1) Embargo pipeline - coming through Hubbard Co is a big deal!! So many folks are seasonal + have no input into this (democratic) process. It affects everyone. Am asking that you "Extend the deadline for comments til Aug 1st, 2014."
- 2) EIS - A full EIS is requested! A comparative environmental review just doesn't cut it!
- 3) Hubbard Co - Home to some of the cleanest, pristine lakes in Mn. Headquarters of the ~~Mississippi~~ Mississippi, Starva Park. Jeopardizing this area (ie spills / leaks) isn't worth it!
- 4) Obsolete rice beds - Their economy depends on rising - respect that, please.

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

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Comments Continued:

5) An out counrined Bakken oil will not
be exported - (as we are told) Hubbard Co
is not the plan to be exported &
lured by temporary jobs & a few bucks
in the Co. Treasury

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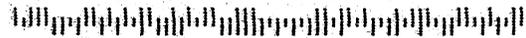
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Larry Hartman, Environmental Review Manager
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Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Mr. Hartman:

We urge you to extend the schedule of public hearings in regard to Enbridge Pipelines (North Dakota) LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline. The current schedule, running from March to April 4, is inappropriate for the many landowners on or close to the proposed route who are away from the area in the winter. On Palmer Lake, for example, only two of the fifty-five landowners are currently in residence. The rest of us are removed from the area and many from the state until May or June.

The proposed route jeopardizes our pristine lake and forest setting and we must have the opportunity to attend the hearings and make our comments informed by the information there presented. I urge you to extend the public comment period until at least August 1st and re-schedule the public meetings no earlier than July 1st to allow full and informed public involvement in this important decision-making process.

Sincerely,



Janet and Wilbert Ahern

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From: Wilbert Ahern [mailto:ahernwh@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 6:34 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Mr. Hartman,

Attached you will find a letter to the MN PUC opposing the Enbridge Corporations proposal for a pipeline route through Hubbard County. Please enter it into the official record.

Bert Ahern

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Bert Ahern, President Palmer
Lake Association 23527
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Menahga, MN 56464

Palmer Lake Association Website

<http://www.minnesotawaters.org/group/palmerlake/welcome>

Palmer Lake Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Palmer-Lake-Association/211384425679880?ref=hl>

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26 March 2014

Larry Hartman, Environmental Review Manager
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Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Mr. Hartman,

We write in opposition to the Enbridge Corporation's proposed southern route through Hubbard County for the North Dakota [aka Sandpiper] pipeline. This proposal violates in several ways the criteria that MN PUC has set for routing such pipelines. That recent reports reveal that Enbridge will seek additional pipelines through this region makes essential a thorough and critical review of this case.

The segment that crosses the southern part of the county invades good agricultural land on the Hubbard Prairie and, south and east of there, clean lakes, woodlands and the headwaters of the Crow Wing River. The route claims to follow a utility corridor, but the powerline in that corridor has no direct impact other than the reduction of forest for the 60' wide zone. The loss of forest in that zone, to be sure, has had some impact on groundwater quality, but the doubling of the width of that deforestation and the insertion of a 30" pipeline in a trench 6' deep dramatically expands the risks. We live on Palmer Lake, a spring-fed Natural Environment lake, within 600-700' of the proposed route. Even a small leak, undetectable by Enbridge technology, would pollute the groundwater springs that feed this high quality body of water. Agricultural uses would also suffer. An actual rupture would have devastating impact. This segment, therefore, is in conflict with criteria A ["existing and future land use"] and D [economies within the route] as it threatens the viability of the agricultural, residential, and recreational uses of the area.

The entire proposed route, while some segments parallel existing pipelines, raise new environmental threats [Criteria B]. It brings a pipeline of unprecedented size and transmitting unusually volatile material through an ecosystem of exceptional value: the Mississippi, Crow Wing, and Leech Lake watersheds provide clean water to the heartland of the United States, far beyond the borders of Hubbard County. Should this route be followed, given past experience with pipelines and especially managed by Enbridge, the question is not if but when and how damaging pipeline failure will be. The nature of Hubbard County's environment demands that MN PUC require a full

Environmental Impact Study to inform its siting decision.

