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SCOPING AND INFORMATIONAL MEETING  
GULLY - AUGUST 13, 2015 - 6:00 P.M.  
BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

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1 MS. TRACY SMETANA: Again, good evening,  
2 and thank you all for coming.

3 My name is Tracy Smetana, I'm the public  
4 advisor with the Minnesota Public Utilities  
5 Commission and we are here for the public  
6 information meeting for the Enbridge Line 3  
7 Replacement Project.

8 You can see on the title screen I've got  
9 a couple docket numbers. Those are the numbers that  
10 the Commission uses to track everything that happens  
11 with this particular project. You can see there are  
12 two of them. The first is what we call a  
13 certificate of need, it answers the question is the  
14 project needed. The second is for a route permit,  
15 which answers the question where will it go.

16 The purpose of tonight's meeting is to  
17 briefly explain the Commission's review process for  
18 this project, provide some information about the  
19 proposed project, gather information for the  
20 environmental review, and to answer some general  
21 questions that you may have about the process and  
22 the project.

23 If you saw the notice, you saw there was  
24 an agenda in there as well. We'll try to stick to  
25 this as best we can. We do have some formal

1 presentations to kick things off. We hope to finish  
2 those within about a half hour and then we'll move  
3 into the main event, which is your comments and  
4 questions. If those comments and questions continue  
5 into 7:30 we will need to take a break at that  
6 point.

7 So who is the Public Utilities  
8 Commission? Well, we're a state agency, we regulate  
9 a number of utility-related matters, including  
10 permitting for pipelines, which is obviously why  
11 we're here. We have five commissioners that are  
12 appointed by the governor and about 50 staff in  
13 St. Paul.

14 Again, this large energy facility  
15 requires a certificate of need before it can be  
16 built and I've indicated up here the statutes and  
17 rules that apply to the process. And, again, the  
18 second piece of that puzzle is the route permit.  
19 Again, the statutes and rules listed here for your  
20 information.

21 As we work through this process, there  
22 are a number of agencies and other folks that are  
23 involved so you might be interested in knowing who  
24 are these people. First off, we have the applicant.  
25 That's what we call the company asking for the

1 certificate of need and the route permit, so in this  
2 case that's Enbridge Energy.

3 At the Department of Commerce, another  
4 state agency, there are two different groups that  
5 get involved in the process. The first is the  
6 Energy Environmental Review and Analysis group. You  
7 might see that abbreviated EERA. And as you might  
8 guess by their name, they conduct the environmental  
9 review for the project. The other piece of  
10 Department of Commerce is the Energy Regulation and  
11 Planning and they represent the public interest when  
12 utilities ask to change rates, services, facilities,  
13 and so on.

14 Another state agency, the Office of  
15 Administrative Hearings, will also get involved in  
16 this process a little bit later on. There will be  
17 an administrative law judge that will hold hearings,  
18 both public hearings here and what we call  
19 evidentiary hearings, more like a court proceeding,  
20 likely in St. Paul, who will summarize the facts in  
21 the record and write a report for the Public  
22 Utilities Commission as part of the decision-making  
23 process.

24 At the Public Utilities Commission,  
25 sometimes abbreviated PUC, there's two different

1 staff members assigned to this case. The first is  
2 our energy facilities planner, and their job is more  
3 on the technical side, assist the commissioners in  
4 building the record, providing them with information  
5 on impacts of different decision alternatives and so  
6 on. And then there's the public advisor, that's me,  
7 and my job is to talk to regular people and explain  
8 how the process works, what steps are next, how you  
9 can get involved, when you can get involved, and so  
10 on. In both cases Commission staff members are  
11 neutral parties, we're not advocating for one group  
12 or another, one position or another, we don't give  
13 legal advice, we're here to provide information for  
14 you.

15 So when the Public Utilities Commission  
16 is considering the question of is the project  
17 needed, the statutes and rules provide a list of  
18 items that the Commission has to consider. I'm not  
19 going to read through these, you have them on your  
20 handout, some of you might have seen this slide  
21 before. But anyway, there are statutes and rules  
22 that describe what the Commission has to do when  
23 they consider this process.

