

To: Larry B. Hartman
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PUC/DOC #13-473

March 18, 2014

Comment by: Ruth Bergquist, 32693 Many Point Boy Scout Camp RD, Ponsford MN 56575

I STRONGLY oppose installation of the Sandstone pipeline and question why citizens have been given only a few short weeks to respond to a major threat to the environments MN residents and visitors have chosen because of the area clean lakes, rivers, streams and drinking water relatively free of contaminants.

I have been an active volunteer for over 20 years in activities related to keeping our Minnesota lakes, rivers and stream waters clean. Each year I (and 100's of others) have taken water samples, lake level readings, loon counts, secchi disc readings, invasive species monitoring and participated in various projects at Tamarack National Wildlife Refuge. All of these volunteer hours were about water quality because I believe MN clean waters are our most important asset. Any threat to our clean waters cannot be justified and need not be tolerated.

The proposed Sandpiper pipeline going through an area in the State that contains the highest quality lakes and marshes, includes the Headwaters of the Nations' important Mississippi River is careless and lacking good sense. People need clean water, they do not need a pipeline whose purpose is to accelerate volume and speed of transporting crude oil that although we all use, we can survive without it. A study of a Bristol Bay proposed pipeline site in the NW found that over the life of any pipeline there is over a 95% chance of multiple major leaks or spills at various intervals along the line. Small leaks not detected by technology occur and are ignored. But yet, it is leaking into our soil and waters. We are told that technology is available to prevent and detect spills, ruptures and leaks, nonetheless they are happening all the time. Why do we need to tolerate these risks?

I find it ironic that citizens are given such a short time to respond to a major and quite complex undertaking that in all probability will have a major impact on where we live and recreate. On our lake, about 90% of the lake population are seasonal landowners and only here May to September. It is unfair to proceed

with approving the Sandpiper proposed route without giving the seasonal people an opportunity to respond. They are scattered all over the continent, but have substantial investments in property within the area of the proposed pipeline. This is a complex issue that takes time to study and to determine whether or not one feels comfortable with the intrusion to their "special" place in the high quality lake area of Minnesota. The April 4 deadline set for comments need to be expanded to August in order to include these people's comments and opinions.

Adding to the discomfort of citizens is the lack of an Environmental Impact Statement which would be much more thorough and meaningful than the quick environmental review. Again the speed at which this is proceeding is not in line with taking the time to consider if it should be allowed.

Sincerely,

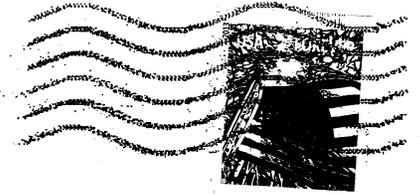
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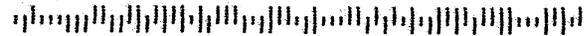
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Public Comment Sheet

North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC Sandpiper Pipeline Project

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

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COMMENTS

I approve the Pipe Line

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

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

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Bruce P. Bissonnette & Family
41200 West Fox Lake Road
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March 26, 2014

Mr. Larry Hartman, Environmental Review Manager
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Minnesota Department of Commerce
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Re: Enbridge and North Dakota Pipeline Company, LLC Sandpiper Pipeline Route, Docket
Number PL-668/PPL/PPL-13-474

Mr. Hartman and Honorable Commissioners:

I am writing with the hope concerned people like us can be heard and would like to voice my
opposition to Enbridge Pipeline's (North Dakota Pipeline Company, LLC) proposed southern
route for the Sandpiper Pipeline.

The proposed southern route crosses a large and remote watershed in south eastern Cass
County and an unfortunate spill will affect an extremely large portion of northern Crow Wing
County and the Mississippi River Water Shed. I don't understand how this pipeline is a benefit
to Minnesota and I don't think we should jeopardize our pristine natural resources for the benefit
of private enterprise.

