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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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Dear Mr. Wolf:

It has nearly been a year since the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission approved the Certificate of Need and Route Permit for Enbridge's Line 3 Replacement Project. Given the recent MN Court of Appeals decision on the Environmental Impact Statement, we write to request that the PUC move as quickly as possible to correct the EIS and hold a hearing as soon as possible to start that process and get this project in motion.

The East Polk County Farm Bureau has supported this project since its proposal. In Polk County, many landowners are also farmers and ranchers who have the existing Line 3 cross their properties. Every time there is a maintenance dig required on their property, their livelihoods are impacted. Either by their land being taken out of production or animals being displaced during the process. These issues will only get worse if Line 3 is not replaced. Further delays to this project will mean increased impacts to land owners and their properties due to increasing maintenance requirements on the existing Line 3. An excess of 7,000 digs will be required to maintain the line over the next 15 years if Line 3 is not replaced.

These delays are also costing the counties impacted dearly. They have been looking forward to the \$35 million of annual property taxes the new Line 3 will bring. These continued delays are impacting our citizens, schools, emergency services, roads, etc. The Line 3 replacement project will also support approximately 6,500 local jobs, further supporting Minnesotans. Without the support of Enbridge, many citizens in Polk County would not be able to afford to live in the area.

East Polk County Farm Bureau strongly supports the Enbridge Line 3 Replacement Project moving forward. Furthermore, urges the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to move forward with this project. It is time to replace Line 3.

Respectfully,

Bennett Osmonson

East Polk County Farm Bureau

CC: Governor Tim Walz