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Public Utilities Commission



NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

Issued: January 31, 2014

In the Matter of the Application of North Dakota Pipeline Company, LLC for a Pipeline Routing Permit for the Sandpiper Pipeline Project

Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket Number: PL-6668/PPL-13-474

COUNTY	CITY	MEETING LOCATION	DATE AND TIME
Polk	Crookston	Crookston Inn & Convention Center Ballrooms 1 and 2 2200 University Avenue	Monday, March 3, 2014 6:00-9:00pm
Polk	McIntosh	McIntosh Community Center 115 Broadway Northwest	Tuesday, March 4, 2014 11:00am-2:00pm
Clearwater	Clearbrook	Clearbrook City Hall Gymnasium 200 Elm Street	Tuesday, March 4, 2014 6:00-9:00pm
Hubbard	Park Rapids	Park Rapids Armory 203 Park Avenue South	Wednesday, March 12, 2014 11:00am-2:00pm
Cass	Pine River	Pine River – Backus High School 1000 First Street North	Wednesday, March 12, 2014 6:00pm-9:00pm
Aitkin	McGregor	McGregor Community Center 41442 State Highway 65	Thursday, March 13, 2014 11:00am-2:00pm
Carlton	Carlton	Carlton County Transportation Department 1630 County Road 61	Thursday, March 13, 2014 6:00pm-9:00pm

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Meeting Information:

- Citizens will have the opportunity to offer oral comments, written comments, or both into the record.
- Public Utilities Commission, Department of Commerce, and North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC (NDPC) staff will be available to answer questions about the permitting process and the project.

- Citizens who do not wish to speak may submit questions or comments in writing.
- Comments received at the meetings and during the comment period will be used to develop alternative routes for examination in the comparative environmental analysis.
- Each meeting will last until everyone at the meeting has the opportunity to speak, or until the scheduled end time, whichever comes first.
- The same information will be presented at each meeting.

Topics Open for Public Comment:

- Are there any alternative routes or route segments that should be considered?
- What human and environmental impacts should be studied in the comparative environmental analysis?
- Are there any specific methods to address these impacts that should be studied in the comparative environmental analysis?

Submit Comments, Alternative Routes or Route Segments

The comment period continues after the public meetings, through **April 4, 2014 at 4:30pm**.

Any person may propose an alternative route or route segment. The proposal must:

- Be clearly identified on maps or aerial photos.
- Include an analysis of human and environmental impacts – unless mostly the same as information NDPC provided.

The Public Utilities Commission will meet to decide which route alternatives to consider as options in the comparative environmental analysis and the hearings. This decision will likely be made in May 2014.

Submit Public Comments: Larry Hartman, Environmental Review Manager
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 Online: <http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/#comment>

- Please include the PUC Docket Number (13-474) in all communications.

Project Description

North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC (NDPC) proposes to build a crude oil pipeline:

- Approximately 612 miles long, from Tioga, North Dakota to Superior, Wisconsin

- Approximately 299 miles of the new pipeline would be located in Minnesota
- With a 24 inch diameter and a 225,000 barrels per day (bpd) capacity from North Dakota to Clearbrook, Minnesota
- With a 30 inch diameter and a 375,000 barrels per day (bpd) capacity from Clearbrook, Minnesota to Superior, Wisconsin
- With approximately 25 to 50 feet of new right-of-way and 40 to 70 feet of temporary right-of-way

The proposed project includes a new terminal facility near the existing terminal in Clearbrook, Minnesota.

The proposed project would be located in Aitkin, Carlton, Cass, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Polk, and Red Lake counties.

Process Information

Before the project can be built, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) must approve both a certificate of need and a pipeline route permit.

The certificate of need process determines the size, type and timing of the proposed pipeline and whether there is a better alternative for meeting North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC's stated need. The certificate of need is PUC Docket Number PL-6668/CN-13-473.

The pipeline route permit process designates the route for the pipeline and associated facilities and conditions for right-of-way preparation, construction, clean-up, and restoration. This process studies alternative routes and route segments for the pipeline.

