

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AND EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS FOR
THE PROPOSED LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership for a Certificate of Need for the Proposed Line 3 Replacement Project in Minnesota from the North Dakota Border to the Wisconsin Border

In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership for a Route Permit for the Proposed Line 3 Replacement Project in Minnesota from the North Dakota Border to the Wisconsin Border

PUC Docket Numbers: PL-9/CN-14-916 (Certificate of Need) and PL-9/PPL-15-137 (Route)

OAHS Docket Numbers: 65-2500-32764 (Certificate of Need) and 65-2500-33377 (Route)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission will hold public hearings and evidentiary hearings on the certificate of need and route permit applications filed by Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership for its proposed Line 3 Replacement Project.

PUBLIC HEARING DATES AND LOCATIONS

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday September 26, 2017	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Ralph Engelstad Arena 525 Brooks Avenue North Thief River Falls, MN 56701 Pennington County
Thursday September 28, 2017	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	St. Paul Intercontinental Hotel 11 East Kellogg Boulevard St. Paul, MN 55101 Ramsey County
Tuesday October 10, 2017	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	IRA Civic Center 1401 NW 3rd Avenue Grand Rapids, MN 55744 Itasca County
Wednesday October 11, 2017	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	East Lake Community Center 36666 State Highway 65 McGregor, MN 56718 Aitkin County

Date	Time	Location
Thursday October 12, 2017	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Grand Casino Hinckley 777 Lady Luck Drive Hinckley, MN 55037 Pine County
Tuesday October 17, 2017	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Sanford Center 1111 Event Center Drive NE Bemidji, MN 56601 Beltrami County
Wednesday October 18, 2017	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Duluth Entertainment Convention Center 350 Harbor Drive Duluth, MN 55802 St. Louis County
Wednesday October 25, 2017	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Cross Lake Community Center 14126 Daggett Pine Road Cross Lake, MN 56442 Crow Wing County
Thursday October 26, 2017	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	River’s Edge Convention Center 10 Fourth Avenue South St. Cloud, MN 56301 Stearns County

EVIDENTIARY HEARING DATES AND LOCATIONS

Date	Time	Location
November 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, and 9, 2017. If needed, November 13, 14, and 15, 2017	9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Public Utilities Commission – Large Hearing Room 121 7th Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101 Ramsey County

To find out if a meeting has been cancelled due to bad weather, call 1-855-731-6208 or visit: mn.gov/puc.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Comment Period: A written comment period is open from the date of this notice until **Wednesday, November 22, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.** *Comments that are not delivered to the Commission by 4:30 p.m. on November 22nd may not be considered.*

Interested persons may submit comments in the following ways:

Email: publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us

Online: mn.gov/puc/line3/participate/comment

U.S. Mail: Scott Ek
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

Fax: 651-297-7073

Please include the Commission's Docket Numbers 14-916 (Certificate of Need) or 15-137 (Route) and OAH Docket Numbers 65-2500-32764 (Certificate of Need) or 65-2500-33377 (Route) in the subject line of all communications.

Important: Except in limited circumstances, comments will be made available to the public via the Commission's electronic docketing system (eDockets). Each week during the comment process, comments received will be uploaded to eDockets and will be provided to the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). *Please note that personally identifying information will not be edited or deleted from submissions.*

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Line 3 Replacement Project proposed by Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership is described as a new 337-mile long, 36-inch diameter pipeline that would replace 282 miles of the existing 34-inch Line 3 pipeline in Minnesota. The pipeline route proposed by Enbridge would parallel the route of the existing Line 3 pipeline from the North Dakota-Minnesota border to Clearbrook, Minnesota, but would require a new right-of-way from Clearbrook to Superior, Wisconsin. The existing Line 3 pipeline is proposed to be permanently deactivated and left in-place after the new pipeline is installed, tested, and operational. Associated facilities would include eight pumping stations, valves, metering and monitoring equipment, and related electrical facilities. Enbridge's proposed pipeline route would cross portions of Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Clearwater, Hubbard, Wadena, Cass, Crow Wing, Aitkin, and Carlton counties.

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

The purpose of the public hearing is to compile a full record for the Commission to consider in making a final decision on the Line 3 Project certificate of need and route permit applications.

The hearing will be conducted by an ALJ in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, sections 14.57 to 14.62; Minnesota Rules, parts 1405.0200 to 1405.2800; and, to the extent they are not superseded, Minnesota Rules, parts 7829.0100 to 7829.3200. The applicable statutes and rules are available at: revisor.mn.gov.

Members of the public may participate without the necessity of intervening as a party. Representation by legal counsel is permitted but not required. Citizens will have the opportunity to question witnesses and offer oral and written comments into the record at the hearing. The hearings will end upon the final speaker. Please arrive promptly to be heard. If the final speaker is heard prior to the scheduled end time, the hearing will adjourn. The ALJ may elect to recess the hearing and set additional days for hearing, if necessary.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Full Case Record: All documents filed in this docket are available at: mn.gov/puc, select *eDockets*, enter the year (14) and the docket number (916) for the certificate of need docket, or the year (15) and the docket number (137) for the route permit docket, and select *Search*.

Filing Requirements: Utilities, telecommunications carriers, official parties, and state agencies are required to file documents using the Commission's eFiling system. Visit: mn.gov/puc, select *eFiling*, and follow the prompts.

Subscribe to the Docket: Receive email notification when new documents are filed in this matter: mn.gov/puc, select *Subscribe*, and follow the prompts.

Project Mailing List: Sign up to receive notices about project milestones and opportunities to participate in meetings and comment periods. Email docketing.puc@state.mn.us or call 651-201-2204 to be placed on the project mailing list. Please include the docket number 14-916 or 15-137, your name, mailing address, and email address.

If you have questions about this docket or the Commission's process and procedures, please direct them to Scott Ek of the Commission staff at 651-201-2255 or scott.ek@state.mn.us.

To request this document in alternative formats, such as large print or audio, call 651-296-0406 (voice). Persons with a hearing or speech impairment may call us through their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service or email consumer.puc@state.mn.us for assistance.