

Discussion name: Minnesota Pipe Line Reliability Project Application for a Certificate of Need | CN-14-320

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Should the Commission accept this filing?

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I am writing to comment on issue CN-14-320. I am a MN landowner with Minnesota Pipeline Company (MPL) / Koch Pipeline lines 1 thru 3 running through my property. Additionally, adjacent to my property is one of MPL's current pumping stations.

For years, this pumping station has emitted, during all hours of the day, an extremely offensive noise that is greatly negatively effecting my quality of life and ability to enjoy my property. At times, this noise is so loud that inside our house we can hear it, we can't open our windows, and anytime I am outside I have to wear noise canceling headphones. Koch Pipeline has admitted to me that they know they are operating outside of the state statue limits (7030) and have had other complaints from other landowners adjacent to their other pumping stations, but to date, this issue hasn't been resolved.

While this specific issue under comment doesn't directly effect me or my neighbors, I feel that the PUC should be aware of the consequences of installing additional pumping stations along the pipeline. Just because an area is rural doesn't mean that it is abandoned, or won't have residential homes in the near future. If additional pumping stations are going to be built, Koch Pipeline should provide a detailed plan on how they are going to operate and maintain their equipment in accordance with those limits specified by the state and not negatively effect the enjoyment of their neighbors.

Regards,

Concerned MN Citizen.

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