At its January 16, 2014 meeting, the Commission determined the North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC's pipeline route permit application is complete. This means the company submitted all the information required to begin the review process. The Commission's decision-making process takes about twelve months.

The Department of Commerce will prepare a comparative environmental analysis for this project. The environmental analysis will review differences between the proposed route and alternative routes and route segments.

After the environmental analysis is completed, there will be public hearings about both the certificate of need and the route permit for this project. Citizens will have the opportunity to speak at the hearings, ask questions, and submit comments about the environmental analysis and about the project.

An Administrative Law Judge will use all the information in the record, including written comments and comments received at the public hearings, to write a report for the Commission. The report will include findings, conclusions, and recommendations about this project. After

receiving the Judge's report, the Commission will schedule a meeting to make a final decision on this project, expected by January 2015.

Minnesota Statutes and Rules: The pipeline route permit application is being reviewed under Minnesota Statute 216G and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7852. The certificate of need application is being reviewed under Minnesota Statute 216B and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7853. Minnesota Statutes and Rules are available at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/>.

Eminent Domain: If issued a route permit by the Commission, NDPC may exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire land for this project, under Minnesota Statute 117.49.

Any new easement or right-of-way agreements reached between NDPC and landowners before a pipeline route permit is issued will not be considered in the Commission's final decision.

How to Learn More

Department of Commerce Project Website:

<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?Id=33599>

Project Mailing List: Sign up to receive notices about project milestones and opportunities to participate (comment periods, public hearings, etc.) by contacting the Public Advisor (see below).

Full Case Record: View all documents filed in the certificate of need (Docket 13-473) and route permit (Docket 13-474) dockets at www.puc.state.mn.us, select "Search eDockets," enter the year (13) and the docket number (473 or 474), select "Search."

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Community Locations: View the route permit application at the following locations in communities crossed by the proposed pipeline:

- City Clerk
- County Auditor
- Township Clerk
- Public Library

- Aitkin Public Library, 110 1st Avenue NE, Aitkin
- Bagley Public Library, 21 Main Avenue N, Bagley
- Brainerd Public Library, 416 S 5th Street, Brainerd
- Carlton Public Library, 310 Chestnut Avenue, Carlton
- Cloquet Public Library, 320 14th Street, Cloquet
- Crookston Public Library, 110 N Ash Street, Crookston
- Duluth Public Library, 520 W Superior Street, Duluth
- East Grand Forks Campbell Library, 422 4th Street NW, East Grand Forks
- Fertile Public Library, 101 S Mill Street, Fertile
- Fosston Public Library, 403 N Foss Avenue, Fosston
- Gonvick Lake Agassiz Regional Library, 170 Main Street, Gonvick
- McIntosh Public Library, 115 Broadway NW, McIntosh
- McGregor Public Library, 111 E Center Avenue, McGregor
- Outing Volunteer Library, 6300 Woods Bay Drive NE, Outing
- Park Rapids Area Library, 210 W 1st Street, Park Rapids
- Pine River Public Library, 212 Park Avenue, Pine River
- Red Lake Falls Public Libraries, 105 Champagne Avenue SW, Red Lake Falls
- Walker Public Library, 207 4th Street, Walker

Available on CD: You may contact North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC to request the certificate of need and route permit applications on CD (see below).

