

- WHEREAS,** on September 12, 2024, the Minnesota PUC voted to approve a route permit for the Magellan Pipeline, approving the route known as “RA-01;” and
- WHEREAS,** Route RA-01, like all routes considered by the Minnesota PUC, poses unconscionable risks to the Pipestone and other natural and cultural resources at and surrounding the Pipestone quarries; and
- WHEREAS,** in addition to the species listed above, the western harvest mouse (a species of special concern) has critical habitat in the Project area for Route RA-01; and
- WHEREAS,** Route RA-01 crosses surface waters six times in close proximity to the Pipestone quarries; and
- WHEREAS,** Route RA-01 has been determined to have 41 separate wetland areas totaling 9.8 acres; and
- WHEREAS,** no cultural resource surveys have been conducted for Route RA-01; and
- WHEREAS,** the Phase IA archaeological and cultural resources literature review to identify and assess known and potential archaeological sites for Route RA-01 had not been completed at the time the Comparative Environmental Analysis was prepared and thus was not available for consideration by the Minnesota PUC when the Minnesota PUC issued a permit for Route RA-01; and
- WHEREAS,** during the Minnesota PUC proceedings, the Minnesota PUC received thousands of comments from the public opposing any reroute of the Magellan Pipeline due to the harmful effects it would have on Indigenous Peoples and their spiritual and cultural practices; and
- WHEREAS,** in granting a permit to Magellan Pipeline, L.P., the Minnesota PUC placed greater value on corporate profits than on the welfare of human beings; and
- WHEREAS,** in the interest of protecting Tribal spiritual and cultural rights and resources, the Minnesota PUC must reverse its decision to approve a permit for Route RA-01; and
- WHEREAS,** in the interest of protecting Tribal spiritual and cultural rights and resources, the Minnesota PUC must not grant a route permit to Magellan Pipeline, L.P., for any of the proposed routes, all of which threaten these vital Tribal interests; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe’s Executive Committee hereby formally opposes any reroute of the Magellan Pipeline using any of the four routes considered by the Minnesota PUC; and