
From: Shelly Day [mailto:gewiidiin68@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 30, 2014 11:52 AM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Comment on Sandpiper Pipeline

Mr. Hartman,
Please accept my comment on the proposed Sandpiper Pipe going through
Minnesota.

Shelly Day

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Gewiidiin68@yahoo.com
March 30, 2014

Larry Hartman
MN Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 500
St Paul, MN 55101

Dear Larry Hartman:

I am writing to express my concern about the Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline proposed to be built running through Minnesota. I understand the 612 mile pipeline with 299 miles of the pipeline in Minnesota is being built to increase transportation of crude oil from North Dakota to Superior Wisconsin.

I believe the benefits of transporting crude oil through pipelines does not outweighs the damage to our natural resources if crude oil was to spill into our environment, no matter the amount. Consider: The damage to the water, to plant life, the air, as well as to the animals, we as humans need clean water and clean air to survive. These will all be drastically affected if crude oil was to spill in the environment.

As a tribal member of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, my traditional foods come from the land will be affected. To name a few Wild Rice, berries, fish, deer, pheasant, and rabbit. These will all be affected if crude oil was to spill or leak into our environment.

The best way to protect these natural resources for the people of Minnesota is to not build this pipeline.

Sincerely,

Shelly Day

Tribal Member of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, and
Citizen of Minnesota

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

From: apache@web.lmic.state.mn.us [<mailto:apache@web.lmic.state.mn.us>]

Sent: Friday, April 04, 2014 1:10 PM

To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)

Subject: Dentz Fri Apr 4 13:10:15 2014 PL6668/PPL-13-474

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

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

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

Docket number: PL6668/PPL-13-474

User Name: Harold and Jill Dentz

County: Hennepin County

City: Richfield

Email: itascapines@msn.com

Phone: 612-861-2921

Impact: I am opposed to Enbridge Pipeline's (North Dakota Pipeline Company, LLC) proposed southern route for the Sandpiper Pipeline. Minnesota has been able to keep relatively clean air and water and we are very concerned about it becoming contaminated by mining processes now and over time that would adversely affect the air, water, plants and animals in our state. The precious resources in Minnesota and particularly the historic Headwaters of the Mississippi are a nation treasure should be protected at all costs. If we risk the protection these resources it could affect the tourism that is so important to the economies our rural communities. People from all over the country travel here because of Minnesota's natural beauty and cleanliness and we want to keep it that way.

Mitigation: If a pipeline must be built, it should not encroach on tribal lands nor should it travel near or through sensitive natural areas that are extremely important to maintaining the historical and archeological treasure that is Minnesota. For these reasons, if the Sandpiper Pipeline is deemed necessary, Enbridge (NDPC) should be required to route the pipeline through an area that will not jeopardize the Mississippi Headwaters and the lakes, streams, and rivers of Hubbard County and northern Minnesota.

Submission date: Fri Apr 4 13:10:15 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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Frances H. Dixon
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March 25, 2012

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

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route

I am writing to say that I am opposed to Enbridge Pipeline's proposed southern route through the lake country of Minnesota. In doing this, I join many of my friends and neighbors here in Thorpe Township.

With all the best intentions in the world, even Enbridge has had problems, as you well know. Places such as Itasca Park have been preserved for us and for future generations to enjoy and protect. We who live here are trying to protect our lakes from invasive species. There is so much of our country that we want to protect and we surely don't need an accident from Enbridge or anyone else to destroy the fragile ecosystem in Minnesota's lake country.

If this pipeline is deemed necessary, Enbridge should be required to reroute it so that it does not go through an area that would jeopardize the Mississippi Headwaters as well as the lakes and rivers of Hubbard County and northern Minnesota.

Sincerely,

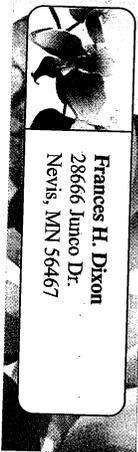


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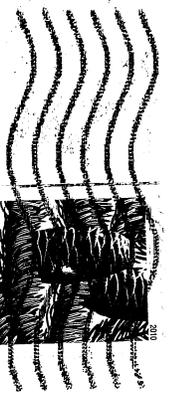
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James and Susan Dorfner
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March 11, 2014

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:

We are opposed to the speculative southern Enbridge pipeline route. We recently purchased 20 acres. Approximately 5 acres of the land is field and 15 acres is wooded. Enbridge proposal is that their pipeline will run right through the middle of the wooded portion of our property destroying hunting area, tree stands and walking trails and a campsite that is already in place. This is also a natural forested area which supports valuable resources for critical wildlife habitat. Building the proposed pipeline on its current path could also put the health of our pond and our neighbors pond in jeopardy if a leak should occur or with general construction practices taking place.

Co-locating new pipelines with existing crude oil pipelines is most consistent with the principle of non-proliferation and minimizes damages to farms, the environment and our rights as landowners. A pipeline already exists north of our property and runs parallel with County Road 61 and we are requesting that Enbridge build along the existing pipeline so there will not be disruption to residential properties in this area.

Although we are not agreeing to the Enbridge proposal we understand eminent domain could ultimately overrule our objections then we would like the pipeline to run at the back end of our property instead of through the middle of the property. This would be less disruptive to the trails, stands and campsite that are currently in existence and would only be a few 100 feet from the current proposal.

Thank you for your consideration in relocating the Enbridge pipeline.