If you feel the Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed necessary please have them at least complete an
Environmental Impact Study and look at alternate routes that will not jeopardize the Mississippi
water shed and the lakes, streams, wetlands and rivers of Crow Wing County and northern
Minnesota. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Bruce P. Bissonnette

CC: Representative Joe Radinovich (via email)
Senator Carrie Ruud (via email)
Senator Amy Klobuchar (via email)
Senator Al Franken (via email)
Governor Mark Dayton (via email)

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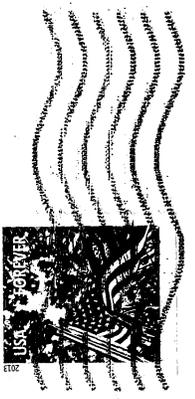
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COMMENTS

Handwritten comment: I am in support of the Sandpiper pipeline project.

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From: lee_b2000@yahoo.com [mailto:lee_b2000@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 6:45 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM); Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Proposed Sandpiper Pipeline Project

Dear Sir:

My Name is Lee Boock. I live in Eastern Becker County about 7 miles west of Park Rapids.

I agree that the pipeline is essential for the United States to become as energy efficient as possible but I believe the proposed route through Minnesota forests and pristine lakes could be a serious problem is a leak would ever happen. We both know that breaks do happen.

I also see that the route also will go either over or under the Mississippi River. Why not go above the Mississippi River? If it is because of cost, my question would be what does it cost for cleanup? I also know that the pipeline can pump in both directions and water is the main thing that Northern Minnesota has. Please do not let someone decide to pump Minnesota water back to the arid western states.

Sincerely

Lee Boock

Sent from Windows Mail



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Name: Gene Bonnell

Representing: my self

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i dont want the pipelines going through our Reservation it will kill our life
Gene Bonnell

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Representing: MYSELF

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Name: Evelyn Boswell

Representing: _____

Email: _____

Address: 28807 cord 112
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Tel: _____

COMMENTS

Handwritten comment: Dont kill off our wild life!! We dont want your pipeline

E. Boswell

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From: d.brainard1@comcast.net [mailto:d.brainard1@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2014 9:38 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Sandpiper Pipeline

Mr. Hartman,

Please make sure the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission and Department of Commerce extend the public comment period for the Sandpiper Pipeline from April 4th, until October 31, 2014. The time period selected left out the huge population of people who spend their summers in the area, like my family has for 90 years. That is unfair and unjust.

If you can't extend the comment period, please just deny the permit of Enbridge's proposed Sandpiper Pipeline in Northern Minnesota. This proposed line threatens the people, lifeways, watersheds, and wildlife of greater Minnesota. The entire fracking industry has a terrible record of spill, leaks and irresponsible waste disposal. Water is much more precious than oil

Thanks,

Diana Brainard

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From: John Brainard [mailto:john.brainard@att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 11:53 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Please extend deadline on Sandpiper Pipeline

Dear Mr. Hartman,

Hello. My name is John Brainard and my family has a lake house near Park Rapids and I only yesterday learned the details about the proposed Sandpiper Pipeline. Could you please extend the public comment period on the Sandpiper Pipeline so that those of us who have just recently learned of the details of the situation have a chance to comment on the pipeline and are able notify other people who will be affected (some of whom live out of state) who would like to officially comment on the pipeline? Thank you.

Note: This involves PUC Docket Number 13-474

Sincerely,
John C. Brainard

From: John Brainard [mailto:john.brainard@att.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2014 8:13 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Sandpiper Pipeline

Dear Mr. Hartman,

Regarding PUC Docket Number (13-474): This letter is for you and for all of the commissioners deciding on whether or not to approve the proposed southern route of the Sandpiper Pipeline through Hubbard County.

My family has a lake house located a few miles from where the pipeline will pass on the proposed southern route in Hubbard county. Due to the fact that Enbridge does not have a stellar safety record, I urge you to decline acceptance of the southern route of the Sandpiper pipeline and to delay the construction of the pipeline until safer routes have been thoroughly researched. It makes little sense to run the pipeline immediately adjacent to Itasca State Park, the headwaters of the Mississippi, and then near to some of the clearest and deepest lakes in the state, not to mention the rivers and creeks in the county that will be endangered.

