

April 28, 2015

VIA E-FILING

Dan Wolf
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

**RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTH DAKOTA PIPELINE
COMPANY LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF NEED FOR THE SANDPIPER
PIPELINE PROJECT IN MINNESOTA**

**MPUC DOCKET No. PL6668/CN-13-473
OAH DOCKET No. 8-2500-31260**

Dear Mr. Wolf:

Enclosed for filing please find the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce's exceptions filing in the above-referenced docket.

Respectfully submitted,

/e/ Benjamin L. Gerber

Benjamin L. Gerber
Manager, Energy Policy

Enclosures

cc: Service List

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In the Matter of the Application of North Dakota Pipeline Company LLC For a Certificate of Need For the Sandpiper Pipeline Project	MPUC Docket Nos. PL-6668/CN-13-473 OAH Docket Nos. 8-2500-31260 EXCEPTIONS
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The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce (“MCC” or “Chamber”) represents over 2,300 businesses throughout the state of Minnesota. The Chamber's members vary from the smallest businesses within the state to some of the largest. The Chamber deals with statewide issues at a policy level and with concerns businesses have with respect to doing business or continuing to do business within the state. A primary area of concern and engagement for the Chamber is energy.

The Chamber would like to thank Honorable Lipman for the thoughtful and thorough Findings of Fact, Summary of Public Testimony, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation (“Recommendation”) filed on April 13, 2015.¹ The Chamber supports the Recommendation and does not have any exceptions to file. Consistent with the Recommendation, the Chamber urges the Commission to grant the requested Certificate of Need.²

¹ See Findings of Fact, Summary of Public Testimony, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation, (April 13, 2015) (eDocket No. 20154-109233-01).

² See *id.* at 100.

The Chamber supports Hon. Lipman's recommendation that the Commission, "at the very least consider clarifying the scope of its decision-making under Minn. R. 7853.0130."³ The Chamber supports a process that is clearly defined, allows for public participation that assists the Commission in making informed determinations, and makes efficient use of government and party time and resources.⁴ As a party to this proceeding, this process was unnecessarily difficult and expensive. Moreover, it was our experience during the CN proceeding that the decision to bifurcate the proceeding led to more confusion among members of the public and even at times parties represented by counsel.

For the aforementioned reasons, the Chamber does not have any exceptions to file and supports the Recommendation and urges the Commission to grant the requested Certificate of Need.

DATED: April 28, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

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³ See *id.* at 104.

⁴ See *id.* at 102.

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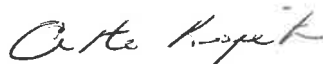
STATE OF MINNESOTA)
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COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

Joan Harmon, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says she served the attached Exceptions of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce in MPUC DOCKET No. PL6668/CN-13-473 and OAH DOCKET Nos. 8-2500-31260 via e-filing to the Minnesota PUC as well as those requesting electronic service on the service list and to all others on the service list via U.S. Mail at the city of St. Paul.

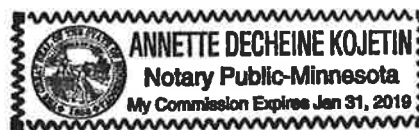


/s/Joan Harmon
Joan Harmon

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 28th day of April, 2015.



/s/Annette Kojetin
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My Commission expires 1/31/2019



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