If the pipeline must be built, the best route would be the one that Enbridge currently uses from Clearbrook to Superior, WI. That route is shorter and currently contains similar pipelines, unlike much of the proposed southern route.

Pipelines are not the only choice for bringing Bakken oil to refineries.

Railways are already providing transportation. Would it not be better to invest in improved railcars, railbeds and highway crossings? Such improvements will serve the nation's economy long beyond the decade or so that the Bakken field will be viable and they are compatible with a more sustainable energy approach. The absence of federal regulations for adequate pipeline inspection or bonding of pipeline companies at a level consistent with environmental damages that might ensue make pipelines a poor choice.

In closing, we urge you to demand a full Environmental Impact Study and are confident that such a study will support our argument that the proposed southern route is inconsistent with your siting criteria. Moreover, we challenge the necessity of the pipeline, arguing that rail transmission offers a better long-term solution

Sincerely,

Janet and Wilbert Ahern

From: Janet Aldrich [mailto:jaldrich46@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2014 9:05 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Sandpiper Oil Pipeline

I just received an e-mail from a neighbor in Minnesota about this proposed pipeline. My family has owned a cabin on East Eagle Lake for over 60 years. We do our best to maintain it and keep it safe, but that is sometimes difficult when we are 400 miles away. We were last there in October and heard nothing about this pipeline. We look to people such as yourself, to make the correct decision. But as a government employee, I know more times than not that does not happen. I would urge you to find a route that would not have such impact if there would be a leak. An even better answer would be NO. Minnesota is more than happy to collect my tax money each year so I would assume that you would look out for my interest so they can keep doing so. That cabin is not much good without that beautiful lake sitting in front of it. Please consider your answer carefully.

Sincerely,

Janet Aldrich
East Eagle Lake Road, Fifty Lakes, Minnesota
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PUC Docket No. PL-6668/PPL-07-13-474

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COMMENTS

I Am opposed to the Sandpiper Pipeline
and do not want this to come thru our
land ~~and~~ as it will damage all our way
of life, this will effect every and all Anishinaabe
people because it will wreck our Rice from the
water, it will be very harmful to my family
and others, please let this comment and
others you's address have some kind of impact
on this pipeline nonsense let it go thru some
other place, we need our protection from this
please consider my concern in this matter thanks
for your time;

Amanda Alger

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

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March 8, 2014

Dear Mr. Hartman,

I am writing concerning the Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket # 13-474.

My husband & I have spent summers for the last 47 years at our cabin (which we built) on Palmer Lake in Hubbard County. The area is very dear to us and we are dismayed and concerned about the LLC's proposed southern route for the Sandpiper pipeline.

This pipeline would run on the property of some of our lake neighbors - very close to us and our quiet lake. It is frustrating that we cannot attend the meetings in the Park Rapids area to ask questions and voice our opinion.

We ask that you extend the public hearings in regard to the Enbridge pipeline route until more of the lake land owners can be in the area. The summer months would allow for this.

Sincerely,

Joyce & Jack Alwin
4132 Pepperwood Trail
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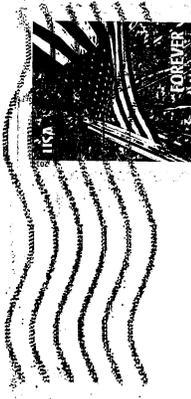
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RE: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Dear Mr. Hartman,

We have made our summer home on Palmer Lake for 48 years and are appalled and upset that this serene, beautiful, small lake and woods may be changed for the worse by this pipeline route.

As more information has been revealed regarding Enbridge's track record of spills and negligence, it seems clear that it is not if there will be spills but when.