24 And then the same is true for the route  
25 permit. So it lists a number of items. Some of

1           them are things that you may be concerned with as  
2           well. The rules do not, however, rank these. So  
3           it's up to folks to submit information into the  
4           record and help the Commission determine how these  
5           things balance out in the end if a route permit is  
6           granted.

7                         So this is a high level overview of what  
8           the process looks like. I'm not going to read  
9           through every step and explain them to you, I mainly  
10          want to point out that there are a number of steps  
11          along the way. Right now we're right here, public  
12          information meetings. So we have a lot of things  
13          that will happen between now and when we get to that  
14          bottom box of a decision point.

15                        I also want to point out that there are  
16          several opportunities along the way for you to  
17          participate, either by attending meetings like you  
18          are today or by submitting written comments. And a  
19          similar looking chart for the route permit process.  
20          So kind of the same thing. There's a number of  
21          steps along the way before we get to that decision  
22          point and also opportunities for you to participate.

23                        This is the same information pretty much  
24          in list form and with some dates. And keep in mind  
25          these are estimated dates. We anticipate, based on

1 where things are today, that the Commission could  
2 make a decision on the certificate of need in June  
3 of 2016 and a decision on the route permit in August  
4 of 2016. And, again, those dates are all subject to  
5 change.

6 Now, as I mentioned, you have  
7 opportunities to participate along the way. So one  
8 of the ways you'll know that you have opportunities  
9 is when the Commission publishes a notice telling  
10 you, hey, we have some questions we need help with.  
11 So things you want to look for on this notice if you  
12 see one like this would be the docket number --  
13 again, that's the key to everything for us to make  
14 sure it gets in the right spot. A comment period,  
15 there's going to be an end time, just like an  
16 assignment that you might get in a class you're  
17 taking or something, you have to turn it in when  
18 it's due. And then we'll also list the topics open  
19 for comment. So as we work through the process  
20 there will be different questions that we need help  
21 answering so we can move on to the next step.

22 So kind of a summary there, the keys to  
23 sending comments. Include that docket number, very  
24 important. Stick to the topics listed as much as  
25 possible, that's going to be the most helpful for us

1 and it will give your comments the most impact in  
2 the process. You don't need to submit your comments  
3 more than once. Once they're in the record, they're  
4 in there. Verbal and written comments carry the  
5 same weight so if you speak them you don't also need  
6 to write them and vice versa. You certainly can do  
7 that, but as I said, once they're in the record in  
8 whichever form you submit them, they're in.

9 Also important to point out is the  
10 Commission's decision is based on the facts in the  
11 record. It's not based on, say, a popularity  
12 contest, how many people like this option better  
13 than that one or whatever the case might be, it's  
14 definitely the facts in the record. So if you can  
15 stick to the facts, that's very helpful.

16 I also want to let you know that comments  
17 are public information. So anything that you submit  
18 in terms of a comment for this process, whether it's  
19 a verbal comment or a written comment, it's going to  
20 be posted on the Internet for all to see. So just  
21 be cautious about what you include in those  
22 comments, if you don't want it on the web, don't put  
23 it in your comments. Again, it must be received  
24 before the deadline in order to be considered.

25 If you'd like to get more information

1 about the project, the Commission has what we call  
2 an eDocket system where all documents that are  
3 submitted are recorded, and that's on the Internet.  
4 So you're certainly free to go look at that if  
5 you're interested. Those are the steps that you  
6 would follow to get there.

7 We also have a project mailing list.  
8 There's an orange card at the table when you came in  
9 that you can fill out and return back to that same  
10 table. You can receive information about project  
11 milestones and opportunities to participate. So  
12 sort of the high points, if you will, rather than  
13 every little thing that happens along the way.