North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC Project Information

www.enbridge.com/SandpiperProject or 1-855-788-7805

Project Contacts

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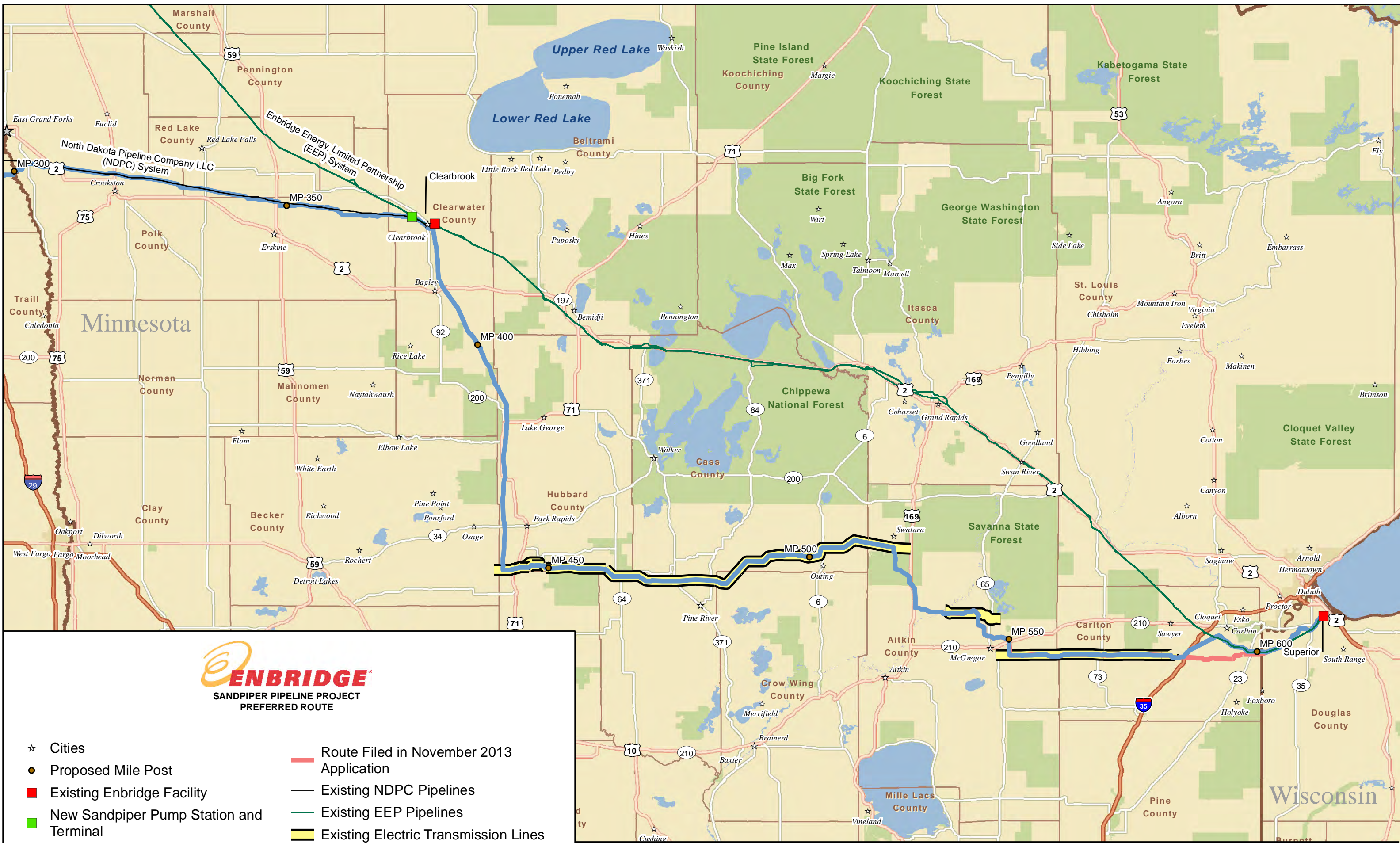
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If any reasonable accommodation is needed to enable you to fully participate in these public meetings (e.g. sign language, foreign language interpreter, large print materials), please contact the Commission at 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782 at least one week in advance of the meeting.



- ☆ Cities
- Proposed Mile Post
- Existing Enbridge Facility
- New Sandpiper Pump Station and Terminal
- Sandpiper Pipeline Project Preferred Route
- Route Filed in November 2013 Application
- Existing NDPC Pipelines
- Existing EEP Pipelines
- Existing Electric Transmission Lines

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Additional detailed project maps can be found on the project website at www.enbridge.com/SandpiperProject or by calling the Sandpiper Project team at 855-788-7805.