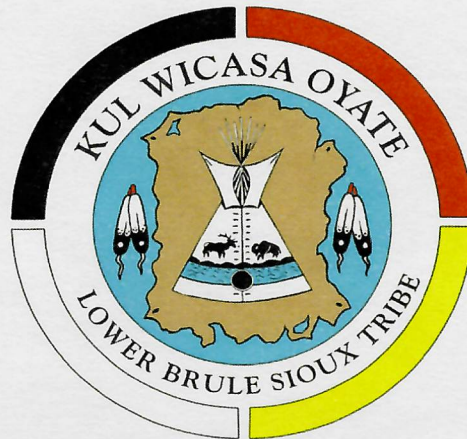


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Re: Opposition of Lower Brule Sioux Tribe to Magellan Pipeline Reroute (MPUC
Docket No. IP7109/PPL-23- 109)
Attn: charley.bruce@state.mn.us

Dear Commissioners:

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribe is one of the federally recognized Indian tribes of the Great Sioux Nation, with ancestral homelands stretching across America from the mountains in Wyoming, Colorado and Montana to the forests and prairies of Minnesota and Iowa. We are part of the Oceti Sakowin, the Seven Council Fires of the Great Sioux Nation.

Our sacred pipe, *Canupa*, is central to our spirituality, with the sacred smoke carrying our prayers to the Creator. Our Lakota-Nakota-Dakota People have lived in this vast area since time immemorial and have traditionally used the Pipestone quarries to harvest sacred Pipestone, also known as catlinite, for use in making traditional ceremonial pipes necessary for our spiritual practices. Many of our Lakota-Nakota-Dakota People today continue this as a spiritual practice. The reroute and restart of the Magellan Pipeline in this area poses a grave threat to our cultural and spiritual practices as well as to the land, water and wildlife.

We know that Pipelines inevitably spill despite warning measures and fossil fuel spills pollute the land, kill the wildlife, and befoul the waters. Accordingly, the Pipeline is a matter of grave concern, and in these circumstances, the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe should be consulted concerning the Magellan Pipeline. Minnesota PUC recognizes that it is appropriate to consult Indian tribes with historical, cultural, treaty and traditional ties to Minnesota lands when the work of PUC has an impact on these tribes. Minnesota PUC Tribal Consultation Policy.

Please add this letter expressing our official 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. IP 7109/PPL-23-109. We call upon the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to reverse its decision to grant a permit for Route RA-01, to refrain from issuing a permit for any of the four

routes considered by the Commission in this docket, and to require the State of Minnesota, the Minnesota PUC and Magellan Pipeline, LP., to consult with the Oceti Sakowin and the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Chairman Boyd Gourneau