14 Now, if you do want to get every little  
15 thing that happens along the way, we have an e-mail  
16 subscription service where you'll get a notification  
17 every time something new comes in. These are the  
18 steps that you would follow if you want to  
19 subscribe. And I do want to point out that it can  
20 result in a lot of e-mail. Sometimes there's a lot  
21 of steps going on in these cases and people might  
22 think that's way too much e-mail for me. But the  
23 good news is you can always unsubscribe if that's  
24 the case. And this is what it looks like when you  
25 get to that screen to subscribe. People will say

1           it's not super user-friendly so I always like to  
2           give you a picture so you know you're in the right  
3           place and doing the right thing when you get there.

4                     And, again, the PUC project contacts for  
5           this particular case. Again, my name is Tracy, I'm  
6           the public advisor. My counterpart, the energy  
7           facilities planner for this case, is Scott Ek.  
8           Either one of us are happy to answer questions along  
9           the way.

10                    And, with that, I will turn it over to  
11           Enbridge.

12                    MR. MITCH REPKA: Good evening.

13                    My name is Mitch Repka, I'm the manager  
14           of engineering and construction for the U.S. portion  
15           of the Line 3 Replacement Project.

16                    I want to start by thanking the Minnesota  
17           Public Utilities Commission as well as the DOC for  
18           inviting us here today to share additional details  
19           with you regarding the project and also to answer  
20           any questions and hear any comments that you may  
21           have.

22                    I'd like to start today with a safety  
23           moment. And today's safety moment, with Enbridge's  
24           tradition to keep in mind, I guess, is to consider  
25           our exits in the case of an emergency or a fire, as

1 an example. So there's an exit on each of the three  
2 of the front doors here and also in the back where  
3 you likely entered the building. And our muster  
4 point today will be the playground facilities on  
5 this side of the building. So consider watching out  
6 for each other, grabbing a buddy, and we'll muster  
7 over there if we need to evacuate in an emergency.  
8 So that's the safety moment.

9 As for the presentation today, we'll go  
10 through who Enbridge is, the history of Line 3, I'll  
11 talk about specifics regarding the project, and then  
12 we will finish with a discussion on the benefits.

13 So Enbridge owns and operates the longest  
14 crude oil transmission system in the world, pipeline  
15 system. It delivers approximately 2.2 million  
16 barrels of crude and liquid petroleum a day and it  
17 also satisfies approximately 70 percent of the  
18 market demand right here in the Upper Midwest area.

19 As you may be able to see on the map, I  
20 realize it's difficult to see, but the yellow  
21 indicates the liquid transmission line system, the  
22 blue indicates natural gas facilities. The company  
23 also has a growing portfolio of wind, solar, and  
24 geothermal assets.

25 Enbridge operates under three core values

1 of integrity, safety, and respect. And these core  
2 values are interwoven in every aspect of what we do  
3 on a daily basis, whether it be in design,  
4 construction, land acquisition, or the ongoing  
5 operations and maintenance of our existing  
6 facilities. Safety is a top priority for our  
7 landowners, for the community members, and Enbridge  
8 takes this responsibility very seriously. We're  
9 committed to providing long-term safe, reliable  
10 operation of our assets across the system as well as  
11 right here in Minnesota.

12 The existing Line 3 was constructed in  
13 the 1960s and was placed into service in 1968. It's  
14 approximately 1,097 miles in length and a 34-inch  
15 diameter pipeline that spans from Edmonton, Alberta  
16 to Superior, Wisconsin. It's an integral part of  
17 the Enbridge mainline system and delivers crude to  
18 refineries here in Minnesota, Wisconsin, as well as  
19 other portions of North America.

20 The replacement program, which is why  
21 we're here today, is an integrity- and  
22 maintenance-driven program. So Enbridge is  
23 proposing to install a new 36-inch diameter line  
24 from Hardesty, Alberta to Superior, Wisconsin, and  
25 will permanently deactivate the existing 34-inch

1 line.

