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Mr. Daniel P. Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
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January 4, 2019

Re: In the Matter of Enbridge's Proposed Tribal Economic Opportunity and Labor Education Plan as a Condition of the Line 3 Replacement Project
PL-9/PPL-15-137, Submission: 201812-148543
PUC Filed: 12/17/2018

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On December 17, 2018, the Minnesota Public Utility Commission published notice of the comment period for official parties on Enbridge's Tribal Economic Opportunity and Labor Education Plan ("the Plan") as part of the Line 3 pipeline routing permit compliance filing requirement. This comment period includes official party questions about the Plan, due on January 4th, 2019.

The attached are Honor the Earth's questions about the Plan. We look forward to hearing Enbridge's timely responses to our questions, and gaining a detailed description, quantifiable selection matrices, and trackable markers of how \$100M will be invested into Minnesota's communities; to date we have only seen a 12-page plan.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tara Houska".

Tara Houska, Honor the Earth



Honor the Earth requests clarity and further detail on the following:

1. How much was spent on the cultural survey? How many jobs were associated, how many were Minnesota tribal members, and how much of the \$100M pool was expended on the cultural survey of a route through Minnesota tribal treaty territory?
2. To which entity did Enbridge's \$100k donation to a Fond du Lac tribal job fair go to? Does that count towards the \$100M pool dedicated to the Line 3 project on the United States side? Are future tribal job fairs planned? How much of the \$100M will be accounted for as "donations"?
3. Whether there is a set ratio of Minnesota tribes vs. non-Minnesota tribes to receive this tribal economic development, as Minnesota tribal status is not a requirement to fulfilling this condition.
 - a. One of the four primary requirements of the Tribal Economic Opportunity and Education plan is that Enbridge identifies specifically how Minnesota-based tribal members and businesses will be given preference under the committed target, yet the plan opens up by stating that while "preference will be given to Minnesota-based tribal members and businesses, non-Minnesota based tribal members and businesses are included in the \$100 million target."
4. Whether there is a projected or set number of tribal trainees funded by this Plan. To date there was a total of 8 in 2017, and 36 in 2018 in the United States.
5. Of the 16 tribal members trained at Leech Lake, how many are still employed?
6. How will the tribal liaison be selected and what level of communication with the public will be required?
7. Will auditing and documentation created by the tribal liaison be publicly available?
8. What role will state agencies, such as the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, play in overseeing and verifying tribal qualifications and proper licensing of the Indian businesses Enbridge intends to employ as part of its compliance requirements?
9. Is there any specific tribal renewable energy components as part of this plan?
10. How will Enbridge employ tribal members and businesses in ecosystem restoration and wild rice restoration? Is there a specific portion of the \$100M dedicated to this area?