

MINNESOTA CONSERVATION FEDERATION
ANNUAL MEETING

September 14, 2014

Resolution #7

Deerwood, Minnesota

Full Environmental Review of Enbridge Sandpiper Pipeline Expansion Proposal
Through Minnesota

WHEREAS, Enbridge Energy, a Canadian Company, is proposing two new pipelines to move tar sands oil from Alberta and North Dakota sweet crude through Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, Enbridge's so called "Sandpiper" line, as proposed, would slash through the headwaters of the Mississippi River and transport North Dakota oil to the terminal in Superior, WI and points south, and

WHEREAS, a new Sandpiper pipeline route would establish a new corridor which other proposed pipelines, including Enbridge's Line 3 rebuild, would likely follow, and

WHEREAS, The Sandpiper pipeline would cut through land that provides drinking water for much of Minnesota, contains hundreds of pristine lakes, and includes many wild-rice producing lakes, and

WHEREAS, Enbridge's track record is far from perfect including the Kalamazoo River oil spill in 2010 with cleanup costs over \$1.1 billion and climbing, and

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Commission on September 11, 2014 ordered their staff to use an environmental review process to do an expanded evaluation of the need for the proposed pipeline and examine alternative systems for meeting that need, and

WHEREAS, The PUC ordered further environmental study of the environmental benefits and negatives of six entirely different pipeline routes than the one proposed by Enbridge, and

WHEREAS, The MCF is extremely concerned about the potential effects of oil spills in northern Minnesota on water, wetlands, air, communities, wildlife, and habitat:

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that The Minnesota Conservation Federation meeting at its annual meeting in Deerwood, Minnesota on September 14, encourages the state of Minnesota to not approve the Enbridge Sandpiper pipeline proposal until a full Environmental Review are done on all six new alternative route options, and

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that the MCF endorses and encourages the PUC to provide for expanded public input, review, and comment on the six alternative routes by expanding the scope, time and agency resources necessary to prepare an Environmental Review document that fully complies with the Minnesota Environment Policy Act.

Submitted by Keith Blomstrom