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Dear Al,

We haven't spoken this past year. Sort of disappointing really, since I write you annually, and came all the way up to see you in Calgary this past spring. Well, anyway, thought I'd drop you an update on how things are going in Minnesota and all, since you haven't been around lately.

This past week, I drove the highways of the north country and met quite a few trucks carrying your pipes. Those pipes were from the Sandpiper pipeline project, and have been sitting in yards here in our territory. We call our territory; *Anishinaabe Akiing*, the land to which the people belong. For the past four years I have been looking at those pipes. My people have been traumatized at your Black Snake in our territory. . *We also have some pretty significant historic trauma, which I just want to mention; so this doesn't really help.* This week, however, I felt better. We all did. I saw those pipes move. The Sandpiper is dead, and it is not coming back. We took a few pictures of those pipes getting loaded on the train and I wanted to share them with you: *The pipes are going bye bye. Thanks for moving on.*



I called Line 3 Project Manager Paul Eberth, hoping to get an answer. The question: Who buys four year old weather worn pipes? *Not sure, rumor is someone in Texas.* I have to tell you though, that you could do a really good deed for us all, and send those pipes to Flint, Michigan. After all, that city has been without potable water for 1500 days, and they certainly could use some good pipes.

This leads me to a question about infrastructure I have been wanting to ask you. Seems that there are a huge number of people who need pipes in North America, and it would be a great business to be in- *pipes for people, not for tar sands oil.* Sort of a career shift and all, I realize, but; think of it this way, there are 151 First Nations communities in

Canada without potable drinking water, many lacking basic sanitation. And, Minnesota itself, hosts 239 cities with inadequate water treatment centers and all. *Just think about it, maybe you will have a change of heart.*

Back to the visits and all. I didn't get a response to my concerns from the Dakota Access Pipeline; being as you financed about 38% of that. I wrote you and Linda Coady asking for you to demilitarize that situation, and, really, not shoot at us. You chose to do nothing, and we all know that. I am trying to understand this Enbridge Aboriginal People's Policy you have there- as I recall, it has these phrases in it, and all, that speak of respect and cooperation.

<https://www.enbridge.com/about-us/indigenous-communities/indigenous-peoples-policy>

Anyway, I am hoping you don't plan to shoot us here in Minnesota to get your pipeline through. That would be a pretty big mistake.

Meanwhile, we did come visit you in Calgary. Sacred Jingle Dress Dancers joined me to pray and honor our water outside of your Shareholders meeting. We prayed hard, and I heard there were a number of you watching us; that's good. *We pray for our water and our future generations.*

We also wanted to be clear with your shareholders. Contrary to some of your more optimistic claims, there is huge opposition to this Line 3 Project in Minnesota. I think there's a shareholders resolution in fact, calling for a transparency with First Nations. The Sisters of Charity are really good counsel. This proposal called for the disclosure of your process to identify and address social and environmental risks, including Indigenous right risks. While not passed, 30% of your shareholders voted for this proposal.¹ Transparency to share with your folks might include this:



¹<https://www.nationalobserver.com/2017/05/12/news/one-third-enbridge-shareholders-want-change-says-standing-rock-leader>

Five tribal governments have intervened against you in the Public Utilities Commission, representing over 50,000 tribal members and millions of acres of land. These Tribes are also petitioning for a full cultural resources survey, one that you have refused to do.² Are you planning on desecrating our burial grounds like you did at Standing Rock? To combat the unresponsive and inadequate state process these tribes have also completed their own cumulative impact assessment of your proposed Line 3 project.³ This review has found that the project will not benefit tribal communities. A finding that has been reflected in the Minnesota's Department of Commerce's finding that recommends the Certificate of Need not be granted.⁴

Bad River Tribal Council passed a formal resolution to not renew easement rights-of-way for the Enbridge Energy Line 5 crude oil pipeline through their reservation.⁵ They also called for a full removal of the line through their lands and watershed. These easements actually expired all the way back in 2103. Seems like a next step may be trespassing charges.

Leech Lake has informed you that the six pipeline easements will not be renewed through their reservation, and that's a pretty big swath of the main line. They have also suggested that trying to put the Line 3 into the old corridor would be an Act of Aggression. That would not be good.