2 Regulatory approvals are currently being  
3 sought in both Canada and the U.S. The overall  
4 construction is estimated to be -- to cost  
5 approximately \$7.5 billion, which makes it one of  
6 the largest infrastructure projects here in North  
7 America. The U.S. portion of that is approximately  
8 2.6 billion.

9 As for the U.S. portion of the project,  
10 again, it is an integrity- and maintenance-driven  
11 project and therefore will result in the permanent  
12 deactivation of our existing facility. This will  
13 reduce the need for long-term maintenance and  
14 integrity dig activity along the existing route.  
15 The U.S. portion is 364 miles in length, it is 36  
16 inches in diameter. 13 of those miles are in North  
17 Dakota, 337 are in Minnesota, and 14 are in  
18 Wisconsin.

19 The certificate of need and the route  
20 permit applications were filed on April 24th of  
21 2015. And pending receipt of regulatory approvals,  
22 we'd expect construction to start in 2016 and carry  
23 through to 2017.

24 As for the Minnesota-specific details of  
25 the project, the proposed route is shown in purple.

1 It enters in Kittson County, Minnesota in order for  
2 it to be able to tie to the North Dakota segment.  
3 And it travels to Clearbrook to allow for deliveries  
4 into the Minnesota Pipe Line system, as well as our  
5 existing terminal facility. And then follows the  
6 proposed Sandpiper route and exits in Carlton County  
7 and ties to our Wisconsin segment there.

8 The project consists of eight pump  
9 stations denoted by the orange squares that you see  
10 at Donaldson, Viking, Plummer, and Clearbrook, at  
11 existing sites north and west of Clearbrook, and  
12 then at new locations near Two Inlets, Backus,  
13 Palisade, and Cromwell. The line is operated to  
14 flow 760,000 barrels per day of crude and has 27  
15 mainline valves located along the route.

16 As for the land requirements. The  
17 current design is 120 feet in width in uplands and  
18 95 feet in wetlands for temporary work space. Of  
19 that, 50 feet is our permanent easement. In  
20 locations where we're parallel to existing Enbridge  
21 facilities we require 25 feet of permanent easement  
22 and we share the other 25 feet with the adjacent  
23 facilities. 98 percent of the route north and west  
24 of Clearbrook is along existing utility corridors  
25 and 75 percent of the route south and east of

1 Clearbrook is along existing utility corridors. So  
2 the Minnesota portion of the project is estimated at  
3 \$2.1 billion.

4 As for the benefits of the project. As  
5 mentioned earlier, it is a maintenance- and  
6 integrity-driven project and therefore the old line  
7 will be permanently deactivated, which will result  
8 in a reduced need for ongoing maintenance and  
9 integrity dig activities, therefore reducing  
10 landowner environmental impacts along the existing  
11 route.

12 The historical operating capabilities of  
13 Line 3 will also be restored as a result of the  
14 project, which will alleviate some of the  
15 apportionment that our customers are currently  
16 experiencing on our Enbridge mainline system.

17 As for jobs, we anticipate 1,500  
18 construction jobs will be created as a result of the  
19 project. About 50 percent of those will come from  
20 our local union halls here in Minnesota. There will  
21 also be a need for long-term jobs as a result of the  
22 new line being placed into service in order to  
23 operate and maintain the new facility.

24 During construction, local businesses  
25 will see a direct benefit as labor is brought into

1 the area to construct the pipeline. Those folks  
2 will need a place to stay, they'll need housing,  
3 food, supplies, they'll shop at our local grocery  
4 stores, gas stations, hardware stores, et cetera.  
5 So those benefits will be seen by the local  
6 businesses as a result of the project.

7 On a long-term basis we also anticipate  
8 additional tax revenue in the amount of \$19.5  
9 million and that revenue will go to each of the  
10 counties that the new line operates in. That money  
11 can be used for a variety of things within the  
12 county, whether it be infrastructure improvements or  
13 a potential reduced tax burden for the county  
14 community members.