Thank you for your attention to this email.

John C. Brainard
Minneapolis & Park Rapids, Minnesota

From: Jan [mailto:jbtest51@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 6:25 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Sandpiper line PL6668/CN-13-473 Certificate of Need/PPL-13-474 Pipeline Route: public comment

Larry Hartman

March 25, 2014

Energy Environmental Review and Analysis Minnesota
Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 500 St.
Paul, MN 55101

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

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

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

Does Enbridge have a "need" for a new Sandpiper line? If the following Enbridge pipelines are all approved, Enbridge will be increasing their daily shipping volume by 1.5 million bpd, the equivalent of two Keystone XL's, via these pipelines: Northern Gateway from Edmonton to Kitimat, BC will carry 525,000 bpd; Line 9B from Sarnia, Ontario to Montreal 300,000 bpd; Alberta Clipper 800,000 bpd; Line 3 replacement from Neche, ND to Superior, MN 760,000 bpd.

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

Does Enbridge know the final destination and use of the oil in the Sandpiper pipeline? What percentage will be refined in Minnesota refineries? How much of the oil going through the Sandpiper line will stay in Minnesota? How much of this oil will be used in the United States? How much of this oil will be exported? Should Minnesota take on the risk of spoiling our environment so a Canadian based company can sell oil

from East and Gulf coast refineries to foreign markets?
Minnesota already has 14% of Bakken oil production going through our state's lands.

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

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

The route of the Sandpiper line along highway 48 in Cass County is home to several packs of wolves, numerous marshes and wetlands, osprey and eagle nests and indigenous native plants and trees. Roosevelt Lake, just south of Spire Valley where the pipeline would cross Route 6, is now a well known muskie designated lake. Any oil spills would affect this watershed, the fish in this lake and the local economy. Since this area is more remote, there would be less attention to oil spills. Less than 23% of oil spills are detected by oil

companies. Civilians discover most oil spills. Since this is a less frequented area, there is less of a chance of someone discovering a spill.

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

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

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

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

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

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

One way Enbridge tests for leaks before the pipeline goes on line is to run water into its pipes. Most of the time this water is pumped from local creeks, rivers and lakes into the pipelines. What is the possibility of zebra mussels or other invasive species being spread by water being pumped into

their water distribution system (water tank, hoses, etc.)and then being used again in subsequent areas along the pipeline? Will these water tanks, hoses, or whatever be appropriately cleaned and disinfected to prevent the spread of invasive species?

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Jan Best
Brian Whittemore
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From: geoffrey brown [mailto:geoffreymichaelbrown@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 3:24 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Environmental Review

Mr Hartman:

Firstly thank you for the important work you do in keeping Minnesota clean and safe. As a new resident of this fine state I hope the lakes and forests that attracted me will remain unspoiled by unrestricted development. I am writing to urge you to support a full environmental impact study from an unbiased source for the proposed pipeline running through the northern part of Minnesota. The companies that stand to benefit from the pipeline have been earning record profits and will incur no hardship in waiting until the full impact of the proposed construction is known.

Again, thank you for your service to the people of Minnesota who count on your reasoned judgement.

Sincerely,

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From: Judith Brown [mailto:sandyriverstrawberry@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 01, 2014 1:21 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Alternate Route for the Sandpiper Pipeline

Judy Brown
22876 450th Street
McGregor, MN 55760

April 1, 2014

Larry Hartman, Environmental Review Manager
Minnesota Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Hartman,
Attached you will find two maps outlining a proposed alternate site for the Sandpiper pipeline in Section 11, Township 48, Range 24 W. The alternate site keeps the pipeline on Aitkin County Tax forfeit land which is not Old Growth Forest harboring rare Butternut trees and extends south to landowners who are supportive of this project. By considering this optional route, Enbridge will eliminate having to compensate two landowners and will only have to deal with Aitkin County which is in favor of this project and 1 landowner who is already in the equation and supportive.

