

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS AND COMMENT PERIOD

Issued: April 26, 2019

In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership for a Route Permit and Partial Exemption for the Fond du Lac Line 4 Project in Saint Louis and Carlton Counties

Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Docket Number: **PL-9/PPL-18-752**
Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Docket Number: **21-2500-36053**

PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, May 22, 2019	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Arrowhead Town Hall 9798 Highway 2 Brookston, MN 55711
Thursday May 23, 2019	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Fond du Lac Community College 2101 14 th Street Cloquet, MN 55720

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Project Description

On March 18, 2019, Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership (Enbridge) filed a *Revised Pipeline Routing Permit and Partial Exemption Application for the Fond du Lac Line 4 Pipeline Project in Saint Louis and Carlton Counties*. The proposed project entails the replacement, relocation, and burial of an approximately 10-mile segment of the Line 4 pipeline on the Fond du Lac Reservation. Construction of the project will allow deactivation, and removal of the existing Line 4 pipeline. Enbridge stated it proposed the project to address concerns raised by the Fond du Lac Band of Superior Chippewa related to the above-grade installation of the subject line because it creates a barrier to natural water flow, as well as impedes land access to tribal resources. Enbridge cited several positive impacts of the project on humans and the environment.

The proposed project would replace an existing 48-inch diameter aboveground pipeline with a 36-inch diameter underground pipeline. Associated facilities with the project include mainline valves, access roads, and cathodic protection equipment. The replacement pipeline would be placed along the south side of the existing Enbridge Mainline Corridor.

Enbridge stated the project would cost approximately \$100 million. The proposed project would be placed in-service in the 3rd Quarter of 2020.

The Commission will decide whether to grant or deny the partial exemption based upon any comments received, the information in the record, and the criteria set forth in Minnesota Rule 7852.0700, Subp. 3. If the Commission does not grant the partial exemption, Enbridge may submit its application pursuant to the Commission's full pipeline route selection procedures.

Meeting Information

- The meetings start on time.
- Arrive a few minutes early so you have time to sign in, pick up materials, and find a seat.
- Administrative Law Judge Kimberly Middendorf will preside over the meeting.
- Public Utilities Commission, Department of Commerce, and Enbridge representatives are available to answer questions about the permitting process and the project.
- You may add verbal comments, written comments, or both into the record.

Submit Comments

Topics Open for Public Comment:

Please focus your comments on information that will help answer the following questions.

- What potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project should be considered?
- What are the possible methods to minimize, mitigate, or avoid potential impacts of the proposed project?
- Are there any unique characteristics of the proposed site or the project that should be considered?
- Should the Commission grant or deny the partial exemption requested by Enbridge?
- Are there other project related issues or concerns?

Comment Period Comments accepted through: **June 14, 2019 at 4:30 PM**

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

Online	Visit mn.gov/puc , select Speak Up! to find this docket, and add your comments to the discussion.
Email	publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us
U.S. Mail	Charley Bruce, Public Advisor Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 7 th Place East, #350 Saint Paul MN 55164
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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 pipeline can be constructed, the Commission must issue a route permit for the project. Enbridge's partial exemption application was accepted as complete by the Commission in April 11, 2019. The Commission's exemption process takes about 90 days.

The public information meeting is intended to inform the public about the permitting process, to compile information to assist the Commission in determining whether to grant or deny the partial exemption application, and to afford an opportunity for members of the public to submit comments. In deciding whether to grant or deny the partial exemption, the Commission will consider comments filed, the information contained in the application and the record as a whole relevant to the criteria for a partial exemption. If the Commission grants a partial exemption, it will issue a pipeline route permit.

How to Learn More

Department of Commerce Project Website: <https://mn.gov/eera/web/project/13512/>

Project Mailing List: Sign up to receive notices about project milestones and opportunities to participate (meetings, comment periods, etc.). Contact Leesa Norton at docketing.puc@state.mn.us or 651-201-2204 with the docket number (18-752), your name, mailing address and email address.

Full Case Record: See all documents filed in this docket via the Commission's website - mn.gov/puc, select *Search eDockets*, enter the year (18) and the docket number (752), select *Search*.

Subscribe to the Docket: To receive email notification when new documents are filed, go to the Commission's website, mn.gov/puc, select Subscribe, and follow the prompts.