And, the Red Lake Tribal Council just voted to rescind their agreement with you on the trespass over forty acres of their reservation. It was a good \$18 million offer, but seems that things don't always work out.

Meanwhile, in Michigan opposition to Line 5 continued to grow.⁶ In a show of bipartisan collaboration, Democrat Debbie Dingell and Republican Dave Trott co-sponsored legislation that would require the federal government to conduct a study on the economic and environmental risks Line 5 presents to the Great Lakes.⁷ This move is but one example of how you have lost public officials' trust in Michigan. Much of this has to do with the fact that you have known about (and one knowing about) the missing supports and the damage to the coating of this twin line.⁸ Many counties, municipalities and tribes continue to call for shut down.

Opposition is also growing in Wisconsin. In March, over 200 protectors gathered in Wisconsin and marched against your expansion plans.⁹ In Minnesota, protectors gathered to enforce at the

² <https://www.stopline3.org/news/tribalpetition>

³ <https://www.stopline3.org/news/acia?rq=acia>

⁴ <http://www.startribune.com/minnesota-commerce-department-recommends-against-line-3-plan/443795483/>

⁵ http://www.apg-wi.com/ashland_daily_press/news/bad-river-tribal-council-rejects-enbridge-pipeline-easement-renewal/article_372cd602-d3bc-11e6-b68a-fbec51f471dc.html

⁶ <http://www.inforum.com/news/4196920-enbridge-may-face-tough-legal-battle-wis-keep-60-year-old-pipeline-running>

⁷ https://www.petoskeynews.com/gaylord/featured-ght/top-gallery/list-of-groups-in-opposition-to-major-pipeline-grow/s/article_aa11ecf6-208b-5a31-8923-596f55211d9f.html

⁸ <http://michiganradio.org/post/two-michigan-members-congress-want-prompt-federal-study-enbridge-line-5>

⁹ <https://abc10up.com/2017/11/14/state-snyder-bergman-call-enbridge-line-5-concerns/>

⁹ http://www.dailyunion.com/news/article_9d74ff94-028c-11e7-bdd0-db7771c9031a.html

State Department's meeting on the Alberta Clipper expansion project.¹⁰ These gatherings were mirrored in Michigan, where protectors showed up to a meeting on the safety issues of Line 5.¹¹ These protectors demanded the shut-down of this ticking time-bomb that threatens 1/5 of the world's fresh water. This gathering was followed by a proposed bill to shut down Line 5.¹² Water protectors also gathered in Hamilton, to oppose your plans there for Line 10.¹³ Opposition to Line 10 has also been growing in the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, as the injunctions against two men practicing traditional hunting rights were granted.¹⁴

April again started with numerous gatherings of Water Protectors opposing your lines. In Minnesota, we gathered to stop a bill designed to fast track your Line 3 expansion project.¹⁵ We also gathered in the north to see for ourselves what the condition of Line 3 is.¹⁶ In Michigan, Water Protectors confronted the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, pushing them to take a stand against Line 5.¹⁷ April also saw the release of a report by the National Wildlife Federation, detailing the threats that your pipelines pose to the Great Lakes.¹⁸ Also during this month, the public review of the DEIS by the MN DOC started here in Minnesota. Our staff attended all the 22 public meetings on this document, and spent hours combing through the document. What we found was a document rife with inaccuracies and bad science. What we also saw was a public that was largely against your Line 3 plans. May also saw the passing of a resolution in Kalamazoo County calling for the shut down of Line 5.¹⁹ This move was followed by a Water Protector's summit hosted by the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.²⁰ Meanwhile, in Canada, the Liidlii Kue First Nation called for an environmental assessment of your planned Line 21 project.²¹

This past year has also brought spills, layoffs, and dropping stocks. In January, you had a 365 barrel spill in Lawrence County, Missouri.²² This same

¹⁰<http://www.bemidjipioneer.com/news/4230774-pipeline-opponents-supporters-gather-bemidji-meeting-enbridge-expansion-request>

