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Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Project Title: Lake Andrew Development

Comment Deadline: January 17, 2018

Project Description: Zavadil Development proposes the construction of 52 detached, single-family townhomes, with an additional 10 lake lots to be developed separately, and the associated site grading, roadway, and utility improvements. The project is located within the shoreland district of a sensitive shoreland in Alexandria, Minnesota.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Alexandria

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Environmental Impact Statement Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has determined the following project does not require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the Environmental Assessment Worksheet notice was published in the EQB Monitor.

- Minnesota Department of Transportation District 8, TH 23 North Gap: 2-Lane to 4-Lane Conversion Project from Paynesville to Richmond, 12/7/2017 (10/16/2017)

Environmental Impact Statement Adequacy Determination

Public Utilities Commission

Notice of Final Environmental Impact Statement Adequacy Determination of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in the Matter of the Applications of Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership for a Certificate of Need and a Route Permit for the Proposed Line 3 Replacement Project in Minnesota from the North Dakota Border to the Wisconsin Border

Public Utilities Commission Docket Nos. PL-9/CN-14-916 and PL-9/PPL-15-137

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its December 7, 2017 agenda meeting, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) found that the following four deficiencies in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Line 3 Replacement Project must be remedied before the FEIS can be considered adequate under Minnesota Rule 4410.2800:

1. The FEIS needs to include additional information to (i) indicate how far and where SA-04 would need to be moved to avoid the karst topography it would otherwise traverse and (ii) provide a revised environmental-impact analysis of SA-04 specifically to reflect the resulting relocation of that alternative.
2. The FEIS needs to clarify that quantitative representations of route and system alternatives do not necessarily reflect the actual qualitative impacts of those alternatives. For example, the acreage of HCA drinking water sources impacted by SA-04 may be less than the same acreage of HCA drinking water sources impacted by other routes based on the nature of those water sources.

3. The FEIS needs to clearly identify the extent to which resource impacts of route alternatives in the existing Line 3 corridor are or are not additive—i.e., the extent to which that route alternative would introduce new or additional impacts beyond the impacts of the existing pipelines in that corridor.

4. The FEIS needs to clarify that the traditional cultural properties survey must be completed before the start of any construction pursuant to any permit granted in this proceeding.

The Minnesota Department of Commerce shall submit the information identified above by February 12, 2018. The Commission will then reconvene to evaluate the adequacy of the submitted information.

Questions about this project may be directed to Commission staff member Scott Ek at scott.ek@state.mn.us or 651-201-2255.

Environmental Assessment Worksheets Joint State and Federal E/AEAW

Project Title: I-35W Over the Minnesota River Project

Comment Deadline: January 17, 2018

Project Description: MnDOT proposes reconstruction of I-35W between Cliff Road in Burnsville to West 106th Street in Bloomington, including reconstruction of the I-35W Minnesota River Bridge. On northbound I-35W, MnDOT proposes an extension of the existing northbound truck climbing lane from south of West 106th Street to the Cliff Road entrance ramp. At the West 106th Street interchange, MnDOT proposes reconstruction of the I-35W bridges, including reconstruction of the south ramps. Additional project elements include drainage improvements, retaining walls, noise wall, and trail construction. The Environmental Assessment describes the proposed project, anticipated impacts, and mitigation commitments. The Environmental Assessment includes the Minnesota Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) form. MnDOT is the project proposer and the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU). Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for public viewing on the project web-site:

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i35wbloomington/index.html> and during business hours at the following locations: • MnDOT Metro District Water's Edge Building, 1500 West County Road B2, Roseville • Bloomington City Hall, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington • Burnsville City Hall, 100 Civic Center Parkway, Burnsville • Penn Lake Library, 8800 Penn Avenue South, Bloomington • Burnhaven Library, 1101 West County Road 42, Burnsville • Hennepin County Library – Minneapolis Central, Environmental Conservation Library, Government Documents, 2nd Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis • MnDOT Library, 395 John Ireland Boulevard, St. Paul Comments concerning the project may be given at a public hearing to be held on Thursday, January 11, 2018 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Oak Grove Middle School (1300 West 106th Street, Bloomington). The public hearing meeting will be held in a non-formal, open house format. A court reporter will be available to take verbal comments, and comment cards will be available for people who wish to provide written comments for the public record. The comment deadline for the Environmental Assessment is Thursday, January 25, 2018. To request this document in an alternative format, please contact MnDOT at 651-366-4718. Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may contact the Minnesota Relay service toll-free at 1-800-627-3529 (TTY, Voice or ASCII) or 711. You may also email your request to ADArequest.dot@state.mn.us.

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Alternative Urban Areawide Review Updates

Project Title: 2017 Update of the Maple Grove Gravel Mining Area

Comment Deadline: January 3, 2018

Project Description: The City of Maple Grove is updating the Maple Grove Gravel Mining Area Alternative Urban Areawide Review a third time, originally approved in 1996. The 2017 Update summarizes development activity in the Gravel Mining Area since 2010 in preparation of updating the Comprehensive Plan.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Maple Grove

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Project Title: Elk Run AUAR Revised

Comment Deadline: January 3, 2018

Project Description: In 2008, the City of Pine Island approved the Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) and associated mitigation plan for over 5,150 acres within Pine Island's future land use area. Traffic, wastewater treatment, water supply, stormwater runoff and cultural resources were the centerpieces of the AUAR evaluation. The only significant development in the AUAR study area since 2008 was the Pine Island elementary school. Additionally, major transportation, sewer, and water infrastructure have been installed since 2008. The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) installed a high capacity diverging diamond interchange at Highway 52 and County Road 12. They also closed multiple access points along this section of Highway 52 and installed a frontage road system. Olmsted County constructed County Road 5 (125th Street) extension from the new school to the west. The City of Pine Island looped and installed sanitary sewer through the heart of the AUAR study area. The City of Pine Island has modified its development timeline due to the economic downturn and added a 400 acre private motorsports park. Attached is a copy of the original AUAR / mitigation plan, and revised sections. Copies of the revised AUAR will be distributed to the EQB distribution list and other interested agencies. The document is open for public comment until January 3, 2018. A copy of the document is available for viewing at the Pine Island City Hall, 250 South Main Street, the Van Horn Public Library, 115 SE 3rd Street, Pine Island, MN (507-356-8558) and the Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd Street SE, Rochester, MN (507-285-8000), during regular business hours. Comments should be submitted in writing to City Administrator David Todd.

Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU): City of Pine Island

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Notice

EQB Board Meeting December 20, 2017

The EQB will hold its monthly meeting on December 20, 2017. The proposed meeting agenda and additional information, including details for the live webcast, can be found on the EQB [website](#).