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Community Locations: The application is available at these locations:

- **Carlton County Auditor's Office, 301 Walnut Avenue, #205-207, Carlton, MN 55718**
- **Saint Louis County Auditor's Office, 100 N. 5th Avenue West, Duluth, MN 55802**
- **Duluth Public Library, 520 W. Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55803**
- **Cloquet Public Library, 320 14th Street, Cloquet, MN 55720**

Minnesota Statutes and Rules: This project is reviewed under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 216G and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7852, available at www.revisor.mn.gov.

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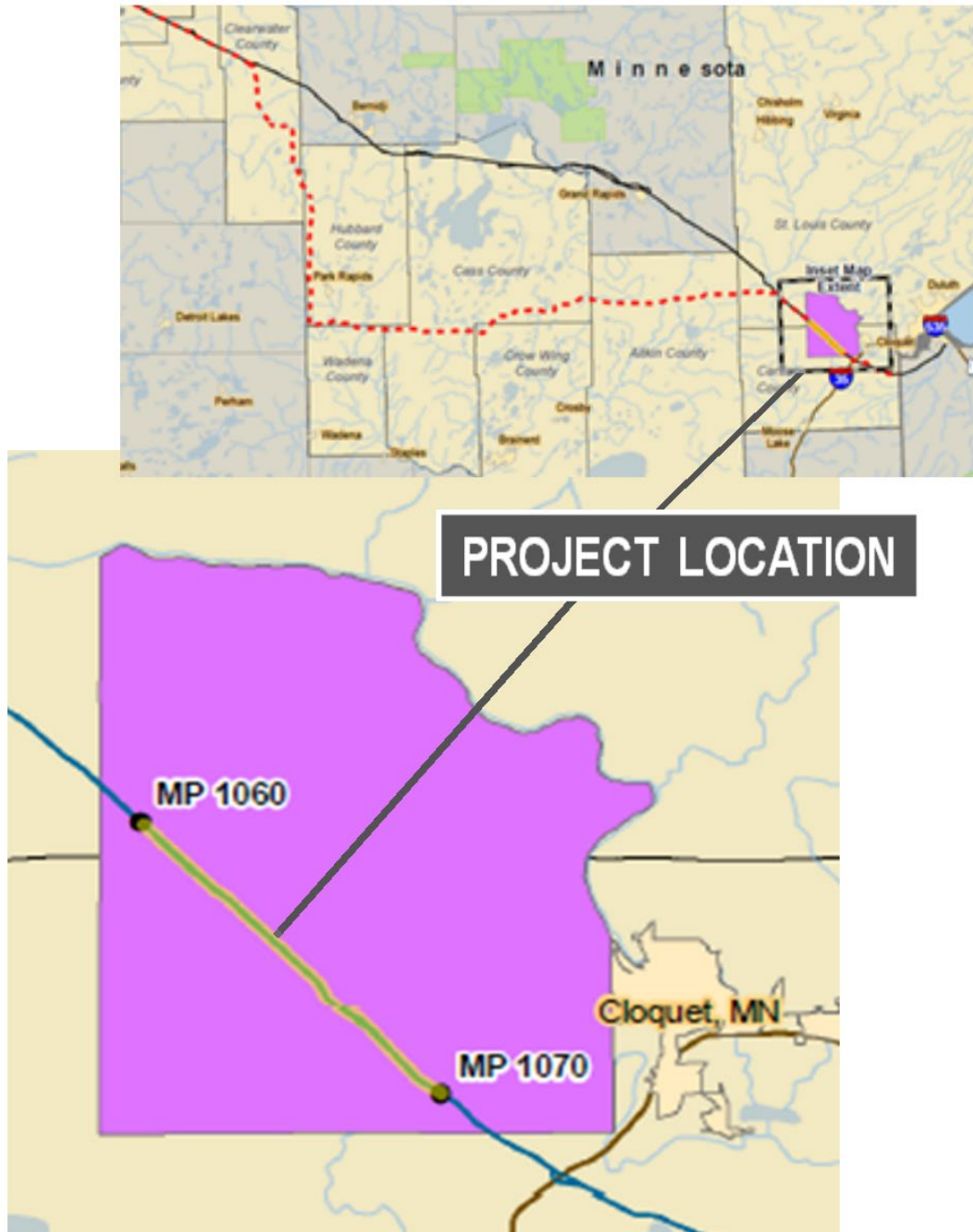
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