Sincerely,
Judy Brown

Enbridge Sandpiper Project Proposed Alternate Route NW NE Sec. 11 T48N R24W

This Landowner has expressed desire to locate pipeline as close to road right of way as possible.

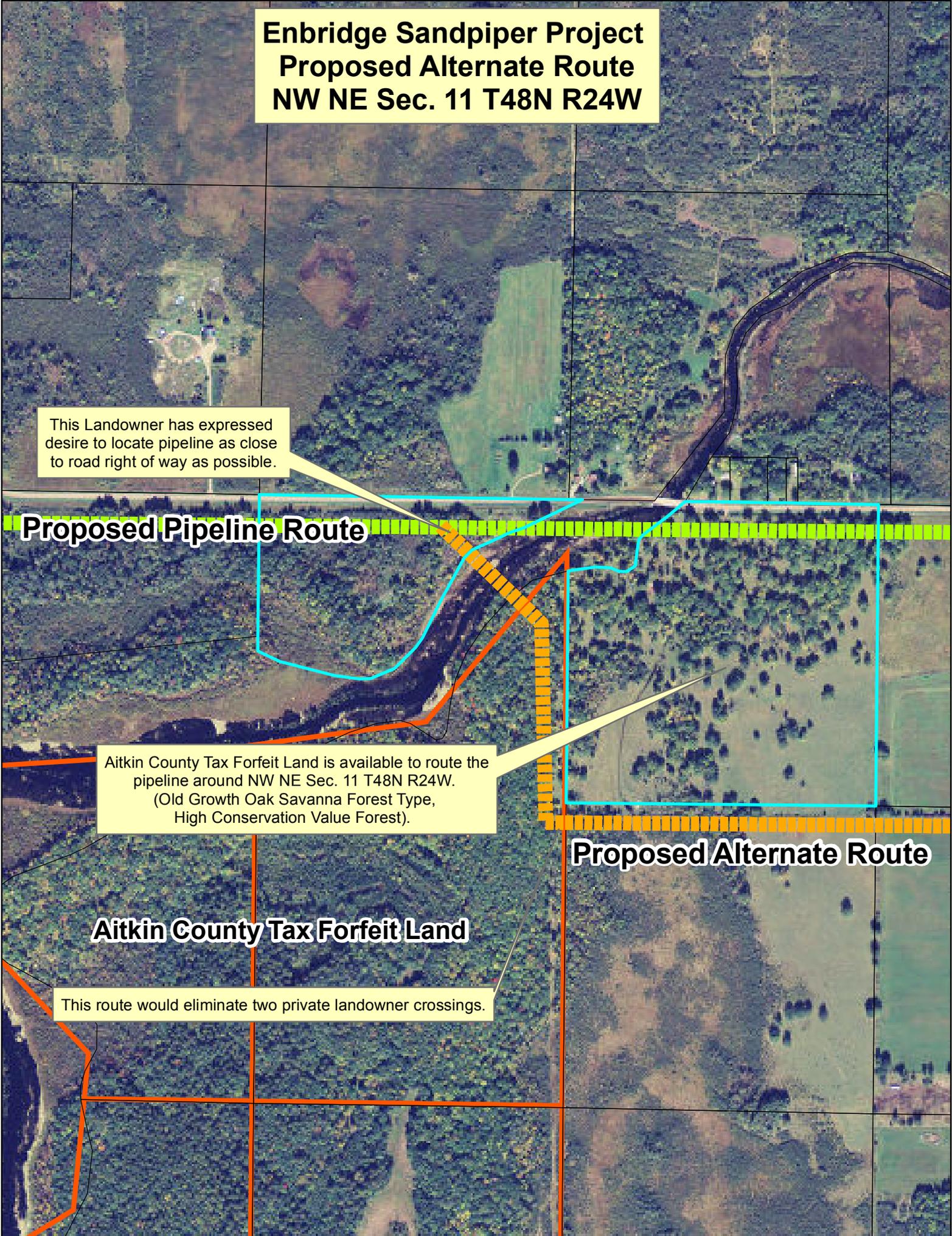
Proposed Pipeline Route

Aitkin County Tax Forfeit Land is available to route the pipeline around NW NE Sec. 11 T48N R24W.
