

NOTICE



NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE - PUBLIC INFORMATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS SCOPING MEETINGS

Issued: July 20, 2015

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

Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary
Public Utilities Commission

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.

DATE AND TIME	MEETING LOCATION
Tuesday, August 11, 2015 11:00am	Hallock City Hall – Upstairs Auditorium 163 3rd Street SE, Hallock MN 56728
Tuesday, August 11, 2015 6:00pm	Newfolden Community Center 145 E. 1st Street, Newfolden MN 56738
Wednesday, August 12, 2015 6:00pm	Ralph Engelstad Arena – Imperial Room 525 Brooks Avenue, Thief River Falls MN 56701
Thursday, August 13, 2015 11:00am	Plummer Senior Citizen Center 185 Minnesota Street S, Plummer MN 56748
Thursday August 13, 2015 6:00pm	Gully Community Center 120 S Main St, Gully MN 56646
Monday, August 17, 2015 6:00pm	Clear Waters Life Center – Gymnasium 256 2nd Avenue SW, Clearbrook MN 56634
Tuesday, August 18, 2015 6:00pm	Rice Lake Community Center – Gymnasium 13830 Community Loop, Bagley MN 56621
Wednesday, August 19, 2015 11:00am	Park Rapids Century School – Cafetorium 501 Helten Avenue, Park Rapids MN 56470
Wednesday, August 19, 2015 6:00pm	Park Rapids Century School – Cafetorium 501 Helten Avenue, Park Rapids MN 56470
Monday, August 24, 2015 6:00pm	Pine River-Backus High School – Commons 810 1st Street N, Pine River MN 56474
Tuesday, August 25, 2015 11:00am	McGregor High School – Gymnasium 148 S 2nd St, McGregor MN 55760
Tuesday, August 25, 2015 6:00pm	McGregor High School – Gymnasium 148 S 2nd St, McGregor MN 55760
Wednesday, August 26, 2015 11:00am	Carlton County Transportation Department 1630 County Road 61, Carlton MN 55718
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11:00am Meeting Agenda		6:00pm Meeting Agenda	
11:00-11:30	Formal presentations – • Public Utilities Commission • Enbridge • Department of Commerce	6:00-6:30	Formal presentations – • Public Utilities Commission • Enbridge • Department of Commerce
11:30-12:30	Citizen Comments	6:30-7:30	Citizen Comments
12:30-12:45	Break	7:30-7:45	Break
12:45-2:00	Citizen Comments	7:45-9:00	Citizen Comments
2:00	Meeting Adjourns	9:00	Meeting Adjourns

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:
 - o Does the alternative address an unavoidable impact?
 - o Does the alternative offer significant environmental or socioeconomic benefits compared to the proposed project?
 - o Is the alternative feasible and prudent?
 - o 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:
 - o Project size – can a smaller or larger sized project better meet the decision criteria?
 - o Project type – can a different method (for example, existing pipeline, rail, or truck) meet the need?
 - o Project timing – is the project needed now or in the future?
 - o Is the alternative feasible and prudent?
 - o 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

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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 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, 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.

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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
- o Aitkin Public Library, 110 1st Avenue NE, Aitkin
- o Bagley Public Library, 79 Spencer Avenue SW, Bagley
- o Bemidji Public Library, 509 American Avenue NW, Bemidji
- o Bovey Public Library, 402 2nd Street, Bovey
- o Brainerd Public Library, 416 S 5th Street, Brainerd
- o Carlton Public Library, 213 Chestnut Avenue, Carlton
- o Cass Lake Community Library, 223 Cedar Avenue, Cass Lake
- o Cloquet Public Library, 320 14th Street, Cloquet
- o Coleraine Public Library, 203 Cole Street, Coleraine
- o Duluth Public Library, 520 W Superior Street, Duluth
- o Godel Memorial Library, 314 E Johnson Avenue, Warren
- o Gonvick Lake Agassiz Regional Library, 170 Main Street, Gonvick
- o Grand Rapids Public Library, 140 NE 2nd Street, Grand Rapids
- o Hallock Public Library, 101 1st Street E, Hallock
- o Kitchigami Regional Library, Wadena City Library, 304 1st Street SW, Wadena
- o Marble Public Library, 302 Alice Avenue, Marble
- o McGregor Public Library, 111 E Center Avenue, McGregor
- o Mount Royal Branch Library, 105 Mt Royal Shopping Circle, Duluth
- o Northwest Regional Library, 210 LaBree Avenue, Thief River Falls
- o Outing Volunteer Library, 6300 Woods Bay Drive NE, Outing
- o Park Rapids Area Library, 210 W 1st Street, Park Rapids
- o Pine River Public Library, 212 W Barclay Avenue, Pine River
- o Red Lake Falls Public Library, 105 Champagne Avenue SW, Red Lake Falls
- o Thief River Falls Public Library, 101 E 1st Street, Thief River Falls
- o Walker Public Library, 207 4th Street, Walker
- o 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 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.

Project Contacts

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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.

