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This is the same letter of support that other counties have sent in recently.

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On Behalf Of: McGregor Area Chamber of Commerce

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The McGregor Area Chamber of Commerce stands in opposition to the proposed Sandpiper pipeline route. "We urge the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to consider a safer, alternative, non-water route for the Sandpiper, and to weigh the "need" of the North Dakota Pipeline Company against the need for a strong tourism economy in Minnesota that is based on a long-standing, traditional, well-established and iconic natural resource: the land and clean waters of Minnesota."

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Docket #: 14-916 (Line 3 Docket, but of interest to us)

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Enbridge filed a Petition on 10/24/14 requesting for its Line 3 replacement project some exemptions for various requirements. They provided information to support the variances by claiming the enforcement of such rules to be an "excessive burden" because the existing Line 3 requires at least 900 repairs in the next 6 years. This problem, they believe, will be better solved by swiftly building the Line 3 replacement than by disturbing "the surrounding environment and nearby residents and landowners" as required by the repair work to the current pipeline.

Each request is carefully analyzed by the DOC-DER, with several recommendations of acceptance, denial, and requests for more information. Perhaps the most important

recommendation for our purposes is this: “At this early date, many impacted parties may not be aware of or closely following this docket. Further, Enbridge has already made several requests in this docket that, if approved, will affect the content provided in the CN Application, the timing of the Application evaluation process, and procedures for handling sensitive data. In addition, the Applicant seeks for this Project co-location with the proposed Sandpiper project (if approved). Because of these unusual circumstances, the Department recommends that the Commission require Enbridge to serve electronic copies of all documents currently filed in eDockets for this Project on the service lists for the Sandpiper, Docket No. PL-6668/CN-13-473, and Line 67 Upgrade, Docket No. PL-9/CN-13-153, projects and to do so before the Commission considers Enbridge’s variance, exemption and Order requests. This approach would allow provide broad notice to likely affected persons together with opportunity to comment on the Applicant’s requests before the Commission makes its decisions.”

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