Sincerely,

James and Susan Dorfner

From: Anne Dugan [mailto:annesdugan@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2014 11:36 AM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment Docket 13-474 & 13-473

Anne Dugan
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March 31, 2014

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

Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route & Certificate of Need, Docket Number 13-474 & 13-473 Dear

Honorable Commissioners,

My name is Anne Dugan and I live 2 miles south of Wrenshall, Minnesota. The original proposed Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline just barely skirted my family's organic vegetable farm. With another line added to this new corridor, such as the new replacement to line 3, our farm would be directly impacted. I have a BA in Art History from Carleton College and a Master's degree in Art History and Curatorial Studies from Columbia University in New York City. I am currently the Executive and Artistic Director at the Duluth Art Institute where I previously served as curator for 3 years. I run a very popular film festival in Wrenshall, The Free Range Film Festival, now in its 11th year. We get 500 people to come to our festival every July. Most of our audience is from out of the area – we have visitors from the Twin Cities, Chicago, New York City, and a smattering of international visitors. From 2007 to 2010 I served on the Cloquet Tourism board and I attended two tourism conferences in the Twin Cities put on by Explore Minnesota. From 2006 to 2010 I served as executive director of the Carlton County Historical Society. In all of these roles I have interacted with the tourism field and I feel there is amazing potential for sustainable land use in Carlton County that would provide real economic potential but is ultimately incompatible with a new pipeline corridor. I would hope the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission would take a forward thinking approach when considering land use possibilities for our area.

On Tuesday, March 11, the New York Times printed an article about the growing trend in residential development where working farms become a central feature in community development. The article quotes Ed McMahon, a senior fellow for sustainable development at the Urban Land Institute, a nonprofit real estate research group in Washington, DC who states "I hear from developers all the time about this, they've figured out that unlike a golf course, which costs millions to build and millions to maintain, they can provide green space that actually earns a profit." It also quotes Quint Redmond, a chief executive at a development firm: "The interest is so great; we're kind of terrified trying to catch up with all the calls". The community of Serenbe in Chattahoochee Hills Georgia supports 152 homes and 3 restaurants – drawing tourists from surrounding states. This development began in 2008 just as the real estate market collapsed. They have emerged intact, with property values appreciating and for-sale signs rare.

Given the growth of sustainable farms in our region, there is real potential for this kind of development that supports the people in the community rather than a foreign owned company with transient workers. You've seen many letters with expert testimony from farmers and that testimony all points to the fact that pipeline corridors are incompatible with sustainable farming operations and green building development.

Explore Minnesota has also invested heavily in the potential for ecotourism. The organization sponsors a green getaway called "Green Routes", a Minnesota directory that identifies eateries that serve locally grown food, and sites that focus on local heritage or that preserve the area's natural environment. Given the proximity of Jay Cook State Park, an explosion of organic farms, and cultural attractions such as the Free Range Film Festival and the Historic Scott House, Carlton County is a perfect candidate for this kind of tourism and the economic benefits that come with it. The two major features that feed this type of tourism are untouched natural beauty and rich agricultural landscape – these two features should not become irrevocably marred by a new pipeline corridor.

The population center of Duluth also supports this potential for ecotourism and sustainable development. Duluth

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In recent months there has been interest from different sources in setting up an artist in residence program near our farm in Wrenshall. The NEA is incredibly eager to fund this kind of program and similar situations in Wisconsin and across the country are thriving. The disruption and limiting potential of a new pipeline corridor through farms and untouched natural environments could make these types of endeavors much more challenging.

Farmers who engage in direct to consumer marketing (as do most of the new farms in our community) are highly civically engaged and therefore have a lot of potential for revitalizing small communities and integrating them with larger population centers. This exchange of creativity creates a mutually beneficial cycle that strengthens both the rural landscape and their connected larger communities.

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Anne Dugan



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

As we all are increasingly concerned about the dangers of transporting oil, I feel more attention & money should be spent on ways of relieving our dependency on oil such as better gas mileage & ~~alternative~~ alternative fuels. Mostly we must protect our water sources as many of them are drying up such as lakes, streams & aquifers. Fracking & ethanol should be discontinued immediately. We do not want or need anymore pipelines.

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

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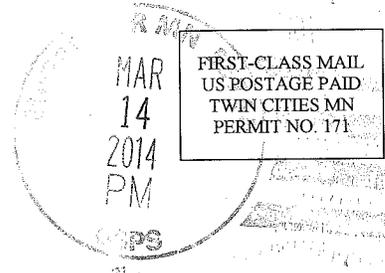
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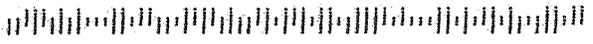
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RE: SANDPIPER PIPELINE ROUTING
DUC TICKET NUMBER 13-414

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AS GROUND WATER SOURCES FOR EVERYONE,

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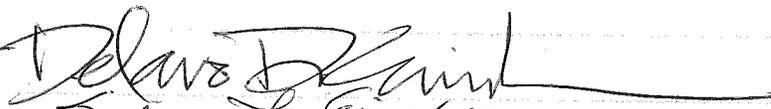
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SIGNED: 
Susan L. Erickson

~~ENCLOSURE~~

COPY OF PUBLISHED MAP W/ ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

P.S. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT, THANKS

The certificate of need process determines the size, type and timing of the proposed pipeline and whether there is a better alternative for meeting North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC's stated need. The certificate of need is PUC Docket Number PL-6668/CN-13-473.

