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Charley Bruce Public Utilities Commission 121 7th Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: Intervenor Friends of the Headwaters comment on Enbridge Energy's Application to Amend Line 3 Pipeline Routing Permit

PUC Docket Number: PL9/PPL-15-137

Dear Mr. Bruce:

This letter is in response to the Commission's Notice of Comment on Application to Amend Line 3 Pipeline Routing Permit dated May 10, 2019 in PUC Docket No. PL9/PPL-15-137.

Intervenor Friends of the Headwaters (FOH) first restates and incorporates all of its previous comments and arguments on the Line 3 routing permit. None of the modifications proposed address FOH's concerns. In addition, with the information provided, and with no environmental review of the modifications, it is impossible for FOH to ascertain whether these modifications will increase, decrease, or change any human or environmental impacts.

One other point. As the Commission knows, FOH and others have appealed the current routing permit to the Minnesota Court of Appeals, and that appeal is currently stayed pending the outcome of other appeals involving the PUC finding on the adequacy of the environmental impact statement (EIS) and, if necessary, the PUC's certificate of need decision. If the PUC decides to modify the routing permit, FOH requests that it clarify whether it intends to vacate the old routing permit and substitute a new one, or leave both route permits in place, or exactly which order it intends to be final and effective and appealable.

Thank you for your consideration.

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