



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS SCOPING MEETINGS

*Issued: August 17, 2015*

DATE AND TIME	MEETING LOCATION ADDITION
Thursday, August 27, 2015 11:00am	East Lake Community Center 36666 State Highway 65, McGregor MN 56718

**In the Matter of the Applications of Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership for a Certificate of Need and a Pipeline Routing Permit for the Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Project in Minnesota from the North Dakota Border to the Wisconsin Border**

**Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket Numbers:** PL-9/CN-14-916 – Certificate of Need  
PL-9/PPL-15-137 – Route Permit

### Project Description

Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership (Enbridge) proposes to:

- Replace 282 miles of its existing 34-inch diameter Line 3 pipeline with 337 miles of 36-inch diameter pipeline
- Follow the existing Line 3 from the Minnesota-North Dakota border to Clearbrook
- Follow the same route proposed for the Sandpiper pipeline (PUC Docket Number 13-474) from Clearbrook to the Minnesota-Wisconsin border
- Permanently deactivate the existing Line 3 in-place after the replacement pipeline is in service
- Upgrade pump stations at Clearbrook, Donaldson, Plummer, and Viking
- Build new pump stations at Backus, Cromwell, Palisade, and Two Inlets

The proposed project is located in Aitkin, Carlton, Cass, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Wadena counties.

Enbridge states the project is needed to address safety and integrity issues associated with the existing Line 3 pipeline.

### Meeting Information

- Each meeting starts on time.
- Arrive a few minutes early so you have time to sign in, pick up materials, and find a seat.
- State agency staff members run the meetings.
- Public Utilities Commission, Department of Commerce, and Enbridge staff will be available to answer questions about the permitting process and the project.
- You may add verbal comments, written comments, or both into the record.
- The Department of Commerce uses comments received at the meeting and during the comment period to develop the environmental analysis for this project.

<b>11:00am Meeting Agenda</b>	
11:00-11:30	Formal presentations – <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Utilities Commission</li><li>• Enbridge</li><li>• Department of Commerce</li></ul>
11:30-12:30	Citizen Comments
12:30-12:45	Break
12:45-2:00	Citizen Comments
2:00	Meeting Adjourns

**Bad weather?** Find out if a meeting is canceled. Call (toll-free) 1-855-731-6208 or 651-201-2213 or visit [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc)

## **Submit Comments, Alternative Routes, Route Segments, Project Alternatives**

### **Topics Open for Public Comment:**

- Please focus your comments on information that will help answer the following questions.
- In your comments, please state which question(s) you are addressing.
  1. What human and environmental impacts should be studied in the environmental analysis?
  2. Are there any specific methods to address these impacts that should be studied in the environmental analysis?
  3. Are there any alternative routes or route segments that should be considered? (Related to the *Route Permit*)

If proposing an alternative route or route segment, consider the following:

- Does the alternative address an unavoidable impact?
  - Does the alternative offer significant environmental or socioeconomic benefits compared to the proposed project?
  - Is the alternative feasible and prudent?
  - Does the alternative meet the described need and purpose for the project?
4. Are there any alternatives to the project that should be considered? (Related to the *Certificate of Need*)

If proposing an alternative to the project, consider the following:

- Project size – can a smaller or larger sized project better meet the decision criteria?
- Project type – can a different method (for example, existing pipeline, rail, or truck) meet the need?
- Project timing – is the project needed now or in the future?
- Is the alternative feasible and prudent?
- Does the alternative meet the described need and purpose for the project?

**Comment Period** Comments accepted through September 30, 2015  
Please include the PUC Docket Numbers (*above*) in all communications.

**Online** [mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/#comment](http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/#comment)

**Email** [jamie.macalister@state.mn.us](mailto:jamie.macalister@state.mn.us)

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**Important** Comments will be made available to the public via the Public Utilities Commission's and the Department of Commerce's websites, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Personally identifying information is not edited or deleted from submissions.

## Process Information

Before the project can be built, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) must approve both a certificate of need and a pipeline route permit.

The certificate of need process determines the size, type and timing of the proposed pipeline and whether there is a better alternative for meeting Enbridge's stated need.

The pipeline route permit process designates the route for the pipeline and associated facilities and conditions for right-of-way preparation, construction, clean-up, and restoration. This process studies alternative routes and route segments for the pipeline.

At its July 1, 2015 meeting, the Commission determined Enbridge's certificate of need and pipeline route permit applications are complete. This means the company submitted all the information required to begin the review process. The Commission's decision-making process takes about twelve to fifteen months.

Department of Commerce Energy Environmental Review and Analysis staff prepares an environmental analysis for the certificate of need and a comparative environmental analysis for the route permit.

After the environmental review in each proceeding is completed, an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) holds public hearings. You may speak at the hearings, ask questions, and submit written comments about the project.

After the public hearings, the Commission reviews all the information in the record, including written comments and comments received at the public hearings. The Commission's final decisions on the Line 3 certificate of need and route permit are expected by October 2016.