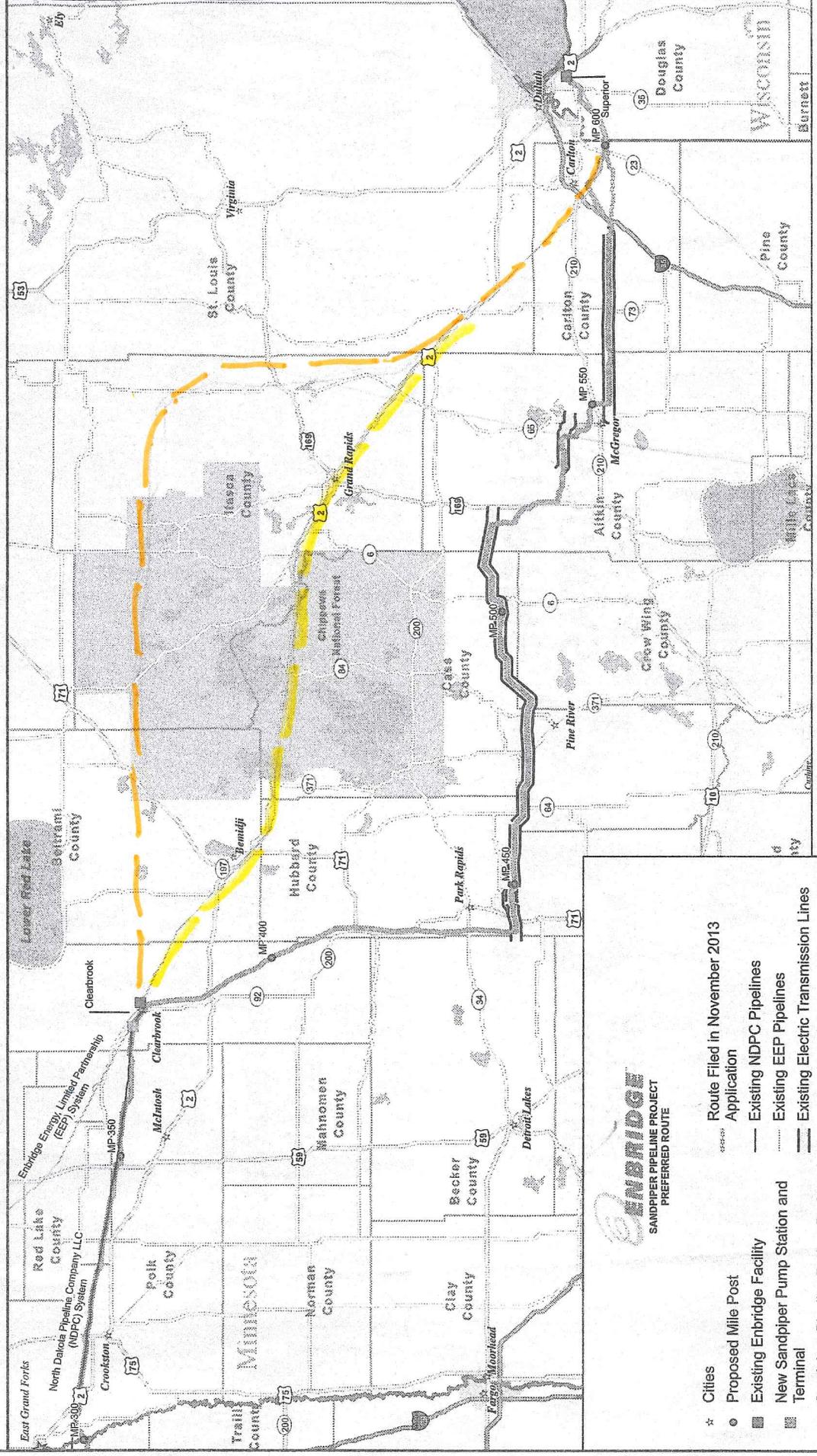
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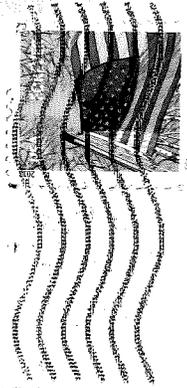


ENBRIDGE SANDPIPER PIPELINE PROJECT PREFERRED ROUTE

★	Cities	Route Filed in November 2013
●	Proposed Mile Post	Application
▬	Existing Enbridge Facility	Existing NDCP Pipelines
▬	New Sandpiper Pump Station and Terminal	Existing EEP Pipelines
▬	Sandpiper Pipeline Project Preferred Route	Existing Electric Transmission Lines

Additional detailed project maps can be found on the project website at www.enbridge.com/SandpiperProject or by calling the Sandpiper Project team at 855-788-7805.

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RE: PDC DOCKET 13,474





Public Comment Sheet

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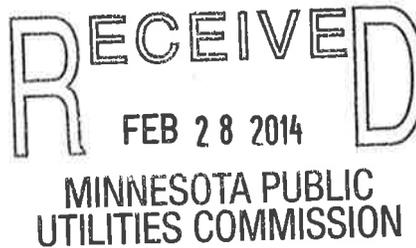
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February 22nd, 2014

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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Re: Enbridge Pipeline Route, Docket Number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners,

My opposition to the "Southern Route" of the proposed Enbridge Sandpiper crude oil pipeline is rooted in my experience of farming. When I started farming organically near Eugene, Oregon in 1974 I had no idea what a gift that McKenzie River bottom soil was. Because my wife, Jane, and I wanted to be farmers and to own a farm we purchased a piece of land in Carlton County that was very inexpensive and isolated. The soil was very sandy and we soon discovered that we couldn't hold on to the organic matter we needed in order to produce the healthy, abundant crops we were used to.

I set about studying the Carlton County soil survey map, searching for land that had the potential of producing abundant, high quality, high value crops. I wanted Campia Silt Loam, the most productive soil type in the county. I approached land owners who possessed that valuable soil type and asked if they would sell part or all of their farms to me. I eventually asked someone who said "no, but the place next door could probably be bought." We purchased that farm with its Campia and Spooner silt loam and launched our farming career, which developed into our full-time livelihood.

