

## NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: February 27, 2019

### In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Energy for a Pipeline Routing Permit and Partial Exemption for the Fond du Lac Line 4 Project in Saint Louis and Carlton Counties

**PUC Docket Number(s):** PL9/PPL-18-752

**Comment Period:** Comment period closes March 11, 2019 at 4:30pm

*Comments received after the close of the comment period may or may not be considered by the Commission.*

#### Topic(s) Open for Comment:

- Does the application contain the information required under Minnesota Rules parts 7852.2100 to 7852.3100?
- Should the Commission accept the application to begin the review process?
- Are there other issues or concerns related to this matter?

#### Background:

On February 25, 2019, Enbridge Energy filed an application for a route permit and partial exemption from certain pipeline routing permit procedures with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The Project as proposed would relocate approximately 10 miles of the existing Line 4 pipeline from the center of the existing Enbridge Mainline Corridor (Corridor) to the outer edge of the Corridor within the Fond du Lac Band Reservation. The project also proposes to deactivate and remove the existing above-grade Line 4 segment.

The partial exemption review process is applicable to pipeline projects that are not anticipated to have significant environmental impacts. The partial exemption process is outlined in Minn. Rule 7852.0600 and applications are reviewed under the evaluation criteria outline in Minn. Rule 7852.0700. The partial exemption review process is anticipated to be completed in 90 days.

Commission and Department of Commerce staff will hold public meetings and solicit comments on the proposed pipeline project and whether to grant the partial exemption and a route permit.

If the Commission determines that the project *will* have significant environmental impacts, the Commission may deny the request for a partial exemption, and the applicant may then request that their application be considered under the full review process.

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