



November 8, 2024

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

Re: Opposition of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe to Magellan Pipeline Reroute (MPUC  
Docket No. IP7109/PPL-23- 109)

Dear Commissioners,

The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe is a federally recognized, sovereign Indian Tribe, whose ancestral homelands stretch across the Great Plains from the mountains in Wyoming to the grasslands of Minnesota. We are part of the Oceti Sakowin, the Seven Sacred Council Fires of the Great Sioux Nation.

Our Tribal citizens have lived in this vast area since time immemorial and have traditionally traveled to 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 Tribal citizens 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 water and wildlife.

Enclosed please find a resolution passed by the governing body of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe asserting our 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. 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 Magellan Pipeline, LP., to consult with the Oceti Sakowin.

Sincerely,

Ryman Lebeau  
Chairman

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