When I started farming in Carlton County in 1976 there wasn't much of a market for locally grown vegetables, and no market for organically grown local 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 sells over \$2 million a year in produce, mostly organic. Community Supported (CSA) farms are serving 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. 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 that lies close to the proposed pipeline corridor from aging farmers. 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 likely, considering the potential number of oil wells in the Bakken oil fields.

In a bold move, our County Commissioners met with Enbridge officials, insisting that the Sandpiper "preferred route" avoid private land as much as possible, following existing utility easements. Enbridge officials acquiesced, promising to amend their "preferred route" to avoid all of the Carlton County Land Stewards' property east of Interstate 35 by following wherever possible, existing electrical high line easements.

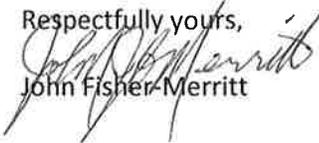
On November 8th Enbridge Energy submitted a Certificate of Need proposal and a Route Proposal to the Public Utilities Commission that still lies dangerously close to our northern property boundary and still crosses our neighbor's certified Organic land, as well as all the pristine wild lands and prime farm land.

Unless Enbridge completely removes the part of the original "preferred route" which lies east of Interstate 35 from their proposal, I suspect that Enbridge may try to "weasel out" of their agreement with the Carlton County Commissioners, leaving their "preferred route" unchanged from the November 8th route proposal.

The evidence clearly demonstrates that opening a new pipeline corridor which crosses prime farmland would adversely affect economic development in Carlton County and would unnecessarily cross pristine woods and wetlands. The route as filed would represent a clear violation of the PUC's non-proliferation policy.

The aforementioned amended route agreed to with Carlton County Commissioners would be far preferable to me, but could still technically be construed as violating the non-proliferation policy since high line easements are different from pipeline easements, and the amended route would still cross many pieces of private property which have never been crossed by utility easements. With these considerations in mind, I strongly urge the Public Utilities Commission to demand that the proposed "Sandpiper" pipeline follow the already established pipeline corridor, the "Northern Route" and issue a routing permit to that effect.

Respectfully yours,


John Fisher-Merritt

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From: Ethan Fleisher [mailto:ethanfleisher91@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 01, 2014 11:54 AM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Stop Enbridge's Pipeline

Hey Larry,

My name is Ethan Fleisher and I play in a band called Aitas. We have toured the midwest, hit almost every small town in the great state of Minnesota and played nearly every little bar- and it is easy to see that the most beautiful part of the state is the part that will be directly affected by Enbridge's Sandpiper Pipeline.

The fact is, we put our faith in you to represent us fairly as a people. People with your sort of job are expected to uphold the views of the public. The public has spoken. From North Dakota to Superior, no one wants this but those who will profit directly from the pipeline. Most of us in this state will not. One of the rivers being affected by this pipeline will be the Crow Wing. I swim in this river. I do not want another pipeline perforating the body of water I swim in.

Most of all, do this for your Mother, the Earth. For you to turn your back on the planet you live on is suicide. You know it. All the politicians like you know it. So wake up and smell the carbon emissions. Please. I am asking you from the bottom of my heart as another human being. Help us STOP THIS PIPELINE.

Sincerely,
Ethan Fleisher
<http://aitastheband.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: Kenneth Ekstrom

Representing: _____

Email: _____

Address: 218 Village Ave.
Naytahwaush, MN

Tel: 718-204-0250

COMMENTS

I am apposed to the pipeline projects or possible projects in the near future on native land its against the people's rights and does nothing but negative effects on the environment

Kenneth Ekstrom

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

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Energy Environmental Review and Analysis
Department of Commerce
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Email: larry.hartman@state.mn.us
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Electronic Submittal: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/publicComments.html?projectId=33599>

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From: John Forney [mailto:jwforney@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2014 8:52 PM

To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)

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

Please accept the following as my comments regarding the Sandpiper Pipeline Project (PUC Docket Number: PL-668/PPL-13-474.)

I have three comments:

1. The timing of this petition is very unfortunate from the standpoint that many of the owners of property through which a significant portion of the proposed easement is proposed to be routed are not in residence . The area I am referring to is in north central Minnesota where the proposed pipeline changes from a generally east/west course on an existing utilities easement to run south to about the Cass and Crow Wing County border where it turns back to an east west orientation and then rejoins the existing easement. This "jog" from the existing utility easement is new geography for this type of pipeline facility. Much of the property in this area is owned as seasonal property and most of the property is on lakes and rivers. The owners are seasonal owners and not in the impacted area at this time of year. Therefore, they simply are unaware of the petition and may not be informed so they can make their comments known to the Public Utilities Commission. I request that the PUC extend the comment period to allow seasonal property owners the opportunity to become familiar with the petition and voice their comments. This would mean extending the comment period into the summer of 2014.
2. History of pipelines demonstrates that there is a high chance that there will be a significant spill of oil and the adverse consequences to both land and water are very real. If this petition is approved, new watersheds would be impacted in the "jog" section as noted above. A spill could impact the Pine River Watershed and on into the Mississippi Watershed. Neither of these watersheds would be affected if the pipeline is kept in the existing utility easement. A spill in either the Pine River Watershed or the Mississippi Watershed would a tremendous negative impact on the economy and the environment which depends on keeping the land and the waters pristine. The area is the hub of Minnesota's recreation industry.
3. The existing utility easement across northern Minnesota would not impact the Pine River or the Mississippi Watersheds. Construction of the pipeline on the existing easement could be implemented using existing roads and other infrastructure that is currently in place.. Routing through the "jog" area would require new infrastructure which would have an impact on both new land and water. In addition, using the existing easement would lessen the impact on federal and state inspectors who are already understaffed and over-committed. In this way the safety measures in place could be focused on the existing area rather than adding more easement and pipeline.

