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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
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Dear PUC Executive Secretary Wolf:

In June 2018, The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission overwhelmingly approved the Certificate of Need and Route Permit for Enbridge's Line 3 Replacement Project. Still, this project is no closer to having a construction start date. The Minnesota Petroleum Marketers Association urges you to do everything in your power to hold a hearing as soon as possible to move this project forward to fix any issues courts have had with the PUC's decision.

Since inception, The Line 3 Replacement Project has been a safety driven project. This new pipeline is required to replace an old pipeline that is in need of thousands of maintenance repairs. Further delays to the replacement project will cause more impacts to landowners and their property due to increasing upkeep on the existing Line 3. Replacing the pipelines means avoiding unnecessary community and environmental issues. We must use our community and natural resources productively by supporting projects that make them both stronger and safer.

The Minnesota Petroleum Marketers Association has supported this project from the beginning. Our members are Minnesota's licensed petroleum distributors that consume the products shipped via the pipeline infrastructure. Keeping safety in the foreground, many local permits at local and township levels have already been approved.

Enbridge has been operating in Minnesota for 70 years. They contribute over \$30 million in property taxes to Minnesota annually, helping maintain an affordable cost of living for Minnesota residents. The Line 3 Replacement project will support approximately 6,500 local jobs, not to mention the spin off benefit of construction workers buying fuel and other items from the local convenience stores of our members.

The Minnesota Petroleum Marketers Association strongly urges the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to move forward with the Line 3 Replacement Project immediately.

Respectfully,

Timothy Gross
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Cc: Governor Tim Walz