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Dear Al,

It's raining on January 1, 2020, and that's what climate change looks like in Minnesota, along with a good deal of torrential flooding which impacts our world, and yours. Australia is burning to the ground, the Amazon is on fire, and it's unlivable in cities now faced with extreme heat waves. We all can do something, now that we all have blood on our hands. I want to wash mine off.

It's been a year since I wrote you last. But feel like it's not so long ago that I took a trip to your Shareholders Meeting in Calgary, but didn't get a chance to see you there. Still, I did drop a banner and hang out with a bunch of laid-off tar sands workers who are mad as heck. Time to move on, I keep telling you that. Time to be part of the solution, not the problem. Here's a picture of me from the event, just in case you've forgotten what I look like.

It's been a long year for both of us, but I am grateful to be a Water Protector, grateful to be here at this time. Enbridge has been busy filling our state up with pipes, financing police guys, slathering money around the state, pushing poor counties to return money property taxes in Minnesota, and using fake organizations to make it look like your ideas are salient. This really has to stop. You are militarizing our state, getting folks trigger-happy and people are going to get hurt. I don't think that's a good idea.

Here's what we saw:

You've been busy manipulating democratic systems in Minnesota. Like Minnesotans for Line 3.

It turns out that Minnesotan's for Line 3 is actually the Enbridge Corporation. All this time I thought this was a legitimate organization. Wow, you, Al Monaco, along with Cynthia Hansen and John Whelen, both senior executives at Enbridge in Calgary comprised the board members. The only board member of



Minnesotans for Line 3 from Minnesota was Bob Schoenberger, formerly of United Pipeline Company, may he rest in peace. (I know you switched it up some since, but it's still, all Enbridge)

A June 6 report released by DeSmog, an investigative journalist project, found that Minnesotans for Line 3 presents itself as a grassroots organization consisting of "[thousands of members.](#)" But, behind the scenes, Enbridge made the plan. All told, Minnesotans for Line 3 was the tenth largest digital ad purchaser among interest groups between November 2018 and April 2019. "...And ...engaged in more stealthy tactics as well: At one meeting in 2019, dozens of young people wearing Minnesotans for Line 3 shirts occupied spots in a line at a state Public Utilities Commission (PUC) hearing on the project at the expense of the project's opponents – [only to disappear shortly](#) after receiving the tickets."

For the many tribal people who traveled from low-income communities to participate in the hearing process, this became pretty discouraging. Literally hundreds of people who are actually impacted by this proposal were not allowed to speak at hearings because of Enbridge's manipulations. I gotta hand it to you, the \$11 million your company spent lobbying last year did buy the Public Utilities Commission, but it neither bought the courts nor the people.

I bet the June 2019 decision of the Minnesota Court of Appeals probably hurt a bit. In fact, I think that your stock value dropped 4% after that decision which found the Environmental Impact Statement inadequate. Not that we were surprised. The environmental impact statement, if fully developed, well, even as it was, should have resulted in a No for a route. But, in this case, the Court found that there had been no adequate assessment of the impact of an oil spill on the Lake Superior Watershed.

So, you and your consultants went back to the drawing board, and came back with a supplemental EIS, which is, still paltry. We just go back to your own words, and those of the initial EIS, where in Chapter 10 page 1, the authors admit "the analysis in this chapter cannot predict the impact of a spill." In your Application to Cross Public Waters (page 22) you admit that you cannot comply with Minnesota Water quality rules 6135.1100. As we get further into 2020, we will see how this goes.

But, in the meantime, we see that your idea that new pipes are safe, is not actually true. After all the Keystone spill of 383,000 gallons of oil in North Dakota this past October came from a new Canadian pipe. Spills happen. It turns out I found some of your stuff from the Kalamazoo spill -- that's a tar ball -- which was scooped from the bottom of the Kalamazoo River. That was five years after the spill.

You've also been suing First Nations.

While on one hand, you've been trotting out Indians like a dog and pony show, promising \$100 million in contracts to anyone who can come up with an idea, it seems by creating all sorts of consulting contracts with Native American cultural specialists and the like, like Seven Bison Consulting, and more. But you are still suing Native people who don't like you, or who won't play ball.

That's really the case at Bad River in Wisconsin, right?

Here's what your Aboriginal People's Policy says:

"We engage in forthright and sincere consultation with Indigenous Peoples about Enbridge's projects and operations through processes that seek to achieve early and meaningful engagement so their input can help define our projects that may occur on lands traditionally used by Indigenous Peoples."

Here's what you did: you sued the Bad River Ojibwe, seeking to force the tribe to keep a 60-year-old pipeline on the reservation, despite the tribal lawsuit in federal court demanding that Enbridge remove the pipeline as the easements had expired in 2013. The [Bad River Band](#) of the Lake Superior [had filed a complaint in July](#) claiming that Enbridge's Line 5 pipeline is "a grave public nuisance" that poses an ever-worsening oil spill threat to the tribe's northern Wisconsin reservation, noting that 11 of the 15 easements crossing the reservation had expired in 2013, and that Enbridge was operating without an easement. Btw, that's bad ass Mike Wiggins, the Tribal Chairman if you don't recognize his photo. He's with Mick Isham, at GLIFWC, and those Ws are for Water Protector.