In summary: 1. Extend the comment period so seasonal owners are able to comment on the petition; 2. Avoid impacting new areas with the potential of negative economic and environmental consequences when there is a spill; 3. Use the existing utilities easement for essentially the entire length of the pipeline to take advantage of the existing utility easement rather than creating more infrastructure when existing infrastructure is in place (Don't spread the potential for disaster, concentrate it if it must be done.).

Respectfully,
John Forney
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-----Original Message-----

From: apache@web.lmic.state.mn.us [<mailto:apache@web.lmic.state.mn.us>]

Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2014 2:01 PM

To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)

Subject: Fultz Sat Mar 15 14:00:32 2014 PL6668/PPL-13-474

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

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

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

Docket number: PL6668/PPL-13-474

User Name: Kenneth Fultz

County: Aitkin County

City: Palisade

Email: klf1@frontiernet.net

Phone: 2188450951

Impact: After attending the meeting in McGregor On 3-13 regarding this porject it was nice to see that most people were of the same opinion as me regarding the pipeline. Not that were against pipelines it just that Aitkin Co is a wet and fragile enviroment. Our economy is based on tourism and people who own lake homes for weekend and vacations. One leak of any amount could upset the whole eco system. Since attending the meeting I have learned that land owners in the area have already accepted payment for their easements. This makes me think that the meeting and time and effort people went through to be there was a waste of time. The pipeline is already a done deal and the parties involved in the permit process are just gong through the motions. I sincerly hope this is no the case.

Mitigation:

Submission date: Sat Mar 15 14:00:32 2014

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Larry Hartman, Environmental Review Manager
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85 7th Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, Mn. 55101
March 24, 2014

Re: PUC Docket Number (13-474)

We have been notified by Barb Roberts of the Long Lake (Hubbard County) Property Association on 3/21/2014 that there was an important meeting regarding the construction of a crude oil pipe line and pumping station just south of Long Lake and Hubbard. I would like to make some comments regarding this issue, from the data I have received.

1. Although we are not year round residents of Park Rapids/Hubbard, we are property owners on Long Lake, and have a vital interest in maintaining the pristine environment that we and our children have enjoyed, and look forward to our grandchildren to enjoy. However, as property owners, we were never notified of this pipe line. Why was that? We have just as much at stake as the year round residents do.

2. Why does the proposed Sandpiper Pipeline Project Route have to run through/near so many pristine and ecologically important areas like Itasca State Park, where it could easily be built parallel to the existing NDPC/EEP (if I read the computer printout map correctly) pipeline, through a less populated area. The proposed route appears rather convoluted.

3. Has there been an environmental impact statement developed for this proposed pipeline route and pumping station at Hubbard? I would like to have a copy.

4. We agree that to maintain our energy independence, we need to be able to move the newfound crude to our nearest refineries/ports. The pipeline method is a viable solution. However, the pipeline and pumping station must be constructed in a manner, and with best materials that can guarantee 99.999% safety from any breach, whether it be caused by human or nature. We have had enough damage from the Valdez, the BP Gulf leak, the Duke Power coal residue leach into the Dan River, etc. Some areas will never recover from the damage in our lifetime. Our beautiful clean lakes in northern Minnesota must be protected for fishing, swimming, all kinds of boating, camping, tourism, etc. not only for this generation but for future ones as well. This is what makes northern Minnesota attractive to all of us whether we are full time residents, summer residents or tourists.

Sincerely,



James and Vera Gallagher
35147 Maffit Lake Road
Cumming, Iowa 50061

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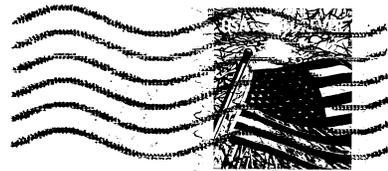
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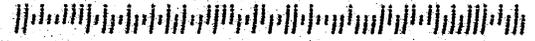
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From: Carson Gardner [mailto:carsong@whiteearth.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2014 4:27 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Cc: wedad08@gmail.com; meta4@tvutel.com
Subject: AGAINST SANDPIPER PIPELINE PROPOSAL
Importance: High

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

Dear Mr. Hartman:

