

April 12, 2016

RE: Sandpiper PL-6668/CN-13-473 & PPL-13-474, Line 3: PL-9/CN-14-916 & PPL-15-137

Dear Governor Dayton:

The Board of Commissioners from Clearwater County have decided to sign on to the following letter.

We are County Commissioners from counties along the Enbridge Mainline system and the Sandpiper Pipeline and Line 3 Replacement Project routes in northern Minnesota. We requested a meeting with you several weeks ago in the hope of sharing our support for these projects and how important they are to our constituents; the Minnesotans who have lived and worked alongside Enbridge's existing pipelines for 65 plus years. We understand that your schedule didn't align with our request and would like to thank your Chief of Staff for meeting with a few of us.

First, we would like to thank you for your continued support. We appreciate that you understand how important these projects are to our economy and the safety of all Minnesotans located along the oil train routes that cross our state. Every day of further delay is another day that more oil is unnecessarily crossing our state on trains instead of in pipelines where it belongs.

Millions of dollars in local property tax revenue and thousands of jobs are at stake. Our area businesses benefit greatly when projects like these are constructed. Sometimes these projects are the difference between businesses closing or staying open for the area. Delays by agencies can kill projects like these. Local support for these projects is strong in our counties and we want to make sure you are aware of that.

We ask you and your agencies to work as expediently as possible in supporting the PUC so they can review and permit these projects in a timely manner. The jobs and tax and economic benefits from Sandpiper are past due and Line 3 has already lost months in process.

We invite you, your staff or the Lieutenant Governor to visit with us and our constituents in our home counties anytime so we can further talk about how these projects would benefit our area and the state. Thank you for your time Governor Dayton.

Sincerely,

Clearwater County Board of Commissioners,

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