After the Federal Court filing, Enbridge stated that it would work with the tribe and respect their

sovereignty. Subsequently, meetings outside of reservation towns, where the pipeline could possibly find a new home, were met with opposition and hostility,

particularly in Mellon, Wisconsin. There, the company was told not to return as the citizens of Mellon were opposed to the pipeline. That was before you spent some more big money to get your route. It's all good.

In the meantime, you've asked the courts to force the tribe to comply with a 1992 agreement that the company contends requires the tribe to allow Line 5 to stay in operation until 2043 "on any reservation land in which the band has an interest" and requires the tribe "to provide assistance in obtaining easements across any non-band-owned land as well." The agreement "certainly did not and does not permit the band to file this litigation seeking to remove the Line from the reservation prior to 2043."

The Bad River Band claimed in its counter-complaint that Enbridge is now illegally operating the pipeline across the tribe's Bad River Reservation, as 15 easements, 11 of which the tribe has an ownership interest in, have indeed expired. The tribe alleged that Enbridge sends as much as 23 million gallons of oil and natural gas liquids through Line 5 across the reservation.

"Enough is enough," Tribal Chairman Mike Wiggins said. "Our waterways are the lifeblood of the tribe. They represent our ancestors and our past and they represent all of our hopes and dreams for the future. We are done playing games in dealing with this perpetual dance with danger. No amount of compensation is worth risking -- Wenji-Bimaadiziyaang (that's an Ojibwe word that literally means 'From where we get life'). It's time to end the imminent threat the company is presenting to our people, our rivers, and Gichi-Gami (Lake Superior)," Chairman Wiggins added.

You are also slogging ahead to get your property tax money back from a bunch of poor counties in northern Minnesota. Some of those counties, like Clearwater County are in really bad shape, so to make sure that they feel better about paying back that \$7 million or so said that you are owed. The company says that a new Line 3 would help cushion the blow of county tax refunds, creating about \$20 million in new property taxes annually," the *Star Tribune* in the Twin Cities told us. , We went to see some of those towns, and Oklee, one of your towns has a park, where the Enbridge pipes are the park. Because of the torrential rains, and the special subsiding around pipes and that cathodic shield, our bus got stuck on your pipes. That was sort of embarrassing. Fortunately, we got it out. But here's a picture of your future, in case you want to see it:



After this past year, I really regret that the Stockholm Syndrome seems to be becoming more common place in Minnesota. But it's there. Counties like Clearwater County are getting more aggressive towards Native people. Not like they haven't been for a long time. But we had a few good ideas. Despite spending an inordinate amount of time trying to stop you

from doing dumb stuff, we did visit you a few more times. Indigenous People's

Day was a good one, I am sorry you weren't there.



I bet that question of pipeline capacity has got to be a challenging one for you to think about. I'd get a headache on that one for sure. I really think there can only be one... And, that one is going to be the last tar sands pipeline. Sort of like the last unicorn or something, but not as magical. Heck, even the Koch brothers divested of all their dirty tar sands stuff, and at a great loss. Must have been a tough one, as David Koch passed away less than a month later, RIP.

If there can only be one, you have some competition in Minnesota. This fall, some friends of ours dragged some coffins out of the ground and put in a new pipeline proposal, this one a special Indigenous one, the kind that supports tribal

sovereignty. They call themselves the Indigenous Pipeline Council, and they are determined to have the first real Indigenous pipeline in northern Minnesota. Some folks thought it was real, it was good political theatre, Al.....<https://indigenouipelinecouncil.com/>

As to the new year, 2020, it's going to be a long year for both of us, Al. I'm looking forward to all the celebrations and good people who will come to northern Minnesota to enjoy and protect our water. We will be here in large numbers. And you are going to have to decide if it's worth shooting us for your pipeline. I don't think so. But in any case, we're releasing a new film, here's the trailer- it's called LN3, and it will be showing all over Enbridge's main corridor this spring and summer. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gcfBIZbfJqM>

Finally, here's my new year thinking. It's time to move on. Even the United Nations has said that this is the time to end the Wiindigo practices of the fossil fuel industry. The times they are a-changing. After all, for the first time in nine decades, EXXON Mobil did not make the top ten of the American Standard and Poors Index (the S^P), times are changing. It's time to move away from dinosaurs, and become the kind of company which solves problems in Minnesota, and doesn't make more. It's time for a solar, wind and efficiency future. The tribes are going to make this, and really you should move along towards the green path.

So, as we both prepare for this year in Minnesota, know that we will do things differently. One of the main things I am going to do is plant more. That's to say plant a lot more food, corn, beans, squash, potatoes, and hemp. That's right cannabis. I'm a cannabis grower, and that hemp stuff can change the future, because we are going to move into a post-petroleum age. I give you a challenge. I am going to grow my crops with water, you grow yours with oil. Let's see who does the best.

Sincerely,

Winona the Water Protector