I am a rez-ident of the White Earth Reservation, *Gaa-waabaabiganikaag, Land of Abundant White Clay*. Today I attended the 2014 State of the Nation speech given by our tribal chairwoman, Erma Vizenor, in Mahnomen, MN. In that address, Chairwoman Vizenor pointed out that the White Earth Nation tribal council and government **opposes** the Sandpiper Pipeline pathway proposal, that if built it will endanger tribal treaty lands, wild rice growth and harvest, groundwater—since it is inevitable that, sooner or later, there *will* be a pipeline spill—the ecosystem and lives of multiple wildlife species, plant, animal, bird and fish, and also the health and safety of human residents of *Gaa-waabaabiganikaag*. Our tribal chairwoman made a good case for the decision of the White Earth Tribal Government to oppose the current proposed pipeline route, through First Nation treaty lands. I AGREE WITH ERMA AND HER COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION. I ADVISE YOU **NOT** TO GRAND ENBRIDGE THE PERMITS TO BUILD ACROSS TREATY LANDS, THAT THEY HAVE REQUESTED. I SUGGEST YOU ADVISE ENBRIDGE TO DESIST FROM ATTEMPTS TO VIOLATE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL INTEGRITY OF NATIVE PEOPLE, AND RATHER PURSUE PLACEMENT OF THE PROPOSED PIPELINE ALONG THE "29-94" CORRIDOR, LAND WHICH, THOUGH ONCE JUST AS BEAUTIFUL AS GAA-WAABAABIGANIKAAG, HAS ALREADY BEEN "VIOLATED" BY FREEWAYS AND COMMERCIAL BUILDING, AND THUS IS A MORE REASONABLE PIPELINE ROUTE THAN DESTROYING NATIVE RESERVATION LANDS THAT REPRESENT ONE OF THE FEW SANCTUARIES FOR WILDLIFE, MEDICINAL PLANTS, CLEAN WATER **AND NATIVE AMERICAN PEOPLE**, IN NORTHERN MINNESOTA—AND HAVE ALREADY NEARLY BEEN DECIMATED ONCE BY UNETHICAL, IF NOT ILLEGAL, CORPORATE CLEAR-CUT LOGGING OPERATIONS—AND STILL STRUGGLING TO RECOVER FROM THAT ATTACK. **PLEASE STOP ENBRIDGE FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL/SPIRITUAL/ECOLOGICAL DESTRUCTION MOTIVATED BY THEIR CORPORATE PROFIT MOTIVE.** THERE ARE OTHER WAY TO: 1. OBTAIN HYDROCARBON FUELS IF IT MUST BE DONE, AND 2. TO ROUTE ANY UNAVOIDABLE PIPELINE FROM THE NORTH DAKOTA OIL FIELDS. **THIS IS NOT A CORPORATE PERQ FOR THE ANISHINAABEG AND OYATE PEOPLES OF NORTHERN MINNESOTA; IT IS A LIFE-AND-DEATH CULTURAL, SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL AND TRADITIONAL MEDICAL LAST STAND—WE HAVE NOTHING OTHER THAN THIS BEAUTIFUL LAND LEFT TO TAKE AWAW!**

Thank you for your clear-headed consideration. To do otherwise would be to passively accomplish the same nefarious purpose of the 1978-repealed law against spiritual freedom for Native Peoples in the United States. That law was an atrocity—*putting the Sandpiper pipeline through sovereign treaty lands would be another atrocity*—**don't be either an active or a passive part of such an atrocity—please.**

To give you a smile, I thought I'd send you a wit's observation on updating the humor piece, "10 Questions Native People Should Ask White Folks." Hope it gives you a smile—and helps you remember my plea for your sane approach to preserving the last sanctuary for safety of Ojibwe and Dakota spirituality and traditional life-ways. I mean no insult, just trying to illuminate the humiliating insensitivities we face on a daily basis—don't be a part of them; be a part of the walk-our-talk honorable leadership of the state of Minnesota. You have more than a few other Minnesota diplomats and administrators who will stand with you in support of the Anishinaabeg and Oyate.

Chi-miigwech,

--Carson Gardner

Gaa-waabaabiganikaag

THE REAL TEN THINGS FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE SHOULD SAY TO THEIR TENANTS:

10. At a measly million bucks a day rent, for the whole damn "48"—what a deal, man! —you owe us 1 million X 365 X 520 [approximately, give or take a year or two; we're not greedy]) + (1 million X 130) = 189,800,000,000 + 130,000,000 = 189 billion, 930 million bucks! Let's just call it 190 billion —remember the Ghost Dance Law and Wounded Knee and Sand Creek and...well, you get the picture. I'm sure the United Nations would generate a much higher figure with punitive damages; but hey, we're easy!
9. Don't look at us; you guys invented Leap Years!
8. You never put down the full damage deposit, either, so...hmmm...31,000,000 bucks - 25 bucks = basically 31,000,000 bucks! So you're getting a real deal here, for the 190 billion, man!
7. Don't blame us; you're the ones who said "Do the math!"
6. Cash only, no checks, government credit cards or treasury bonds accepted.
5. Don't blame us; you claimed you were gonna "break the *bonds* of slavery"!
4. So that would be 31 million for January's, 28 or 29 million for February's, 31 million for Marches —say, remember the trail of tears?—30 million for April's, no foolin'!, 31 million for May's, 30 million for Junes, 31 million for July's, 31 million for August's, 30 million for September's, 31 million for October's, 30 million for November's, 31 million for December's. There...did we forget anything?
3. Hmmm...let's see...1.6 billion acres—some of that's water, but we won't charge you *extra* for the water—at 1.88 cents per day per acre—that's more than fair, eh? We should charge you 14.92 cents per day per acre, huh? HA, HA, HA!!! (Then it would be about 8 X 190 billion) That would be... ummm...a million dollars a day rent for the whole damn "48" (states, and D.C., that is); which would be...let's call it...no, we'll just stick with the million bucks a day and *not* give you the discount. Sorry, but business is business!
2. Let's see, when did you guys last pay your rent???
1. *We forgive you...but business is business!*

{FORGET these other 10 things, man!!!

10. How much white are you?

9. I'm part white myself, you know.

8. I learned all your people's ways in the Boy Scouts.

7. My great-great-grandmother was a full-blooded white American Princess.

6. Funny, you don't look white.
5. I'm not racist, my best friend is white!
4. Do you live in a covered wagon?
3. What's the meaning behind the square dance?
2. Can I touch your facial hair?
1. Hey, can I take your picture?}

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From: jennygamer@me.com [mailto:jennygamer@me.com]
Sent: Monday, March 03, 2014 5:14 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: North Dakota Pipeline, PPL-13-474

Hi

I just want to register my concern about a pipeline going through Northern Minnesota, North Dakota pipeline docket PPL-13-474.