15 So, again, I'd like to thank you for  
16 attending today and we look forward to questions and  
17 comments. With me here today we've got a number of  
18 Enbridge folks here to help answer questions and  
19 hear your comments, so I'd like to take just a  
20 minute for them to introduce themselves.

21 MR. BARRY SIMONSON: Okay. Thanks,  
22 Mitch.

23 Good evening, everyone.

24 My name is Barry Simonson, I am the  
25 project director for Line 3. In that role, I have

1 the ultimate, I guess, accountability for the  
2 project to be done on time and under budget with  
3 quality and safety and environmental stewardship in  
4 mind.

5 So thanks again, everyone, for showing up  
6 tonight.

7 MR. JOHN GLANZER: Good evening.

8 I'm John Glanzer, director of  
9 infrastructure planning for Enbridge, where we take  
10 a forward-looking view on the liquids pipeline  
11 network to anticipate what's needed to stay ahead of  
12 the consumer demand for energy along our footprint.

13 MR. JOHN MCKAY: Good evening and thanks  
14 for coming.

15 My name is John McKay, I'm the senior  
16 manager for land services for U.S. projects. And I  
17 basically help provide oversight for the acquisition  
18 of land rights across the projects and also  
19 construction support and restoration activities.

20 MS. HELENE LONG: Good evening.

21 I'm Helene Long, I'm the lawyer who works  
22 with this team in trying to help them move forward  
23 Line 3.

24 MR. PAUL LEHMAN: Good evening and thank  
25 you for coming.

1           My name is Paul Lehman, I'm an analyst on  
2 the environmental permitting team and I help submit  
3 and apply for the environmental applications and I'm  
4 happy to answer any questions.

5           MR. JOHN PECHIN: Hello.

6           My name is John Pechin, I'm the Bemidji  
7 area operations manager and I'm responsible for the  
8 electrical and mechanical maintenance after the  
9 project comes into service.

10          MR. MITCH REPKA: Thank you.

11          And we'll turn it back over to the  
12 Department of Commerce.

13          MS. JAMIE MACALISTER: Good evening,  
14 everyone.

15          I'm Jamie MacAlister and with me tonight  
16 is Larry Hartman, we're both with the Department of  
17 Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis  
18 unit.

19          I'm going to give you a little bit of  
20 information about the permitting process here  
21 tonight and submitting your comments.

22          I'd first like to give you some  
23 information about what's in your folders. You  
24 should have a comment form in your folder, as well  
25 as a draft scoping document, and a guidance document

1 on how to submit comments, as well as some maps. If  
2 you're missing any of that information, please see  
3 the back table and they will help you figure out  
4 anything you're missing and give you the right  
5 papers.

6 So the pipeline routing process is  
7 governed by Minnesota Statute 216G and Minnesota  
8 Rule 7852. The Line 3 pipeline will be a full  
9 review process, which will include preparation of an  
10 environmental document, which is the comparative  
11 environmental analysis. And the public hearings  
12 will be presided over by an administrative law judge  
13 from the Office of Administrative Hearings.

14 Tracy has gone over the process with you  
15 a little bit, I just wanted to point out, as she  
16 did, that there are a number of steps left before we  
17 get to a final permit decision. We're still very  
18 early in the process, at the public information and  
19 scoping meetings. We will be accepting route and  
20 segment alternatives and preparing a package for the  
21 Commission. They will approve those route  
22 alternatives that will be considered for the  
23 comparative environmental analysis before we move  
24 into the contested case hearing.

25 So these scoping meetings are really to

1 provide the public agencies, local governments, and  
2 tribal governments the opportunity to help us  
3 identify issues and impacts, both human and  
4 environmental, that will be used for analysis in the  
5 comparative environmental analysis document. To  
6 allow people the opportunity to participate in the  
7 development of route and segment alternatives. And,  
8 again, I just want to reiterate that it is the  
9 Public Utilities Commission that will ultimately  
10 approve the routes considered for analysis.