(Old Growth Oak Savanna Forest Type, High Conservation Value Forest).

Proposed Alternate Route

Aitkin County Tax Forfeit Land

This route would eliminate two private landowner crossings.



**Enbridge Sandpiper Project
Proposed Alternate Route
NW NE Sec. 11 T48N R24W**

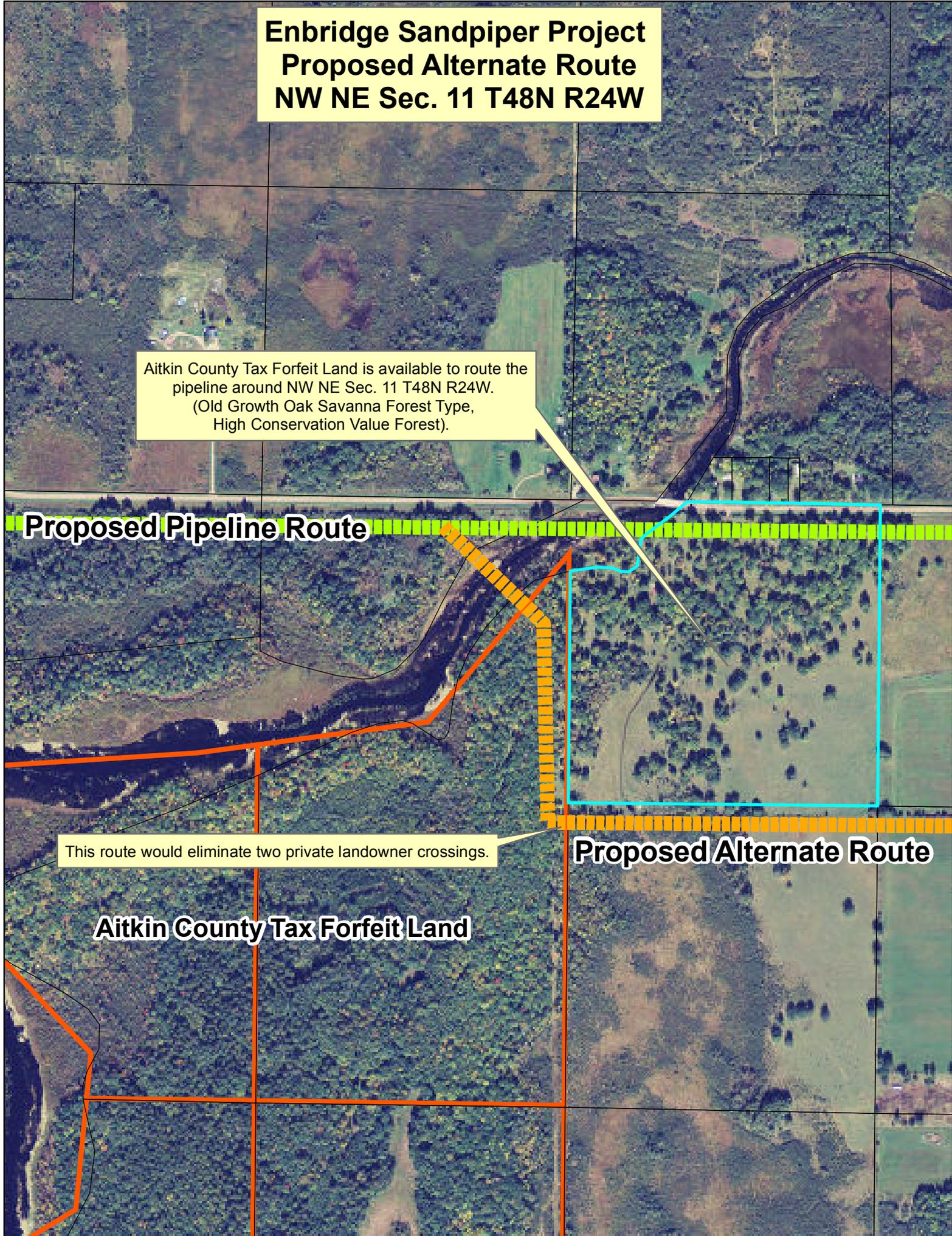
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Aitkin County Tax Forfeit Land

