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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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RE: Red Cliff's Comments on Enbridge's Wetland and Waterway Crossing Permit application and the Environmental Impact Statement's Scoping Process for the proposed Line 5 Reroute

Boozhoo Mr. Callan,

The Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (henceforth the Miskwabekaang) has many questions and concerns with Enbridge's proposed Line 5 Reroute around the Bad River Reservation and the corresponding documents submitted as part of their Wetland and Waterway Crossing Permit application. Miskwabekaang also has questions and suggestions regarding the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement.

On May 21st, Wisconsin DNR Tribal Liaison Michele Allness emailed me offering consultation between the Wisconsin DNR and Miskwabekaang. On June 16th, Red Cliff's Environmental Justice Specialist Noah Saperstein notified Michele Allness that Red Cliff would accept the Wisconsin DNR's offer to consult. Our questions and concerns regarding the proposed Line 5 Reroute and the above regulatory processes will be brought up during the consultation process. Some of these questions and concerns relate to: the specifics of the proposed route and corresponding data submitted in the application, impacts on treaty rights and sacred landscapes, the geographic scope of the EIS, upstream and downstream contributions to climate change and impacts climate change will have on the proposed project during construction and throughout the lifetime of the proposed pipeline. While we recognize that Government-to-Government Consultation can be a long and tedious process, we are hopeful that at the end of the process tribal treaty rights will remain protected and our concerns will be alleviated.

We remain committed to protecting nibi (water), aki (land), and air of our current and ancestral homelands for our people and the generations to come. Preserving the environment means preserving our treaty rights, our traditional life ways and our sacred landscapes. Miigwech (thank you) for the opportunity to submit comments. Questions and follow-up can be directed to Linda Nguyen, Red Cliff Environmental Director, at linda.nguyen@redcliff-nsn.gov or 715-779-3650.

Sincerely,

"The Hub of the Chippewa Nation"

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