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Assistant Attorney General United States Department of Justice Environment and Natural Resources Division P.O. Box 7611 Washington, DC 20044-7611

Re: United States v. Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, et. al., D. J. Ref. No. 90-5-1-1-10099

Dear Assistant Attorney General,

Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations ("HC COLA") is a coalition of 29 lake associations and their approximate 2,100 members that represent 37 lakes in Hubbard County. HC COLA's mission is to protect and enhance the quality of our lakes and rivers, preserve the economic, recreational and natural environmental values of our shore lands and promote the responsible use of our waters and related habitats. HC COLA's mission enhances, promotes and protects the interests of lake shore property owners, lake associations, local government, the general public and future generations.

HC COLA has the following comments and recommendations regarding all references to Line 3 in the proposed consent decree; reference United States v. Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, et. al., D. J. Ref. No. 90-5-1-1-10099:

The consent decree with respect to the Replacement of Line 3 also relates to Minnesota Public Utilities Commission consideration of Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership (Enbridge) Applications for the Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Project Certificate of Need PL-9/CN-14-916 and Route Permit PL-9/PPL-15-137 (the "Line 3 Project").

- 2) The consent decree should be amended to clarify that none of the language relating to Line 3 is intended to expedite or interfere in any way with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's permitting process, including, but not limited to, the Environmental Impact Statement required by the Minnesota Court of Appeals decision of September 14, 2015.
- 3) It is critical for the citizens of the state of Minnesota that the Line 3 permitting process take all the time necessary to insure that all relevant information is taken into consideration by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in making its permitting decisions. Our attached letter to the Minnesota Department of Commerce dated September 25, 2015 sets forth our concerns regarding Line 3.

Thank you for considering HC COLA's comments and recommendations. If you have any questions or want to discuss these matters further, please contact Lynn Goodrich at tripplake1@mac.com.

Hubbard County COLA,

Lynn Goodrich, President

Attachment: 9-25-15 Letter to MN Dept. of Commerce