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### EQB Announcements

## Climate and Environmental Review Listening Session – December 18, 2019

The listening session will be held from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm at the EQB/MPCA St. Paul office.

Commissioner Laura Bishop (Chair, Environmental Quality Board) and Commissioner Sarah Strommen (Chair, Environmental Review Implementation Subcommittee) are hosting a listening session to provide for further public input and dialogue on the topic of incorporating climate-related information into the environmental review program.

The listening session will be an open forum discussion and all perspectives are welcome. You can view the full [Listening Session Discussion Guide](https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/environmental-review-implementation-subcommittee-eris#) on the EQB webpage using this link: <https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/content/environmental-review-implementation-subcommittee-eris#>

## Citizen Board Member Opening - 4th Congressional District

Applications are now open for an EQB Citizen Board Member in the 4th Congressional District. The 4th Congressional District includes St. Paul and surrounding suburbs such as Woodbury, Maplewood, Roseville, New Brighton, White Bear Lake, and Stillwater.

The position is for a four-year term starting January 1, 2020. The position is open until filled. For details and to apply: <https://commissionsandappointments.sos.state.mn.us/agency/details/107>

## Citizen Environmental Review Survey

The Environmental Quality Board, which oversees the state's Environmental Review program, is undergoing a continuous improvement project to monitor and improve the effectiveness of Environmental Review. Minnesota citizens who have participated in the Environmental Review process during this calendar year are asked to consider taking 10 minutes to complete the survey at the link below. Engagement in the process may include: reviewed a document, attended a public meeting, wrote a comment, contacted staff, etc.

<http://survey.mn.gov/s.asp?k=156822169253>

## 2020 State Water Plan: Survey

The 2020 State Water Plan is a project of Minnesota State Government to present a clear vision for water action in the coming decade in the face of climate change. The purpose of this survey is to gather input from you, the residents of Minnesota, about how to address the impacts of climate change on waters in your community and across the State. Take the Survey and provide your input by clicking here: (<http://survey.mn.gov/s.asp?k=157315792614>)

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## Petitions

The following petition has been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW). The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

- City of St. Paul, Rohn Industries Trailer Storage

## Environmental Assessment Worksheet Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has made a decision regarding the need for an Environmental Assessment Worksheet in response to a citizen's petition.

- City of New Prague, Kwik Trip, (Denied)  
**RGU contact:** Michael Johnson, City Administrator, 952-758-4401, [info@ci.new-prague.mn.us](mailto:info@ci.new-prague.mn.us)  
**Link to document:** No link available. Contact the RGU for a copy of the document.
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## Final Environmental Impact Statement

### Line 3 Replacement Project Second Revised Final Environmental Impact Statement

**Comment Deadline:** January 16, 2020

**Issued:** December 9, 2019 In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership for a Certificate of Need for the Proposed Line 3 Replacement Project in Minnesota from the North Dakota Border to the Wisconsin Border In the Matter of the Application of Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership for a Route Permit for the Proposed Line 3 Replacement Project in Minnesota from the North Dakota Border to the Wisconsin Border

**PUC Docket Numbers:** PL-9/CN-14-916 and PL-9/PPL-15-137 On October 8, 2019, consistent with the June 3, 2019 decision by the Minnesota Court of Appeals, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued an order that found the February 12, 2018 revised final environmental impact statement (FEIS) for the proposed Line 3 Replacement Project to be inadequate because it did not sufficiently address the potential impact of an oil spill into the Lake Superior watershed. The order requested that the Minnesota Department of Commerce revise the February 12, 2018 revised FEIS to include an analysis of the potential impact of an oil spill into the Lake Superior watershed, and to submit a revised FEIS to the Commission within 60 days.

The Minnesota Department of Commerce has issued a second revised FEIS and it is available for review. The second revised FEIS addresses the Commission's October 8 Order in Chapter 10, and Appendices S, T, and V, and also includes updates to the Abstract section.

**Comment Period:** Comments on the adequacy of the second revised FEIS will be accepted through 4:30 p.m., January 16, 2020. Comments received after the comment period closes may not be considered.

**Topics open for Comment:** With respect to the adequacy of second revised FEIS, the following topic is open for comment: Is the revised FEIS adequate?

**Comments may be submitted via:** eDocuments: Visit [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc), select the Comment on the main menu to connect to the public comment page.

**U.S. Mail:** Scott Ek Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 7th Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101 Fax: 651-297-7073 Please include “Line 3 Project second revised FEIS Comments” and the Commission's docket number 14-916 and 15-137 on all comments.

**SECOND REVISED FEIS AVAILABILITY:** The second revised FEIS can be viewed on the Department of Commerce Line 3 website: [mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/line3](http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/line3) The second revised FEIS is also located on the Commission’s eDocket System at: [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc), select eDockets, enter the year (14) and the docket number (916), or the year (15) and the docket number (137), and select Search.

