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Commissioner Charley Bruce  
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Re: Prairie Island Indian Community opposition to Magellan Pipeline reroute (MPUC  
Docket No. IP7109/PPL-23-109)

Dear Commissioner Bruce,

The Prairie Island Indian Community, a federally recognized Indian Tribe, opposes the granting of a permit for the Magellan Pipeline, due to its proximity to the Pipestone National Monument. This site has been identified by at least 23 Tribes, including the Prairie Island Indian Community, as a sacred and unique cultural site. The people of Prairie Island Indian Community join with our fellow Tribes to oppose the granting of a permit for this project.

Magellan Pipeline, L.P., applied to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission for a permit to re-route the Magellan Pipeline. A previous right-of-way through federal lands was not renewed and that section of the pipeline has been decommissioned. Magellan Pipeline, L.P., now seeks to construct a new segment of pipeline around the Pipestone quarries using a new route to resume operation of the Magellan Pipeline.

The risk of potential harm to this place, unlike any other in its cultural and spiritual significance, cannot be overstated. At this time, we do not believe that any of the proposed alternatives can ensure the protection of the Pipestone quarry with certainty. This poses an unacceptable threat to this sacred place and the Prairie Island Indian Community, therefore, must join in opposition to the granting of any permit for this project.

Pidámaya (Thank you),

Grant Johnson  
Tribal Council President