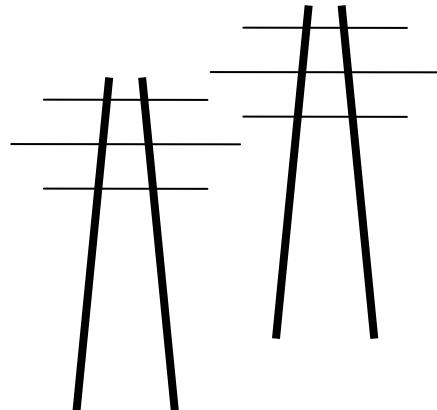


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Dan Wolf  
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St. Paul, MN 55101

**RE:** Transmission for Sandpiper pumping station and Clearbrook Tank Farm  
Clearbrook – Clearbrook West Transmission - PUC Docket: ET6/TL-14-665

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On behalf of the Erie-Bourdeaux Family Revocable Trust, I'm filing this to note for the record some good news.

As was stated by the Applicants in the May, 5 2016, Commission meeting regarding the Clearbrook-Clearbrook West 115 kV transmission line, if the Sandpiper pipeline is not built, the Clearbrook West tank farm will not be built and the Clearbrook-Clearbrook West transmission line will not be built.

We're one step closer to "will not be built," based on the August 2, 2016 press release from Enbridge, published on its own site and picked up by multiple media outlets around the world:

## **Enbridge Energy Partners, L.P. and Enbridge Inc. Announce Agreement to Acquire Equity Interest in the Bakken Pipeline System Establishing New Path to the U.S. Gulf Coast<sup>1</sup>**

In pertinent part, Enbridge notes:

Upon successful closing of the transaction, EEP and Marathon Petroleum plan to

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<sup>1</sup> Online at: <http://www.enbridge.com/media-center/news/details?id=2075874&lang=en&year=2016>

terminate their transportation services and joint venture agreements for the Sandpiper Pipeline Project. EEP continues to believe the Bakken region is a highly productive and attractive basin, which has significant crude oil supply growth potential that will require additional pipeline capacity in the future. The scope and timing of the Sandpiper Pipeline Project will be evaluated during the quarter to ensure that it is positioned to meet the growing need for pipeline capacity while offering customers competitive tolls and strong netbacks. Additionally, in conjunction with a termination of the Sandpiper joint venture agreements with Marathon Petroleum, EEP will retain 100 percent ownership in our legacy North Dakota system, which is one of the most competitive outlets available to producers in the State.

While this termination of joint venture agreements, and cessation of development of the Sandpiper pipeline is not yet “official,” and because development of the new Clearbrook West tank farm and need for transmission is doubtful, it’s time for the Commission, and Department of Commerce to cease work on environmental review for the Clearbrook-Clearbrook West transmission line.

Procedural question: It’s my understanding, from withdrawals and terminations on other projects and terminations that the applicant must file a request for withdrawal of its application, that there will be a comment period, and then the Commission will take up the matter at a future meeting. Is this procedurally correct?

The Erie-Bourdeaux Family Revocable Trust looks forward to cessation of permitting activities and Minnkota’s withdrawal of this transmission project.

If you have any questions or require anything further, please let me know.

Very truly yours,



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