The amount of money that people in the area will receive for their land or the temporary jobs created do not offset the forever effect of this pipeline on the lakes - forests - groundwater and agricultural land surrounding it.

We respectfully request that this pipeline, if necessary, be rerouted. There are alternatives to the plans that Enbridge is currently pursuing: using present pipeline routes such as from Clearbrook to Superior WI or upgrading the rail system to safely handle the transportation.

Thank you —
Sincerely,

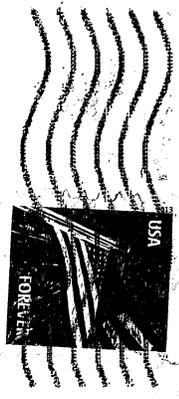
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From: Leonard Anderson [mailto:bander@northlc.com]
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2014 2:40 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Pipeline Docket Number 13-474

I would like to comment on the proposed pipeline Docket Number 13-474. I live in Carlton County and am a life long hunter and fisherman. Because there is no certificate of need as such for this pipeline and counties cannot restrict their construction, there really is no other format to express my conviction that this is a bad idea. Our natural environment just keep getting one bad impact after another and in many cases, the citizens have no say in these constant degradations. That being the case, I suggest that the PUC be excessively strict in granting this proposal. If it is granted, it must be under the most strict regulations. As we have seen in neighboring states, pipeline failure is occurring as presently managed. Minnesota has to set a new high standard. Unnecessarily crossing the Mississippi headwaters should be avoided. Unnecessarily crossing the wild rice stands of the Big Sandy Flowage also must be avoided.

Respectfully submitted.

Leonard Anderson
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From: Karen Gebhardt [mailto:kageb1@gvtel.com]
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2014 11:21 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: PPL 13-474

Dear Mr. Hartmann:

I am attaching my Comments for the Sandpiper project in the attached letter.
Please let me know if there are any issues in opening this document.

Kind regards,
Karen

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March 31, 2014

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RE: Docket Number **13-474** PUBLIC COMMENT

Honorable Commissioners:

We are writing today to state our position on the proposed Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline project. As landowners on the Northern alternate route, with 6 Enbridge pipelines currently running across our land in a wide corridor, we are certainly familiar with the realities of pipeline construction, and the Eminent Domain process, the role of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and the position of Enbridge Energy in this respect.

We are in favor of domestic oil production, as with the Bakken oil reserves, and moving this domestic oil safely to refineries in the U.S. to help America toward greater energy independence.

However, we are not in favor of granting Enbridge Energy (or NDPC or any other of their named subsidiary companies) the Routing Permit for this project. It is our experience that Enbridge Energy has already demonstrated an inability to comply with MNPUC permitting rules; they have questionable authority in requesting use of Minnesota's Eminent Domain process for the taking of private property; and we question why a foreign company is given the rights to this project when it will mean the transfer of tremendous profits out of the U.S. to Canada, when there are American companies that can do this.

1.) Eminent Domain Authority:

Since Mark Curwin, of Enbridge, confirmed (in the Clearbrook, MN information meeting on March 4, 2014) that they move Canadian oil through Clearbrook, MN, then across to Superior, WI, *then back up to Canada*—how does Enbridge justify that this project has a “public benefit” to Minnesotans in which eminent domain is used to take private property? Certainly there is an obvious benefit to *Canadians* who can access their own oil without trampling the rights of private *Canadian* land owners to get it. But what justifies their taking of private property in the state of Minnesota or elsewhere in the U.S.? Are

there any restrictions in place to prohibit the international sales of this oil, when it is transported through private lands?

Additionally, because Enbridge is a “for profit” foreign company, trading on the NYSE as EEP, rather than a non-profit utility cooperative, for example, we do not understand how their profit-making is construed to mean a *public use or purpose* to Minnesotans.

Section 1. [117.012] PREEMPTION; PUBLIC USE OR PURPOSE.

