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Re: Aitkin County Government Center Expansion Project

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The 19th day of July, 2017 and was thereafter printed and published on every Wednesday to and including Wednesday, the 26th day of July, 2017

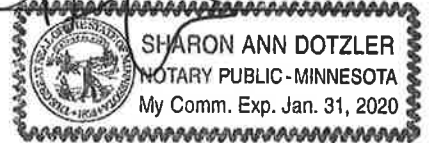
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By: Linda Bauer Title: Bookkeeper

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 26th day of July, 2017

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July 19 & 26, 2017
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF EAW
 An Environmental Assessment Worksheet for the Aitkin County Government Center Expansion project has been completed and is available for review by contacting County Administrator, Jessica Seibert at 218-927-3093, jessica.seibert@co.aitkin.mn.us or 217 2nd St. NW Rm 130, Aitkin, MN 56431. The Government Center will be connected to the historic courthouse and jail addition opened in 2002. The courthouse will have some interior remodeling to address justice related spaces. The construction will address needed space shortages, security concerns, accessibility, and wayfinding needs. The 1915 jail building will be demolished to allow space for the new addition. Written comments will be accepted in person, by mail, or by email at the above mentioned addresses for 30 days ending August 17, 2017.



August 1, 2017

Ms. Jessica Siebert
Clerk
Aitkin County
217 2nd St NW Rm 134
Aitkin, MN 56431-1272

Dear Ms. Siebert,

You are likely aware that in June 2017, the Minnesota Department of Commerce held 22 public information meetings to collect feedback on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for our Line 3 Replacement Project. Permanent deactivation of the existing Line 3¹ was a common topic at the meetings. We want to ensure that you have the most accurate information regarding Line 3's deactivation.

Please join us for a digital town hall on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 4:00 pm. The town hall will provide a brief overview of the deactivation process and an opportunity for you to ask questions directly of our project staff.

There are a couple ways to join, by phone or online. To participate by phone, pre-register at bit.ly/enbridgeregistration and you will receive a phone call just prior the start of the meeting or you can call direct, (855)-756-7520 Ext. 36157#. To participate online, go to bit.ly/enbridgetownhall4.

Enbridge is responsible for our pipelines whether they are actively transporting energy or not. Enbridge will continue to operate the existing Line 3 pipeline safely while the new pipeline is being permitted and built. Minnesota and Midwestern refineries served by Line 3 rely on continuous deliveries of crude oil in order to provide the gasoline, heating oil, and feedstock for other products we use every day. Once the replacement pipeline becomes operational, the existing Line 3 will be permanently deactivated in place.

Deactivating a pipeline in place is the standard industry practice regardless of its prior transportation purpose and meets all regulatory requirements. Water wells, sewers and water mains are all taken out of service in similar fashion. This standard of deactivation is less disruptive to landowners and the environment.

¹ Line 3, originally built in the 1960s, is an existing Enbridge 34" crude petroleum pipeline running from Hardisty, Alberta, Canada to Superior, Wisconsin. Line 3, along with five pipelines north of Clearbrook, Minn., and six pipelines south of Clearbrook, Minn., is part of the Enbridge Mainline right-of-way across Minnesota.

The deactivation process includes:

- Purging the pipeline of all product using an inert gas;
- Using a combination of pipeline cleaning tools (pigs) and cleaning solutions to wipe and clean the pipeline;
- Physically disconnecting and sealing off the pipeline from active operational facilities; and
- Isolating to protect water resources by permanently closing pipeline valves or cutting and plating.

Enclosed is a graphic that demonstrates the deactivation process.

Like all Minnesotans, Enbridge is committed to protecting our waters and environment. Deactivating the infrastructure in place will protect our water resources and the pipeline will continue to be a load-bearing structure for centuries. It is the safest option to reduce the risk of soil stability issues, avoid potential construction impacts to landowners and the environment and reduce the potential risk of damage from heavy equipment to the other existing pipelines in the same corridor where Line 3 currently is positioned.

Again, **Enbridge is responsible** for our pipelines whether they are actively transporting energy or not. Enbridge will maintain, monitor and take full financial responsibility for the deactivated pipeline forever. Landowners will never be financially responsible for an Enbridge asset.

If you have further questions and would like to speak directly to an Enbridge representative, we encourage you to call our toll-free informational line at (855) 788-7805 or email us at enbridgeinmn@enbridge.com. We look forward to speaking with you next Wednesday, August 9, 2017.