¹¹<http://www.truth-out.org/buzzflash/commentary/250-protestors-demand-enbridge-pipeline-shutdown-over-concerns-of-great-lakes-oil-spill>

http://www.mlive.com/news/index.ssf/2017/03/enbridge_line_5_ed_timm_psab.html

¹² <http://woodtv.com/2017/03/30/senate-bill-targets-enbridge-line-under-great-lakes/>

¹³<https://www.hamiltonnews.com/news-story/7204380-sparks-fly-as-enbridge-hamilton-environmentalists-debate-line-10-pipeline-impact/>

<https://globalnews.ca/news/3327812/enbridge-environmentalists-square-off-again-over-line-10/>

¹⁴ <http://www.metronews.ca/news/toronto/2017/03/27/a-pipeline-rabbit-traps-and-a-300-year-old-treaty.html>

¹⁵<http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/news/4246888-activists-lawmakers-protest-amendment-advance-minnesota-pipeline-replacement>

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<http://www.bemidjipioneer.com/news/4248210-taking-closer-look-activists-gather-inspect-enbridge-pipelines-cass-lake>

¹⁷ http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2017/04/enbridge_line_5_discussion_der.html

¹⁸ <https://chicago.suntimes.com/opinion/big-oil-spill-a-silent-threat-to-lake-michigan-great-lakes/>

¹⁹ <http://wmuk.org/post/kalamazoo-county-approves-resolution-against-enbridge-line-5>

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<http://upnorthlive.com/news/local/grand-traverse-band-of-ottawa-and-chippewa-indians-work-to-remove-pipeline-5>

²¹ <http://cklbradio.com/liidlii-kue-first-nation-asks-for-an-environmental-assessment-of-line-21/>

²²<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-pipeline-operations-enbridge/enbridge-shuts-ozark-pipeline-after-oil-leak-in-missouri-idUSKBN1502HB>

pipeline spilled over 2,000 barrels in 2013, but seemed to miss making the news as it was outdone by Exxon's Pegasus pipeline.²³ In February, you decided to sell this pipeline.²⁴ The company that bought this line, MPLX, is a unit of Marathon Petroleum Corp, your long-time partner in crime. This spill was followed by a 14,285 barrel spill on your Seaway Pipeline in Blue Ridge, Texas. This a relatively new line, opened in mid-2016, yet this was the second spill on this line.²⁵ This spill was also largely overlooked by the media. In March, you had a 6,044 barrel spill in Strathcona County.²⁶



To round off your March, you let go 1,000 people, mostly from recently acquired Spectra Energy²⁷ In another move that signals your weakening financial position, you appealed five years of taxes in Minnesota. This challenge would affect some of the poorest counties in Minnesota, threatening to bankrupt at least two northern counties.²⁸ Finally, in what is starting to seem like a trend, you had another spill. While it was only 62 barrels, it was in close proximity to your February spill, and resulted in another investigation by the Canadian Transportation Safety Board.²⁹



Back to North Dakota. I want to be clear with you that it's not just the Native people who do not want your pipeline. This is, after all, not North Dakota. There are a huge number of intervenors in the Public Utilities Commission, including a number of landowners who don't want their land taken by eminent domain for a Canadian Corporation, and amongst others some teenagers, the Youth Climate Intervenors, who really think that the 126 million more metric tons of carbon put through that Line 3 is a bad idea for their future. *I am betting on them; so are their ancestors.*



²³ <http://www.esquire.com/news-politics/politics/a18360/missouri-pipeline-oil-spill-050213/>
<http://blog.nwf.org/2013/04/breaking-exxon-tar-sands-pipeline-ruptures-in-arkansas-forcing-evacuations-and-threatening-wildlife/>

²⁴ <http://www.ogj.com/articles/2017/02/mplx-unit-to-acquire-ozark-pipeline.html>

²⁵ <https://patch.com/us/across-america/tiny-blue-ridge-texas-oil-spill-emerges-cautionary-tale-against-dakota-access>

²⁶ <https://edmonton.ctvnews.ca/third-party-causes-enbridge-pipeline-leak-in-strathcona-county-1.3291850>

²⁷ <http://www.cbc.ca/news/business/enbridge-spectra-energy-layoffs-1.4036009>

²⁸ <http://www.startribune.com/enbridge-tax-challenge-could-cost-counties-up-north/417137923/>