Proposed Alternate Route



From: Judith Brown [mailto:sandyriverstrawberry@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 9:53 AM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Public comments

Judy Brown/Larry Brown

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April 3, 2014 (Resent)

Larry B. Hartman

Energy Environmental Review and Analysis

MN Department of Commerce

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Dear Mr. Hartman:

As concerned community members and owners of land in the path of the proposed Sandpiper Pipeline, we oppose the construction of the pipeline on environmental grounds.

Recent history has demonstrated that the Enbridge pipelines present a real risk of spillage. According to the Toronto Sun, the total number of barrels spilled in 2010 was 34,122, the equivalent of more than one million gallons, including the 20,000-barrel spill in Michigan in July 2010. . As was noted in the community meeting on March 13th by many responsible and realistic citizens, our area consists of lakes, rivers, and swamps, making it an important source of freshwater and habitat for fish, wild rice, birds and woodland creatures. Our local economy and livelihood is dependent on tourists and cabin owners from the Twin Cities, who enjoy Northern Minnesota's pristine nature. The Great Lakes region contains one fifth of the world's fresh water, and your proposed pipeline threatens not just the wildlife but also the residents of Northern Minnesota, a high percentage of whom rely on well water as their only water source.

No amount of compensation can make up for a catastrophic oil spill. Once the ground water is contaminated and our ecosystem is violated, how many years will it take to bring this back, if it can be brought back for future generations? What will our property be worth then? What will happen to our livelihood when the freshwater supply to our livestock is contaminated (farmers near the Kalamazoo spill were prohibited from giving the local water to their cattle)?

Lastly, once an easement has been granted, Enbridge will essentially own the rights to the property which includes the right to continuously disrupt the soil, trees, and watershed when adding additional pipeline routes along this easement, which they will. In failing to disclose this information at your hearings, you have acted in bad faith. Who will be able to cross these easements? Landowners in Carlton County are already having trespass issues on their land because the general public thinks these easements give them access to hunt. In the event of a leak, who is responsible for the "clean up"? Almost four years and one billion dollars after the Kalamazoo spill, the oil still has not been cleaned up and the environment will not likely ever be restored to its original condition.

Sincerely,

Judy and Larry Brown

-----Original Message-----

From: Paul Bruggman [<mailto:paul.bruggman@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, March 14, 2014 12:18 PM

To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)

Cc: Brad Hageman

Subject: PUC Docket Number (13-474)

Mr. Hartman,

PUC Docket Number (13-474)

The proposed pipeline route is going to negatively affect me. They desire to go directly behind my house so close that I could stand on my deck and talk to the workers. I do not want to give up any landowner rights and I do not want to have the potential use of my land altered by considerations of a pipeline. The land was given to me by my father and I intend to pass it along to my children as an inheritance. This proposed pipeline route would negatively affect my children's ability to build a home on the property in that there would be places where they could not build due to this project.

I would like the pipeline moved east to the back edge of my property where it joins with the Peat Plant as this route would least impact any future development for home sites! The move would be less than 1/2 mile and is still generally moving in the direction in which they desire. When the first Enbridge person came to my home seeking permission for them to survey he told me that they would consider moving the line as I desired however when they surveyed they never even looked at the location.