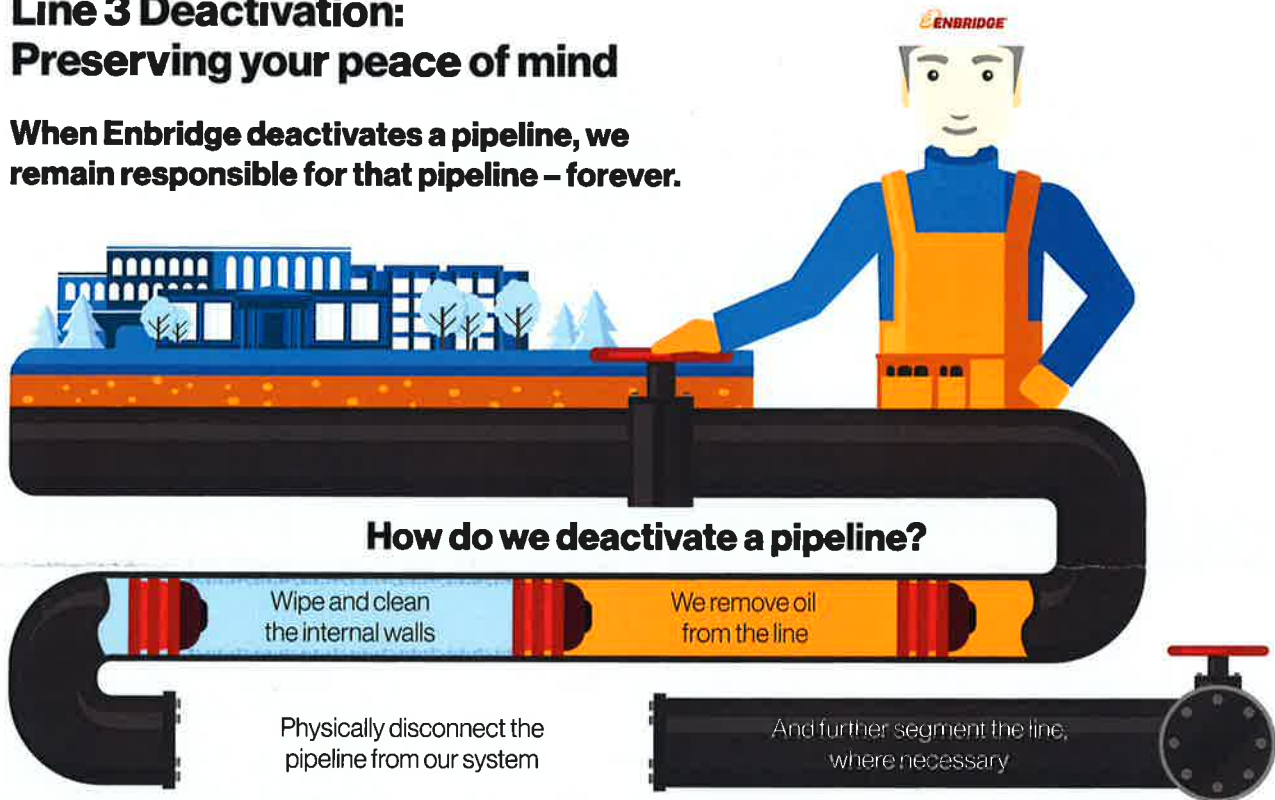
Best regards,



Lorraine Little
Director, Public Affairs (U.S. Liquids Operations & Projects)

Line 3 Deactivation: Preserving your peace of mind

When Enbridge deactivates a pipeline, we remain responsible for that pipeline – forever.



A pipeline deactivated in place will have a very long remaining life as a load-bearing structure. Independent engineering research and analysis suggests the rate of corrosion would be extremely slow, and occur gradually over centuries.

Enbridge continues to monitor deactivated pipelines by:



Maintaining cathodic protection (an electrical current that curbs corrosion)



Right-of-way monitoring and maintenance



Depth-of-cover surveys



Maintaining signage and contact info



Ensuring the line stays on one-call program databases

Why is the pipeline left in place?

Deactivation in place is designed to minimize the effect on communities and the environment:

It reduces the risk of soil stability issues



It avoids major construction activities, and reduces the potential risk to existing pipelines from heavy equipment

Landowners are not responsible for Enbridge's deactivated pipelines – we are. Forever.