11 The comparative environmental analysis is  
12 the environmental document for pipelines. It is an  
13 alternative form of environmental review that's been  
14 approved by the Minnesota Environmental Quality  
15 Board to meet the Minnesota Environmental Policy  
16 requirements.

17 This analysis is really meant to look at  
18 impacts and mitigation of the proposal as well as  
19 any alternatives. It does not advocate for any  
20 particular alternative. We're really presenting the  
21 facts. And our goal is for the public and  
22 decision-makers to be able to make informed  
23 decisions.

24 So when submitting your comments to us,  
25 particularly if you're proposing route or segment

1 alternatives, it's helpful if you include a map. It  
2 could can be an aerial photo, a county map, a plat  
3 map, identifying the route or route segment, as well  
4 as to provide a brief description of the existing  
5 environment and supporting information so that we  
6 don't have to guess as to your intent with your  
7 alternative.

8 The alternatives also need to mitigate a  
9 specific impact. These impacts can be aesthetic, it  
10 could be a land use impact, it could be a natural  
11 resource impact, it could be an economic impact. So  
12 think about the issues and impacts that are  
13 important to you at the local level that you feel is  
14 important for us to look at.

15 And, additionally, the alternatives must  
16 meet the need for the project. So the project needs  
17 to come into Minnesota in Kittson County, it must go  
18 to Clearbrook, and it must terminate in Superior.

19 So I just want to run through some  
20 examples from a transmission line of route  
21 alternatives that have been used to mitigate  
22 potential impacts for a variety of different issues.  
23 This one is for a historic property, you see there  
24 were a couple alternatives to avoid an historic  
25 property. Sometimes alternatives are to parallel

1 existing infrastructure more than a proposed route.  
2 In this particular case the avoidance issue was a  
3 memorial site. The alternative is how to avoid  
4 hitting this memorial site.

5 And I also wanted to talk about some of  
6 the route alternatives and segment alternatives that  
7 have already been included into the Line 3 project  
8 as part of the Sandpiper project. As you know,  
9 Sandpiper and Line 3 will share a corridor from east  
10 of Clearbrook towards Superior. And during the  
11 Sandpiper information meetings there were a number  
12 of routes and segment alternatives proposed.

13 This map shows a closeup of all of the  
14 route alternatives and siting alternatives that are  
15 already under consideration. These were approved by  
16 the Public Utilities Commission last August and they  
17 are being carried forward with Line 3. So these  
18 will already be analyzed in the comparative  
19 environmental analysis.

20 As Tracy mentioned, we're anticipating  
21 for the schedule that once the comment period closes  
22 the end of September, that the PUC would consider  
23 routes in November. The comparative environmental  
24 analysis would be released sometime early next  
25 spring, likely in March. And a Commission permit

1 decision sometime next summer, July or August of  
2 2016.

3 So as we move into our  
4 question-and-answer session here, I'd like to just  
5 remind everyone of one speaker at a time. Please  
6 state and spell your name for the court reporter,  
7 for Janet. If you don't, she will remind you,  
8 sometimes kindly, to do that. Please limit your  
9 comments to a few minutes so we can have everyone  
10 who would like to speak have the opportunity to do  
11 so. And, if possible, to keep your comments focused  
12 on scoping for Line 3.

13 As Tracy mentioned, any comments that you  
14 provide us tonight will go into the record. If  
15 you're more comfortable submitting your comments via  
16 a comment form, you're welcome to do that. You can  
17 leave comment forms with us tonight, you can send  
18 them in, you can send me an e-mail, a fax, at any  
19 point to give me comments. And, again, if you have  
20 any questions at any point about a route alternative  
21 or a segment alternative and would like assistance  
22 with that, I'm always happy to help out with that.

23 And just to remind you that the comment  
24 period does close September 30th so, please, if  
25 you're sending comments in, make sure that we get

1 those by September 30th.

