

STATE OF MINNESOTA
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Nancy Lange	Chair
Dan Lipschultz	Commissioner
Matthew Schuerger	Commissioner
John Tuma	Commissioner
Katie Sieben	Commissioner

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

MPUC Docket No. PL-9/CN-14-916;
OAH Docket No. 65-2500-32764

**REPLY COMMENTS OF THE UNITED ASSOCIATION
REGARDING TIMING OF FEIS ADEQUACY DETERMINATION**

The United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada, AFL-CIO (“United Association”), an Intervenor in the above-captioned proceeding, respectfully submits these comments in support of Enbridge Energy, LP’s (“Enbridge”) comments that an adequacy determination on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (“FEIS”) in this matter should be made within the statutory 280-day timeframe set forth in Minn. Stat. § 116D.04, subd. 2a(h). The United Association submits that the schedule proposed by Enbridge in its comments filed on June 20, 2017 – setting a date for an FEIS adequacy determination of September 7, 2017 – is reasonable and allows for an appropriate amount of time for all steps in the FEIS process.

The United Association has advocated for consistency, reliability, and adherence to the applicable rules in terms of the timing of this proceeding because its members count on procedurally-predictable permitting processes with minimal delay in order to have access to the job opportunities that make up their livelihoods. The schedule proposed by Enbridge provides

for this type of streamlined and efficient process at the same time as it provides for the fulfillment of all statutory steps within their required timeframes.

With these reasons in mind, the United Association respectfully requests that the Commission issue an adequacy determination on or before September 11, 2017, in accordance with the timeframe set forth in Minn. Stat. § 116D.04, subd. 2a(h).

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Respectfully submitted,

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