> Learn more

- minnesotaprojects.enbridge.com/line3deactivation
- enbridgeinmn@enbridge.com
- Toll-free phone number: 1 (855) 788-7812





About Line 3 Deactivation

The Line 3 Replacement Project is integrity and maintenance driven. Once the Line 3 Replacement pipeline becomes operational, the existing Line 3 will be permanently deactivated in place.

Deactivation in place is the most widely used method for pipeline deactivation and follows all regulatory requirements. Leaving the permanently deactivated pipeline in place is the safest option as it reduces the risk of soil stability issues, avoids major construction activities and reduces the potential risk to existing pipelines from heavy equipment.

The process by which Line 3 will be permanently taken out of service adheres to all applicable statutes, rules and regulations to protect the public, the environment, land use and cultural resources.

Enbridge will continue to monitor the right-of-way. Monitoring will include continued patrolling of surface conditions, mowing brush, maintaining signage, continued inclusion in the “Call Before You Dig” programs, and retaining the pipeline within Enbridge’s emergency response protocols.

Enbridge is responsible for its pipelines, whether they are active or not. Enbridge will continue to monitor and maintain the right-of-way.

Deactivation Facts

- A pipeline deactivated in place will have a very long remaining life as a load-bearing structure. Historical knowledge along with independent engineering research and analysis suggests the rate of corrosion would be extremely slow, and occur gradually over centuries. Enbridge will continue monitoring the right-of-way and mitigate concerns related to our pipeline should a need develop that impacts public safety, the environment or land use.
- Environmental regulatory requirements prohibit altering current hydrology without a permit. Therefore, the Line 3 deactivation process will protect water resources to ensure that the deactivated pipeline will not drain or flood any fields, lakes, rivers, streams or wetland areas.
- Enbridge has a vested interest to ensure that any deactivated pipeline does not compromise land use or the integrity of other pipelines that share the right-of-way.
- Enbridge will continue to operate the existing pipeline safely while the new pipeline is installed so that refineries in the Midwest may rely on continuous deliveries of crude oil to provide the gasoline, heating oil, and other products that we all use every day.



Line 3 Deactivation – Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why is Enbridge replacing and deactivating the existing Line 3?

- As part of its long-term Maintenance and Integrity Program, Enbridge assessed Line 3. This assessment included a variety of preventative maintenance inspections and analysis, which helped Enbridge determine that replacement is the best option. Replacing Line 3 is environmentally responsible and reduces the amount and frequency of maintenance and repair work that would otherwise be necessary. Deactivating a pipeline in-place is the most commonly-used industry method to retire a pipeline; Enbridge will follow all federal and state regulations during the deactivation process.

Q: What state or federal laws regulate pipeline deactivation and pipeline safety?

- Enbridge is required to comply with a wide range of long-standing federal and state rules, regulations, statutes, laws and industry codes. These include statutes and rules developed and enforced by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association, Environmental Protection Agency, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Minnesota Office of Pipeline Safety, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Minnesota Department of Transportation, and Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources.

Q: Will the deactivated pipeline affect water tables of the various lakes, rivers and streams it crosses?

- No company, government or other entity is able to alter current hydrology without a permit. Enbridge will protect water resources by:
 - Closing and disabling valves;
 - Physically disconnecting the deactivated pipeline from all pump stations and terminals;
 - Further segmenting the deactivated pipeline at multiple specified locations as needed;
 - Completing engineering assessments and undertaking additional action(s) that have been identified to reduce risks to water resources; and
 - Conducting ongoing maintenance of our right-of-way.

Q: Is there soil and water contamination under the existing Line 3?

- Line 3 has had releases in its history; however, Enbridge worked in coordination with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and local authorities (counties, townships, cities) to remediate affected soil and water.
- Historically, the vast majority of releases have been at our pump stations and terminals, where spills are caught through containment systems, and not along the right-of-way. If existing contamination is found under active or deactivated pipelines during an integrity dig or other maintenance efforts, Enbridge will clean it up in coordination with the MPCA. After remediation is complete, the site is inspected by the MPCA. If MPCA determines that additional remediation is required, Enbridge will complete it; if MPCA determines that remediation is complete, they sign off on the site.

Q: What happens if contamination is found at a later time?

- Again, Enbridge is responsible for the operation, maintenance and supervision of its pipelines and their right-of-way. Mitigation and remediation through coordination with state and local authorities will occur if contamination is found at a later time.