Subd. 2. Requirement of public use or public purpose. Eminent domain may only be used for a public use or public purpose.

Does the phrase “public purpose” include *profits for foreign commercial industries*?

2.) Enforcement of MNPUC Routing Permit Rules

Also, as confirmed by Larry Hartmann, of the MNPUC at the March 4th informational meeting in Clearbrook, MN, was the fact that the extensive list of Rules & Regulations incorporated in the Pipeline Routing Permit are not enforced, and are in fact...not enforceable.

This means that Enbridge’s detailed “Agricultural Mitigation Plan” and “Environmental Mitigation Plan” are merely lengthy suggestions, or “guides” at best. The use of these guides by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission does NOT provide for any enforcement.

As confirmed by the MNPUC, there is no policy in place for enforcement, and there is no procedure in writing to force Enbridge into compliance with these plans. There has never been an independent agency charged with enforcement or oversight of these rules. In effect, this means that all of the so-called “Rules and Regulations” of construction and post-construction repairs would have more value as a coloring book for toddlers.

Landowners need to understand that they should have no expectation of Enbridge’s compliance with these rules, nor any support from the Public Utilities Commission in requiring Enbridge’s compliance with the terms of their own Routing Permit. There are no Fines; there are no Fees; there is no intervention on the project; no injunction from local law enforcement. *There are no consequences whatsoever when Enbridge disobeys the MNPUC Routing Permit “rules.”*

In our previous experiences with Enbridge construction projects, they will choose *expedience* and *budget* over the written “rules and requirements” of the permit. Without any policy in place to guarantee that Enbridge is required to obey these written terms, there is simply no incentive for them to comply.

Enbridge will readily comply with various rules and regulations set up by other state agencies, such as the DNR, or the MPCA, for instance. In fact, Enbridge has used our land outside of the ROW, without our permission, rather than risk a conflict with DNR rules, because the DNR will enforce their rules in or near public waters, and apparently has the power to take action against them.

There is, however, no person or agency in place to police Enbridge on their abuses of private landowners. Any landowner complaints to the MNPUC against the pipeline are referred directly back to Enbridge for their handling. This is something akin to calling the

Police to report a home invasion, and being told you are supposed to “work it out with the burglar.”

In past projects across our land, Enbridge has been required to pay an “Independent Monitor” to evaluate their compliance with construction and post-construction remediation processes. This Independent Monitor also has no authority to change anything that Enbridge does—only to report on it.

Additionally, any independent monitor is aware of who signs their paychecks (Enbridge) so we question whether true *independence* can be guaranteed. Enbridge is also required to pay a fee to each county for a local “inspector” in each county of construction. These “inspectors” appear to have less authority than the independent monitors, and also are unable to do anything to address landowner complaints against Enbridge.

To summarize, the MNPUC is responsible for making the rules—but no agency or individual is in charge of enforcing them.

3.) Legal Redress Fund

In Clearwater County, (ranked as the poorest county in the state) as well as many other northern Minnesota counties, there are landowners who simply do not have the financial means to legally defend their own land and financial interests against a multi-national behemoth like Enbridge. Enbridge has scores of attorneys working for them, and they have demonstrated their willingness to employ these attorneys to simply drag their feet through the court system, rather than address reasonable solutions to landowner complaints. Our best guess regarding two ongoing complaints from the 2009 Alberta Clipper/Southern Lights projects, is that Enbridge has probably spent nearly three times the amount of money on attorney fees than if they had simply put sincere effort into resolving these complaints. Outside of legal circles, this could be called “bullying.”

Regardless of where Enbridge puts the Sandpiper Pipeline, we believe that the MNPUC should require Enbridge—or any other pipeline company-- to set aside an amount of money (for instance, a bond in the amount of \$5,000 per landowner, or \$1,000 per numbered land Tract) that is for use by private land owners to pay for legal expenses in order to sue or mediate for such causes as: breach of contract, non-compliance with either the Agricultural Mitigation Plan or the Environmental Mitigation plan; incomplete restoration of private property to pre-construction condition; unintended construction or restoration damages; significant devaluation of property value or diminished use; and other financial damages that may not be specifically addressed in other documents, nor paid for in pre-construction easement payments.

