



Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

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VIA USPS AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

***Re: Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Opposition to Magellan Pipeline Reroute
(MPUC Docket No. IP7109/PPL-23-109)***

Dear Commissioner Bruce,

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux 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. As identified by multiple Tribes, including the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, the proposed site is a sacred and unique cultural site. The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community joins with our fellow Tribes and opposes the granting of a permit for this project.

Magellan Pipeline, L.P. applied to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to obtain a permit to reroute the Magellan Pipeline. The previous right-of-way through federal lands was not renewed, and that section and route of the pipeline was decommissioned as a result. Magellan Pipeline, L.P. now seeks to construct a new section of the pipeline to be routed around the Pipestone quarries, using a new route to resume operations of the Magellan Pipeline.

Just as for any other cultural or spiritually significant place, the risk of potential harm to this proposed location is profound. At this time, there is no proposed alternative that can ensure the protection of the Pipestone quarry. Because this place is sacred, and due to the unacceptable risk of harm to this cultural and spiritual site, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community opposes the granting of any permit for the Magellan Pipeline.

Sincerely,

Cole W. Miller
Chairman