**Electronic copies of the second revised FEIS are available for viewing at the following public libraries:**

- Albert Lea Public Library, 211 E Clark St, Albert Lea, MN 56007
- Austin Public Library, 323 4th Ave NE, Austin, MN 55912
- Bagley Public Library, 79 Spencer Ave SW, Bagley, MN 56621
- Bemidji Public Library, 509 America Ave NW, Bemidji, MN 56601
- Bemidji State University C. Clark Library, 1500 Birchmont Dr NE, Bemidji, MN 56601
- Benson Public Library, 200 13th St N, Benson, MN 56215
- Blue Earth County Library, 100 E Main St, Mankato, MN 56001
- Cambridge Public Library, 244 Birch St S, Cambridge, MN 55008
- Carlton Public Library, 213 Chestnut Ave, Carlton, MN 55718
- Cass Lake Community Library, 223 Cedar Ave, Cass Lake, MN 56633
- Crookston Public Library, 110 N Ash St, Crookston, MN 56716
- Crosslake Area Library, 14126 Daggett Pine Rd, Crosslake, MN 56442
- Duluth Public Library, 520 W Superior St, Duluth, MN 55802
- East Lake Community Center, 20650 363rd Lane, McGregor, MN 55760
- Fergus Falls Public Library, 205 East Hampden Ave, Fergus Falls, MN 56537
- Foley Public Library, 251 4th Ave N, Foley, MN 56329
- Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College, 2101 14th Street, Cloquet, MN 55720
- Gaylord Public Library, 428 Main Ave, Gaylord, MN 55334
- Godel Memorial Library, 314 E Johnson Ave, Warren, MN 56762
- Grand Rapids Public Library, 140 NE 2nd St, Grand Rapids, MN 55744
- Great River Regional Library, 1300 W St Germain St, St. Cloud, MN 56301
- Hallock Public Library, 101 1st St E, Hallock, MN 56728
- Hinckley Public Library, 106 1st St SE, Hinckley, MN 55037
- Kitchigami Regional Library, 212 Park Ave, Pine River, MN 56474
- Le Sueur Public Library, 118 Ferry St, Le Sueur, MN 56058
- Leech Lake Tribal & Community College, 6945 Little Wolf Rd NW, Cass Lake, MN 56633
- Legislative Reference Library, 100 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55155
- Little Falls Public Library, 108 NE 3rd St, Little Falls, MN 56345
- McGregor Public Library, 111 E Center Ave, McGregor, MN 55760
- McIntosh Public Library, 115 NW Broadway, McIntosh, MN 56556
- Milaca Community Library, 235 1st St E, Milaca, MN 56353
- Minneapolis Central Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401
- Montevideo Public Library, 224 S 1st St, Montevideo, MN 56265
- Mora Public Library, 200 W Maple Ave, Mora, MN 55051
- Morris Public Library, 102 E 6th St, Morris, MN 56267
- Olivia Public Library, 405 S 10th St, Olivia, MN 56277
- Park Rapids Area Library, 210 1st St W, Park Rapids, MN 56470

- Red Lake Falls Public Library, 105 Champagne Ave SW, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
- Red Lake Nation Tribal & Community College, 15480 Migizi Dr, Red Lake, MN 56671
- Rice Lake Community Center, 26209 Water Tower Loop, Bagley, MN 56621
- Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd St SE, Rochester, MN 55904
- St. Peter Public Library, 601 S Washington Ave, St Peter, MN 56082
- Staples Public Library, 122 6th St NE, Staples, MN 56479
- Thief River Falls Public Library, 102 1st St E, Thief River Falls, MN 56701
- Wadena City Library, 304 1st St SW, Wadena, MN 56482
- Waseca-Le Sueur Library, 408 N State St, Waseca, MN 56093
- Wheaton Public Library, 901 1st Ave N, Wheaton, MN 56296
- White Earth Tribal & Community College, 102 3rd St NE, Mahanomen, MN 56557
- Willmar Public Library, 410 5th St SW, Wilmar, MN 56201

**Additional Information on the Line 3 Replacement Project and the Commission's review process can be found by visiting:** [mn.gov/puc/line3](http://mn.gov/puc/line3) Filing Requirements: Utilities, telecommunications carriers, official parties, and state agencies are required to file documents using the Commission's electronic filing system (eFiling). Visit: [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc), select eFiling, and follow the prompts.

**Full Case Record:** See all documents filed in this docket via the Commission's website at [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc), select Search eDockets, enter the year (14) and the docket number (916), or the year (15) and the docket number (137), select Search. Subscribe to the Docket: Receive email notification when new documents are filed in this matter: [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc), select Subscribe, and follow the prompts.

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If you have questions about this docket or the Commission's process and procedures, please direct them to Scott Ek of the Commission staff at 651-201-2255 or [scott.ek@state.mn.us](mailto:scott.ek@state.mn.us) or Charley Bruce, Public Advisor, at [publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:publicadvisor.puc@state.mn.us) or 651-201-2251. To request this document in alternative formats, such as large print or audio, call 651-296-0406 (voice). Persons with a hearing or speech impairment may call us through their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service or email [consumer.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:consumer.puc@state.mn.us) for assistance.

**Link to document:** <https://mn.gov/eera/web/file-list/13765/>

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