



WHITE EARTH RESERVATION

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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place E, Suite 350
Saint Paul, MN 55101-2147

Re: Opposition of White Earth Nation to the Magellan Pipeline Reroute (MPUC Docket No. IP7109/PPL-23-109)

Dear Commissioners,

The White Earth Band of Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, White Earth Nation, is a federally recognized, sovereign Indian tribe located in area now known as Minnesota. Our Tribal citizens have traveled since time immemorial to the Pipestone quarries to harvest sacred Pipestone, also known as catlinite, for use in making traditional ceremonial pipes necessary for our religious practices. We continue to do so to this day. This area is sacred and important to the people of White Earth Nation. The reroute of the Magellan Pipeline in this area poses a grave threat to our cultural and spiritual practices. This reroute strikes at the heart of both Dakota and Anishinaabeg Nations and our identities.

This communication is for the purposes of White Earth Nation asserting the White Earth Nation's opposition to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's decision to grant a permit to Magellan Pipeline, L.P., for Route RA-01 in Docket No. IP7109/PPL-23-109. The White Earth Nation calls upon the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to reverse its decision to grant a permit for Route RA-01 and to refrain from issuing a permit for any of the four reroutes considered by the Commission in this docket until the NEPA process is complete and the tribal monitor survey work in progress by the four participating Tribes is complete. Furthermore, the White Earth Nation formally requests consultation on this issue with Magellan Pipeline, L.P., and the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Sincerely,


Michael Fairbanks (Nov 11, 2024 15:28 CST)

Michael Fairbanks
Chairman of the White Earth Nation

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