**Eminent Domain:** If issued a route permit by the Commission, Enbridge may use the power of eminent domain to take land for this project.

Any new easement or right-of-way agreements reached between Enbridge and landowners before a pipeline route permit is issued will not be considered in the Commission's final decision.

## How to Learn More

**Department of Commerce Project Website:**

<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=34079>

**Project Mailing List:** Sign up to receive notices about project milestones and opportunities to participate (meetings, comment periods, etc.).

Contact [docketing.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:docketing.puc@state.mn.us) or 651-201-2204 with the docket number (*14-916 for Certificate of Need; 15-137 for Route Permit*), your name, mailing address, and email address.

**Full Case Record:** All documents filed in these docket are available via the Commission's website at [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc), select *Search eDockets*, enter the year (*14*) and the docket number (*916*) for Certificate of Need or the year (*15*) and the docket number (*137*) for Route Permit, select *Search*.

**Subscribe to the Docket:** Subscribe to receive email notifications when new documents are filed. Note - subscribing may result in a large number of emails.

1. [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc)
2. Select green box *Subscribe to a Docket*
3. Type your e-mail address
4. For *Type of Subscription*, select *Docket Number*
5. For *Docket Number*, select *14* in the first box, type *916* in the next box - Certificate of Need
6. For *Docket Number*, select *15* in the first box, type *137* in the next box - Route Permit
7. Select *Add to List*
8. Select *Save*

**Community Locations:** The certificate of need and route permit applications will be available at the following locations in communities crossed by the proposed pipeline:

- City Clerk
- County Auditor
- Township Clerk
- Public Library
  - Aitkin Public Library, 110 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE, Aitkin
  - Bagley Public Library, 79 Spencer Avenue SW, Bagley
  - Bemidji Public Library, 509 American Avenue NW, Bemidji
  - Bovey Public Library, 402 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Bovey
  - Brainerd Public Library, 416 S 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Brainerd
  - Carlton Public Library, 213 Chestnut Avenue, Carlton
  - Cass Lake Community Library, 223 Cedar Avenue, Cass Lake
  - Cloquet Public Library, 320 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Cloquet
  - Coleraine Public Library, 203 Cole Street, Coleraine
  - Duluth Public Library, 520 W Superior Street, Duluth
  - Godel Memorial Library, 314 E Johnson Avenue, Warren
  - Gonvick Lake Agassiz Regional Library, 170 Main Street, Gonvick
  - Grand Rapids Public Library, 140 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Grand Rapids
  - Hallock Public Library, 101 1<sup>st</sup> Street E, Hallock
  - Kitchigami Regional Library, Wadena City Library, 304 1<sup>st</sup> Street SW, Wadena
  - Marble Public Library, 302 Alice Avenue, Marble
  - McGregor Public Library, 111 E Center Avenue, McGregor

- Mount Royal Branch Library, 105 Mt Royal Shopping Circle, Duluth
- Northwest Regional Library, 210 LaBree Avenue, Thief river Falls
- Outing Volunteer Library, 6300 Woods Bay Drive NE, Outing
- Park Rapids Area Library, 210 W 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Park Rapids
- Pine River Public Library, 212 W Barclay Avenue, Pine River
- Red Lake Falls Public Library, 105 Champagne Avenue SW, Red Lake Falls
- Thief River Falls Public Library, 101 E 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Thief River Falls
- Walker Public Library, 207 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Walker
- West Duluth Branch library, 5830 Grand Avenue, Duluth

**Available on CD:** You may contact Enbridge Energy Limited Partnership to request the certificate of need and route permit applications on CD (see below).

**Enbridge Energy Limited Partnership Project Information**

[www.enbridge.com/Line3ReplacementProgram](http://www.enbridge.com/Line3ReplacementProgram) or 1-855-788-7812

**Minnesota Statutes and Rules:** The certificate of need application is reviewed under Minnesota Statute 216B and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7853. The pipeline route permit application is reviewed under Minnesota Statute 216G and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7852.

Minnesota Statutes and Rules are available at [www.revisor.mn.gov](http://www.revisor.mn.gov).

<b>Project Contacts</b>
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**Department of Commerce Environmental Review Manager**