2 And with that, we will move into our  
3 question-and-answer session.

4 MR. LARRY HARTMAN: Rick Klein.

5 MR. RICK KLEIN: For the record, my name  
6 is Rick Klein, R-I-C-K, K-L-E-I-N. I work for the  
7 Minnesota Pipe Trades Association. I am the  
8 marketing representative of our association. My  
9 duties include making sure that the manpower is  
10 available for this type of a project. We have  
11 approximately 8,000 members in the state of  
12 Minnesota ready to go to work at all times, if need  
13 be.

14 My assurance to people that live in these  
15 townships and towns along the line would be that we  
16 would make sure that this is done professionally and  
17 in a timely manner.

18 In addition to the 8,000 in the state of  
19 Minnesota, we have an additional 330,000 of  
20 qualified workers in the United States and Canada.  
21 And I'm proud to say that we'd be honored to build  
22 this pipeline.

23 I'm in support of both the need and the  
24 routing. Thank you.

25 MS. JAMIE MACALISTER: Thank you.



1 construction to build domestic infrastructure to  
2 better the future and getting America less dependent  
3 from oil from conflict areas of the world that may  
4 be funding future or current enemies.

5 I also have a question on the slides. As  
6 far as on your slides, it didn't have any -- as far  
7 as the dates to submit comments for any other, like,  
8 routes or anything like that, it's all  
9 September 30th, right?

10 MS. JAMIE MACALISTER: Correct.

11 MR. ROBERT TERAN: So nothing else will  
12 be taken after that?

13 MS. JAMIE MACALISTER: Not for the  
14 information meetings.

15 MR. ROBERT TERAN: Not for what?

16 MS. JAMIE MACALISTER: Not after the  
17 public information meetings are over.  
18 September 30th is the deadline. There will be  
19 opportunities to provide information during the  
20 contested case hearings.

21 MR. ROBERT TERAN: Okay.

22 MS. JAMIE MACALISTER: So all comments  
23 need to be received by September 30th.

24 MR. ROBERT TERAN: And any information?

25 MS. JAMIE MACALISTER: And any

1 information, yes.

2 MR. ROBERT TERAN: Okay. Thank you.

3 MS. JAMIE MACALISTER: Do we have any  
4 other questions out there? All right.

5 MR. MICHAEL JOHNSON: How about comments?

6 MS. JAMIE MACALISTER: Comments are also  
7 welcome.

8 MR. MICHAEL JOHNSON: Can I come up here?

9 MS. JAMIE MACALISTER: Please.

10 MR. MICHAEL JOHNSON: My name is Michael  
11 Johnson, I'm from Gonvick, Minnesota.

12 And ever since the 1950s, Lakehead, which  
13 is now Enbridge, their pipeline went right across  
14 our family farms. And we've always been impressed  
15 with how well they've taken care of the land.  
16 They've been good stewards of the right-of-way.

17 To me, using the existing right-of-way  
18 only makes sense. It keeps people close to where  
19 their jobs are and it doesn't disrupt any other  
20 properties.

21 And to move liquid by pipe just makes  
22 sense to me. I think to a majority of people it  
23 does, too.

24 But I remember when I was little, one of  
25 the pipelines that went through our farm, I probably

1 shouldn't tell this to Enbridge now with their  
2 safety record, but probably about 8:00, 9:00 at  
3 night, I would take my bike and I would ride my bike  
4 through the pipe before it was welded, and I would  
5 think the oil was right behind me so I'd really ped  
6 fast.

7 But, no, I guess, too, my grandpa, which  
8 just passed away, and he was so proud of the  
9 terminal in Clearbrook, it provided so many jobs.

10 So thank you for your time.

11 MS. JAMIE MACALISTER: Thank you.

12 Careful on that bike.

13 Do we have any other questions or  
14 comments?

15 All right. With that, we will close this  
16 evening's meeting. Thank you all for coming. We  
17 look forward to hearing from you. If you have any  
18 questions or comments that you would like to provide  
19 here after the meeting, we'll be here to field those  
20 as well. Thanks.

21 (Proceedings concluded.)

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