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*** RESOLUTION NO. 15-000***

BY COMMISSIONER: ADOPTED: September 8, 2015

WHEREAS, Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership (Enbridge) has been operating safely and successfully in Minnesota for more than 65 years; and,

WHEREAS, significant improvements to the Nation's energy infrastructure are needed in order to increase national security and energy independence; and,

WHEREAS, Enbridge places safety and environmental protection at the forefront of all its daily operations and major projects, and constantly improved procedures, technologies and training to reduce the potential for spills as well as improve results from remediation; and,

WHEREAS, Line 3 was constructed in the 1960's and its replacement will reduce future maintenance activities and disruptions to landowners and the environment; and,

WHEREAS, Enbridge is investing nearly $2.1 billion in the Line 3 Replacement Project in Minnesota and the Line 3 Replacement Project is estimated to provide $19.5 million in annual property taxes beginning the first full year of service; and,

WHEREAS, the Line 3 Replacement Project will create approximately 1500 construction jobs in Minnesota; and,

WHEREAS, Enbridge has worked hard to keep the Carlton County Board and its citizens informed and at the table with respect to the design and location of both the Sandpiper Pipeline Project and Line 3 Replacement Project routes; and,

WHEREAS, the Carlton County Board is satisfied with the currently proposed colocation of the Sandpiper and Line 3 as the preferred routes minimize human and environmental impacts; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carlton County Board of Commissioners extends its support for Enbridge's Certificate of Need and Route Permit Application for the Line 3 Replacement Project and urges the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to adhere to an efficient permitting process for the Line 3 Replacement Project and to approve Enbridge's proposed route.

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Upon motion by Brenner, seconded by Zmyslony, and carried, the above resolution was adopted.

Yea votes: Peterson, Zmyslony, Brenner, Proulx and Bodie
Nay votes: None
Absent: None

I, Paul G. Gassert, Auditor of the County of Carlton, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 8th day of September, 2015, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE in Carlton, Minnesota, this 8th day of September, 2015.

Paul G. Gassert

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