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Line 5 Comments DNR (EA/7)
101 South Webster Street
Madison, WI 53707

(Docket Number: IP-NO-2020-2-N00471)

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of our 9,000 highly-skilled piping professionals, the Wisconsin Pipe Trades Association respectfully asks the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, to promptly process and approve the permits that are required for Enbridge's Line 5 – Wisconsin Segment Replacement Project, to move forward.

The relocation of this segment of Line 5 is required to remove the existing pipeline from the Bad River Reservation, while continuing to provide safe and efficient transportation of essential energy, including Natural Gas Liquids to NE Wisconsin. Pipelines are and will remain to be the safest and most energy efficient means to transfer such fuels and other products. It is estimated that 2,100 tanker trucks would need to leave Superior daily, to transport the products that are currently carried by Line 5.

The Wisconsin Pipe Trades Association invests \$10 million dollars of private money each year, to develop our future workforce and increase the skills of our existing members, in order to supply the needs of an ever changing industry.

Our union members will make up a significant portion of the estimated 700 family-sustaining jobs that this project creates. Their skills and the skills of all the union's members who work on this project will assure that this segment is installed safely and responsibly. Because this project combines the quality work of our members, with the careful planning and engineering by Enbridge, we can be assured that this pipeline will continue operate safely and efficiently.

Sincerely,

Terry Hayden, President
Wisconsin Pipe Trades Association