My name is Jenny Gamer and I live in Southern Minnesota, in the Faribault area. I have spent summers most of my life visiting Otter Tail county, Star Lake and Dead Lake. I love the lakes. When I moved south of the cities I was shocked to find the water quality down here completely wrecked, we don't even swim in lakes down here. I would be so sad to see the water up north ruined as well, which judging by all of the breaks, leaks and explosions from these pipelines in the news these days, is a matter of **when** not if. Especially the crude coming from North Dakota which is even more dangerous.

I don't know what the solution to transporting the oil is, from what i gather the best solution is not to transport it at all but to leave it in the ground and use our resources to become more efficient. Is a short term fuel source worth harming our lakes in Minnesota? I don't think so. The loons, pelicans, swans, ducks, walleyes, and sunnies don't either. And what would northern Minnesota even be without clean lakes and healthy populations of these creatures?

Thank you
Jenny Gamer

19 March 2014

Mr. Nartsman, re: PPL 13-474

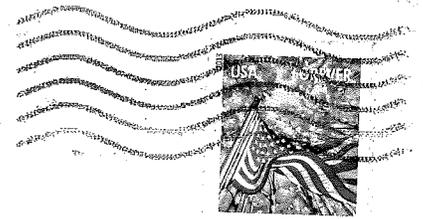
Please respect our beautiful,
Hubbard County wetlands, pristine
rivers and forests as you move
forward to our study of the
massive "oil poison" proposed by
Enbridge. This "route" needs
to be changed, don't you believe?
Jeannet Easton



Jeanne Gaston
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Akeley, MN 56433

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

From: loononcrow@arvig.net [<mailto:loononcrow@arvig.net>]

Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 12:47 PM

To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)

Subject: Sandpiper Pipeline?

Larry, several residents on the Crow Wing Chain of Lakes would appreciate the EXTENSION of "PUBLIC COMMENT TIME" regarding the proposed Enbridge pipeline route. These tax payers, my neighbors, in Hubbard County will not be back "up north" for some time. PLEASE HELP. PUC Docket Number (13 - 474)
Thank you. Jeanne and Sam Gaston 22027 Foothill Trail Akeley, Mn 56433

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

From: loononcrow@arvig.net [<mailto:loononcrow@arvig.net>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 9:21 AM

To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)

Subject: Sandpiper route

Re: PPL - 13 - 474

Larry? I attended the hearing in Park Rapids on March 12th. My eyes were really opened!!! I can't believe that any "thinking" individual or group would allow this pipeline to ruin our beautiful Minnesota Lakes region! As an educator, retired teacher, mother and grandmother I know that this environment is NOT OURS! It is only "on loan" to all of us and actually belongs to our GRANDCHILDREN. As a permanent lake resident on 8th Crow Wing Lake I am strongly opposed to the Sandpiper route that would ruin our pristine rivers/forests/lake region of Hubbard County. PLEASE assist in STOPPING Enbridge from destroying more of our country.
Thanks. Jeanne Gaston 218 - 652 - 2202

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

From: apache@web.lmic.state.mn.us [<mailto:apache@web.lmic.state.mn.us>]

Sent: Friday, April 04, 2014 12:30 PM

To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)

Subject: Geatz Fri Apr 4 12:30:29 2014 PL6668/PPL-13-474

This public comment has been sent via the form at: mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/publicComments.html You are receiving it because you are listed as the contact for this project.

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

number: PL6668/PPL-13-474

User Name: Cindy Geatz

County: Cass County City:

Pine River

Email: cmclevis@yahoo.com

Phone:

Impact: In 2008 my family moved to western Nd because of the economy struggles we had due to the housing industry. We were one of the first familys that moved into the small town we called home for five years. I can tell you first hand what destruction I've seen and heard about over the years. When we first moved there we used to take Sunday drives and enjoy the hundreds of deer and beautiful scenery. Over the years the deer diminished and the the scenery kept getting destroyed. I can't say the reason why the deer disappeared but I can say that the land is getting destroyed because of oil. Last year the kids and I were lucky enough to get away from that area only to find out that now they want to bring the oil close to me again. I've seen the devastation that the oil is doing to that area, I don't want to see it again. When the oil spills in that area, and it does frequently, it's typically in fields where it's able to get contained easier if that's even possible. Here one spill will destroy such a vast area with the rivers, lakes, streams that connect. Oil company will say no possibility of spill happening with top of line pipelines that monitor, but I know first hand what a lie that is. Please stop this pipeline from coming threw an area filed with lakes, rivers, and streams that would make a spill devastating. Is Minnesota lake country worth taking a risk on?

Mitigation:

Submission date: Fri Apr 4 12:30:29 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

Rice, Robin (PUC)

From: Cindy Gengler <cindy.gengler@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2014 9:29 PM
To: #PUC_Public Comments
Subject: Docket 13-474

March 23, 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:

Spectrum Farm is owned by my sister, Rita, her husband, Steve and their children. Fortunately for us, they are willing to share this beautiful land with people they know and love and they let us bring our friends so more people can see how great a place they have created. It is where I learned how to gather eggs from real, live chickens. It is where we get to help boil sap into maple syrup. It is where I got to watch a calf being born one brisk, cold winter morning. It is where I learned to knit when I was 50 years old. It is where I learned the importance of knowing where your food comes from. It is where I go to be who I want to be. It is a place we need to keep free from a pipeline that will change it from a place we love. Please don't let the pipeline go through this farm.