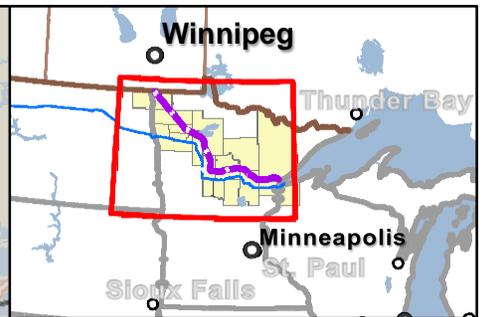
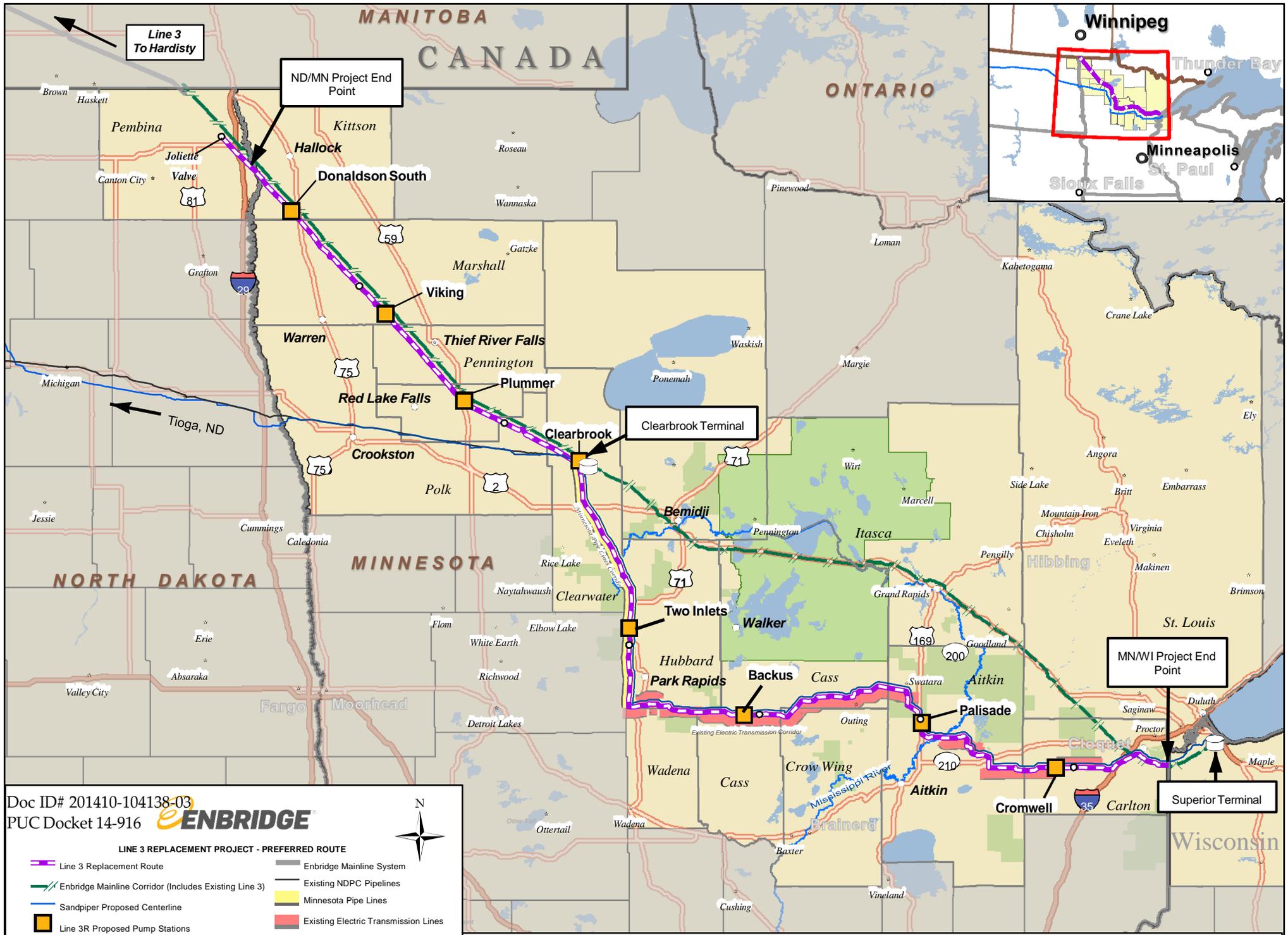
Jamie MacAlister at [jamie.macalister@state.mn.us](mailto:jamie.macalister@state.mn.us) 651-539-1775 or 1-800-657-3794

**Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership Project Contact**

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This document can be made available in alternative formats (e.g., large print or audio) by calling 651-296-0406 (voice). Persons with hearing or speech disabilities may call us through their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service.

If any reasonable accommodation is needed to enable you to fully participate in these meetings (e.g., sign language, foreign language interpreter, large print materials), please contact the Commission at 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782 at least one week in advance of the meeting



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**LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT - PREFERRED ROUTE**

Line 3 Replacement Route	Enbridge Mainline System
Enbridge Mainline Corridor (Includes Existing Line 3)	Existing NDPC Pipelines
Sandpiper Proposed Centerline	Minnesota Pipe Lines
Line 3R Proposed Pump Stations	Existing Electric Transmission Lines
Enbridge Terminals	

Line 3 Centerline Rev H East: 9/26/2014  
 Line 3 Centerline Rev A West: 10/13/2014

Author: CMW  
 Date: 10/23/2014

Additional detailed project maps can be found on the project website at [www.enbridge.com/Line3ReplacementProgram](http://www.enbridge.com/Line3ReplacementProgram) or by calling the Line 3 Replacement Project team at 855-788-7812.