²⁹ <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/enbridge-crude-oil-spill-edmonton-1.4038566>

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/oil-spill-cleanup-underway-at-enbridge-facility-in-strathcona-county-1.4034723>

Then there's the city of Grand Rapids. Sort of plucky bunch up there. That city, which had, the single largest oil spill in the US; wants old line 3 removed and cleaned up. *This is what I have been telling you Al. Nice guys clean up their mess.* It's sort of a basic parenting thing. I've raised a lot of children and grandchildren Al, and I really am going to stick to this clean up your mess thing. Here's our billboard in downtown Grand Rapids, in case you haven't seen it.



I know you are counting on Duluth, but I have to say, that when the City Council decided to not approve a request for \$83,000 worth of riot gear, (which we can only assume would be targeted at Water Protectors) you all had to notice that. As I keep telling you; Minnesota is not North Dakota, and it turns out that Water Protectors are everywhere.

And, despite your peddling influence in the Wisconsin legislature, things may not work out. You secured legislation to deny counties the right to be insured against spills. It seems that the Wisconsin courts are hearing that case. And, here in the home front; I can assure you litigation will be pretty stiff and prolonged in Minnesota. After all, we've got lots of folks here who think that six lines is enough and all.

Now on to a few more subjects. I'm worried about your choices, not only for us; but for you. I am fully aware that you are banking on being the only international tar sands pipeline to succeed. I'm aware that you are counting on 25 more years of milking the tar sands; but I don't think that is going to happen. In fact, divestment seems to be moving in on you. I know you are some big guys up there; but US Bank just pulled \$1.3 billion out of Enbridge, specifically due to concerns on Line 3. Now that's a big one for sure, but it's part of a much larger trend. BNP Paribas is divesting of \$1.24 billion, and tar sands (the French guys if you don't know); AXA Insurance has moved \$3.5 billion out of tar sands, the Norwegian Oil Fund, (those badass Viking guys) with a North Sea oil empire are moving on- potentially one trillion out of oil. *And counting.* Divestment has grown; and there's a real sense that the last days of the tar sands are soon; far before you had hoped.

Which leads me to your decision making: renewables are here, and you've had this \$7 billion or so portfolio which seems to move along in wind and all, with some new offshore projects. I really think those are swell; and you should keep that up; sort of the diversify yourself out of fossil fuels and all; that's my prudent suggestion. Sadly, it seems you are not thinking well. Looks like you are planning to liquidate your renewables to pay for your pipelines.

<http://www.jwnenergy.com/article/2017/11/enbridge-monetize-least-3-billion-gas-renewables-assets-2018/>

But don't take it from me, I don't think your shares are the strongest now, as the tide moves with the Big Apple and others suing fossil fuel companies for climate change. New York City in January, filed suit against BP, Chevron, Conoco Phillips, Exxon Mobil and Royal Dutch Shell, holding them responsible for present and future damage to the city from climate change. There is also the BNP Paribas \$1.24B divestment and the US Bank: \$1.3B cancelled line of credit. Add to that their commitment to divest \$189 billion in New York pension funds from fossil fuels in the next five years, and I really feel like your climate roulette gamble is not going to work out. <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2018/jan/10/new-york-city-plans-to-divest-5bn-from-fossil-fuels-and-sue-oil-companies> Our Mother Earth cannot withstand the next round of tar sands exploitation, and if we are going to live here, including you, we are going to need to stop this.

Well anyway, I've got a sweet place right on your proposed pipeline route. I'll be taking up residence there soon; with a large number of my friends. There are a couple of pretty good size camps going already, Mukwa and Turtle Island. To be honest, all those people who got shot and arrested at Standing Rock are not too happy with you, and plan on coming to Minnesota.

*The camping is nicer, and the white people like us a lot. Minnesotans love their water more than your oil, I am sure of that. Some of these hearty folks have been arrested already. I'm sort of saving myself for later on; but let me tell you; that me, the Raging Grannies and thousands of us are prepared to face the Creator and you. *No problem.**

Hope that winter gives you some down time to think about the future. See you this spring.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Winona LaDuke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Winona LaDuke