While the Sandpiper pipeline route appears to have been amended to follow more closely the existing pipelines in the area, it still runs through an unacceptable quantity of private land and it does not exclusively follow the existing pipeline. It follows power lines for much of its length and strays from the existing corridor in an attempt to allow for future expansion. While this is a great improvement over the original proposed route, crude oil pipelines and certified *or not* organic farmland need to be far away from each other.

I ask that you please keep oil pipelines with other oil pipelines to protect farmland, wetlands, forests and our beautiful country.

This isn't about money. No amount of money can repay the amount of work that has been put into making Spectrum Farm the place it is. This is about preserving sustainable agriculture and the health of the ecosystems surrounding Lake Superior.

Co-locating new pipelines with existing crude oil pipelines is most consistent with the principle of non-proliferation and minimizes damage to farms, the environment and landowner rights. Please consider this when you make your decision.

Sincerely,

Cynthia A. Gengler
215 10th Ave S, Unit 416
Minneapolis, MN 55415

From: Jim Gerold [mailto:j.gerold.gbc@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, April 04, 2014 9:08 AM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Sandpiper Pipeline Project PUC Docket 13-474

I am concerned about the environmental impacts of this pipeline's preferred route. More specifically, I'm concerned about its effect on the fragile cold water fisheries in the region around Park Rapids. In particular, the Straight River and the effects of the pipeline on it are of great concern to me. The Straight River is a very unique and fragile fishery that has endured many challenges in its past, including the use of the springs that feed it for agricultural irrigation. It can only take so much and I'm afraid that any adverse affects from the pipeline could be the final straw for it, and the many anglers that enjoy spending time in its cold, clear waters chasing oversized trout. This is a fishery that is completely unique to this part of MN and is truly a treasure.

A route that would take the pipeline a safe distance from the Straight River and any other fragile cold water fisheries would be preferred.

Thank you for your time,

Jim Gerold

Gerold Brothers Homes

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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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stop this NOW OR WE WILL
BE NO MORE!!!

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I live in Clearwater County. This is my relationship to the docket. This entire area is my home. I have traveled and lived in other states but I came back here to Northern Minnesota because we have lakes, animals, trees and clean safe drinking water. This area has every thing we need to be self sufficient. Now this is all in jeopardy due to the oil companies.

Some of my worst fears as a young girl have come true. In 1978 I was worried about our water becoming contaminated. My father assured me that the government had laws in place to protect the water, namely the clean water Act of 1972. I believed him and continued to live a nearly carefree life until the 1990's. This is when I began to learn

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and reflect on what was happening in the world that caused or is causing the pollution that plagues us and our environment. I still believed that laws would protect our water above and below ground.

I strongly oppose Enbridge's proposed Sandpiper project. It should not go through this area that is abundant with fish, animals, wild rice, numerous types of berries, medicinal plants and pristine lakes and rivers. The risks are too great!

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission has the duty to uphold the laws that protect the water and our environment!

Sincerely,

Rawley Goodwin

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Re: Docket number 13-474

Honorable Commissioners:

Northern Minnesota farmland is a precious resource that we cannot afford to lose. Pipeline construction in that area is simply not worth the destruction that it would cause.

The many organic farms in this area are vulnerable to loss of certification, soil destruction and ecosystem damage. Whenever possible, routes must avoid organic farms.

Wild, natural, and forested areas not only provide essential ecosystem services to support sustainable farming, they are also valuable natural resources in themselves that provide critical wildlife habitat and protect the health of impaired rivers such as the Nemadji River in the Lake Superior Watershed.

This isn't just about money. This is about preserving sustainable agriculture and the health of the ecosystems surrounding Lake Superior. If our ecosystem suffers, so do we.

Co-locating new pipelines with existing crude oil pipelines is most consistent with the principle of non-proliferation and minimizes damage to farms, the environment and landowner rights.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Grindeland

From: Wayne W. Grundstrom [mailto:WGRUNDSTROM@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 10:23 AM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Cc: staff, cao (PUC)
Subject: Questions about the Sandpiper Pipeline Project and Related Energy Projects

Mr. Hartman,

I noticed your name as someone involved in these issues and decided to forward my questions to you too.

Thanks, Wayne G.

Hello Consumer Advisor,

Hope you are the right person but if not please forward and notify me. Thanks.

Questions:

- 1.) Do MN statutes require and/or allow with limited review the PUC to approve new pipeline proposals or other utilities applications on existing utilities ROW's?
- 2.) Even if there is no statute specifically requiring and/or allowing with limited review is approval likely, based on prior actions of the PUC, that a project proposed to be located on an existing ROW would be approved?
- 3.) What are the legal requirements of a pipeline construction company that has proposed a pipeline route in Minnesota through a privately owned wetland containing portions of native/never farmed land?

I assume that the environmental impact and archaeological significance would be a priority here but I do not know the Minnesota statutes that would help protect the land and the landowner, and that's what I need you to refer me to.

Sincerely,

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From: Bridget Guiza [mailto:bridget@mainstreetproject.org]
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 3:43 PM
To: Hartman, Larry (COMM)
Subject: Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Route

Hello Larry Hartman,

I write to you today to urge you to use what power you have to stop or help stop the routing of this pipeline. In an ideal world we as a people would instead put our energy efforts into renewable forms of energy, where we wouldn't have to exploit our natural resources. This pipeline in particular puts in danger the wildrice and the people who live off of it. We need to remember that 'growth' and 'profits' will no longer sustain what some call the anthropocentric era. Instead, having clean waters and fertile land will allow the human population to thrive.

With energy intensity efforts concentrated on nonrenewable resources, our organic agriculture and natural resources are put at risk. Again, I urge you to use your education and career for the betterment of all who need water and land to thrive.

Truly,

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