If the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission can make the claim in their Mission Statement that it “provides a forum for resolving disputes between the public and utilities,” then this would actually provide that forum.

4.) NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard)

It has been interesting to note the many previous public comments from landowners on the Southern alternate route, stating that the pipeline would be much better located on the “northern alternate route” for some of the following paraphrased reasons:

because “that is where they have always gone before...”

because the northern alternate route land is already “debased” by the pipeline...

because it would disturb “those” people on the northern route a lot less than it would disturb us...

because our land is pristine (and apparently there is none of that on the northern alternative route?)

because we have pristine forests and numerous wild mammals on the Southern alternate route (as this is being written from about 20 miles North of the Headwaters of the Mississippi, perhaps we should notify state officials to shut down Itasca State Park, since it apparently doesn’t have any desirable flora and fauna that is only available in Eastern Minnesota?)

because I live on or near an Organic farm. (We also grow Organically on the Northern route.)

because we are on a protected watershed district. (Minnesota is the land of 10,000 lakes. Our farm is surrounded by 4 of these lakes. The entire state is divided into almost 50 watershed districts, and the aquifers move under all of us.)

because we have worked too hard to make this land our home/farm/business/etc. (Ditto for all of us on the Northern Alternate Route.)

because I fear for my safety (Interestingly, of all the people who have expressed their preference to use the northern alternate route, none has yet expressed any fears for the safety of the residents along *that* route...)

As a landowner on the northern alternate route, we can certainly understand why no one desires any industrial project of this scope going through their private property—but we would also like to clarify that the lands on the southern route are unique only to those people who own them and enjoy them. They are not so particularly pristine as to be listed as one of the World Heritage Parks...or Organic in such a sustainable manner that no one else in the state is able to duplicate elsewhere, or that the river(s) or lake waters are so exceptionally clean that this clarity simply doesn’t exist anywhere else in the world.

As farmers on the northern alternate route, we happen to believe that OUR lands are just as valuable, and just as *pristine* and enjoyed every bit as much for their natural resources, clean water, flora and fauna and agricultural bounty as all the lands that are currently being considered for the Southern Alternate route. The only thing that makes any lands unique to each of us is whether *we own it* or someone else does.

Additionally, many of us on the northern alternate route would agree that we have already given up enough land for Enbridge pipelines. There is a 300 foot wide corridor carved diagonally through our farm for their existing 6 pipelines. This swath of land crosses through our tree farm, our alfalfa field, our pastures and our grain fields and runs 250 feet from our homestead. From our perspective, we believe a “freeway-sized” easement for 6 pipelines are more than plenty. In other words...haven’t we given enough yet?

A final response to the many comments regarding a Minnesota policy of “non-proliferation of utility lines.” If we understand the meaning of the Minnesota non-proliferation clause for utilities correctly, it was intended to cluster large utility facilities and routes (specifically, high voltage overhead transmission lines) together along public access roads whenever possible. We don’t believe the intent of this clause was ever to create one *superhighway of petroleum pipelines* across private property—such as we now have on our land.

In conclusion, we believe that Minnesotans can benefit from additional access to domestic petroleum products, but NOT:

--at the expense of private property owners who lose property value, agricultural value, property use and more because of this project

--if eminent domain is used to seize private property for the transportation of Canadian oil across Minnesota and back up to Canada

--if the petroleum products are simply being shipped through Minnesota on their way to other states and other countries simply to profit Canadian industry

--if the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission has no mechanism in place to defend private property owners against violations of the rules of their own Routing Permit

Respectfully submitted,

Keith & Karen Gebhardt
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