Q: Are landowners financially responsible for Line 3 once it is deactivated?

- No. Enbridge is responsible for Line 3 whether it is active or not. Landowners are not responsible for Enbridge's deactivated pipelines.

Q: Will I be able to continue farming over the deactivated pipeline if it corrodes?

- Yes. We will continue to monitor the existing cathodic protection systems on the line as well as continually monitor the right-of-way, just like with any of our operating lines. If a public safety, land use or environmental detriment is realized, it will be appropriately mitigated.

Q: Why have I heard that Enbridge is "abandoning" Line 3? Does that mean you are no longer responsible for the line?

- Enbridge is responsible for our pipelines whether they are in service or not. The term "abandon" is a regulatory term that the U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration uses to define the permanent removal of a pipeline from service.

Q: What is an anomaly? How are anomalies identified?

- An anomaly is not a leak. An anomaly is a generic term used to describe an irregularity found in the pipeline wall. Enbridge's integrity management program uses the latest tools and strategies, including in-line inspection tools, to identify such anomalies. With this information, Enbridge analyzes and prioritizes the examination of anomalies. Integrity digs are carried out to physically inspect and repair anomalies to meet strict repair criteria which keep our pipelines operating safely, reliably and in an environmentally responsible manner.

Q: Will Enbridge eventually deactivate all of its pipelines in its existing mainline corridor and move to the new proposed right-of-way?

- No, other than Line 3, we have no future plans to deactivate or relocate pipelines within our existing mainline corridor. However, if a pipeline is deactivated in the future, it would be purged of oil and cleaned so that it doesn't pose a threat to the environment.
- Enbridge recently has, and currently is, investing in its existing mainline corridor. Enbridge built two new pipelines in 2009-2010 along our existing right-of-way, Lines 67 and 13. Based on consumer need and shipper demand, we recently added capacity on our Line 67.
- When we built Lines 67 and 13, we encountered constructability issues along many parts of the right-of-way. Thus, we have proposed another route from Clearbrook to Superior that follows existing pipeline and utility rights-of-way for more than 75 percent of our route.
- Enbridge will maintain both corridors if the new proposed right-of-way is approved.

Learn more about Line 3 and deactivation:

- <http://minnesotaprojects.enbridge.com/line3deactivation>
- Line3ReplacementProject@enbridge.com
- Toll-free phone number: 1 (855) 788-7812

**MONTHLY STATEMENT OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED IN
OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDER, AITKIN COUNTY
July 2017**

NATURE OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED	FEES RECEIVED
COUNTY RECORDER FEES	\$80.00
MISC RECEIPTS	
COPIES & C/COPIES	\$1,392.30
NOTARY	\$20.00
TORRENS	\$104.00
TORRENS ASSURANCE *** 9.2031	\$12.00
COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$6,955.50
STATE TREASURY GENERAL FUND *** 9.2036	\$5,113.50
LAND RECORDS COMPLIANCE FUND (UNALLOC) 1-100-195-5529	\$5,357.00
RECORDER TECHNOLOGY FUND 1-100-196-5529	\$4,870.00
COUNTY WELL CERTIFICATE	\$232.50
STATE WELL CERTIFICATE *** 9.2027	\$1,317.50
COUNTY DEATH CERTIFICATE	\$369.00
STATE DEATH SURCHARGE *** 9.2022	\$443.00
COUNTY BIRTH CERTIFICATES	\$374.00
STATE BIRTH SURCHARGE *** 9.2022	\$173.00
CHILDREN'S SURCHARGE *** 9.2024	\$153.00
LEGISLATIVE SURCHARGE (144.226 SUBD 3 (b)) *** 9.2036	\$410.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT OF CASH OR CHECKS TO THE AITKIN COUNTY TREASURER	\$27,376.30

RECORDING DONE FOR WHICH NO PAYMENT WAS RECEIVED

VETERANS HONORABLE DISCHARGES	
AITKIN COUNTY	\$46.00
AITKIN CO ROAD & BRIDGE	
OTHERS	
TOTAL	\$46.00

Michael T. Moriarty

 Michael T. Moriarty, Aitkin County Recorder

By *Pat C. Hoppe, deputy*

 Deputy July 31, 2017

Documents Recorded for Month: 484
 Documents Recorded for Year: 3262

Previous Year Statistics
Documents Recorded for Month: 441
Documents Recorded for Year:
Last Year's Monthly Deposit: \$25,774.00