I feel I have been lied to by this corporation and/or its representative and thus cannot "trust" anything they say or do.

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RE: PUC DOCKET 13-474

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I've been composing this letter in my mind and heart for the past few weeks. In 1990 I attended the Nitrogen Management Taskforce meeting(s) in St Cloud to comment on the effects of chemical fertilization on the Straight River Basin and these very vulnerable soils and aquifers. I warned at the time that we are sitting on a time bomb...that wells will be polluted by nitrates, condemned and abandoned. My words were for naught. Here we are now, twenty-four years later and the DNR is using the Straight River Basin as an intensive study for water management. On top of the concern of continued over use of the aquifer, infiltration of chemicals, de-oxygenation of the lake and river...we now have a proposed 30 inch pipeline carrying 325,000 barrels of oil per day (that is the low estimate, the pipeline is expected to carry much more per day over time) through this same vulnerable basin. This isn't just crude oil running through these pipelines, but chemicals such as xylene, toluene, benzene and other 'proprietary' chemicals of which we apparently have no right to know. A much smaller underground pipeline near Tioga, ND, carrying far less oil, was apparently struck by lightning last September causing a one quarter inch rupture...however, 20 thousand barrels of oil spilled in a farmer's field, an amount that would fill 30 rail tanker cars. The farmer himself, not the pipeline company, was the one who discovered the leak.

This pipeline puts at risk our food, water resources and wildlife habitat, not to mention the areas largest financial resource...recreation and tourism. It also puts at risk forest and wetland management, wild rice lakes, agriculture, recreation and tourism jobs for people who live and raise families in the area. It will create temporary jobs with an influx of workers from outside the area and the attendant risks. The clean up costs could run into the hundreds of millions of dollars should there be a breach in the pipeline...and a disaster could put an end to the way of life we all love here.

This is not about our energy security. Enbridge has already sought privacy protection through the PUC to deny us knowledge of who they are shipping this oil to...and with the shale oil depletion expected to happen within a decade or so, there is no guarantee that Enbridge will not be pumping heavy, dangerous Alberta tar sands (very abrasive) through this very pipeline. Enbridge does not have a good record at transparency or safety.

There is a loud cry from the Senate Energy committee to lift the ban on exporting crude from the lower 48...there is a call for President Obama to do it with an executive order. In 2011 the USA became a net exporter of petroleum. Shipments abroad of petroleum

products exceeded imports by 439,000 barrels a day...have you seen prices coming down? If it's our energy security we are concerned about, why don't these products remain in-country?

I don't wish to attend a meeting twenty-four years from now to discuss how we clean up the mess from this pipeline, how we restore our waters, how we restore our local economy. This is important for all of our grand children and for their grand children.

Do yourselves a favor and educate yourself on Enbridge's abysmal record. The straits of Mackinac are currently in extreme danger...and, the Kalamazoo River oil spill which occurred in July 2010 when a pipeline operated by Enbridge (Line 6B) burst and flowed into Talmadge Creek, a tributary of the Kalamazoo River. A six-foot break in the pipeline resulted in the largest inland oil spill, and one of the costliest spills, in U.S. history. It still isn't cleaned up completely at the cost of \$1,039,000,000 according to newly disclosed figures released by Enbridge.

A final note. Enbridge is a foreign company...do foreign companies have a constitutional right to 'take' lands using eminent domain within our sovereignty?

Short term economic gain does not trump our lands and waterways (this is the Headwaters of the mighty Mississippi River)...and this short term gain surely could bring us all very lasting pain.

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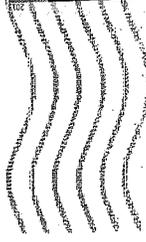
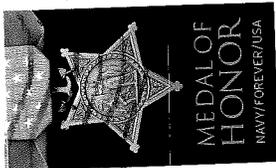


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