**Notice of Pending Application/Virtual Public Hearing for Proposed Wetland and Waterway Permits and Environmental Impact Statement**

Enbridge Energy, 11 East Superior Street, Suite 125, Duluth, MN 55802, has applied to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for a permit to dredge navigable waterways, temporarily bridge navigable waterways, drive on the bed of navigable waterways, place temporary structures in waterways, and to impact wetlands, as part of the proposed Line 5 Relocation Project.

The proposed project is located in the Town of Anderson (Township 45 North, Range 1 West, Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 18), the Town Gurney (Township 47 North, Range 1 West, Section 33), and the Town of Saxon (Township 47 North, Range 1 West, Section 34) in Iron County; the Town of Morse (Township 45 North, Range 2 West, Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 22, 23, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, and 33), the City of Mellen (Township 45 North, Range 2 West, Section 31), the Town of Ashland (Township 45 North, Range 3 West, Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 36), the Town of Marengo (Township 45 North, Range 4 West, Sections 1, 2, and 12), the Town of Gurney (Township 46 North, Range 1 West, Sections 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 15, 15, 17, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, and 33), the Town of White River (Township 46 North, Range 4 West, Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 26, 27, 28, 29, 34, 35, and 36), the City of Ashland (Township 47 North, Range 4 West, Sections 7 and 18), and the Town of Gingles (Township 47 North, Range 4 West, Sections 7, 17, 18, 20, 29, and 32) in Ashland County; and the Town of Eileen (Township 47 North, Range 5 West, Section 10) in Bayfield County.

The proposed project would involve construction of approximately 42 miles of new 30-inch pipeline needed to relocate the existing Line 5 pipeline outside of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. The proposed project would also involve construction of 5 mainline block valves and modifications at the existing Ino Pump Station. If you would like to know more about this project, you can view the wetland and waterway permit application by visiting the DNR's permit tracking website at https://permits.dnr.wi.gov/water/SitePages/Permit%20Search.aspx and search for WP-IP-NO-2020-2-X02-11T12-18-51. Construction of the proposed project would affect 109 acres of wetland, result in the conversion of 29.5 acres of wooded wetland to non-wooded wetland, and permanent fill of 0.06 acres of wetland. Of the 186 waterways that exist within the proposed project area, 185 would be temporarily bridged for vehicle access and 87 would have the pipeline installed via open-cut trenching or dredging. The DNR has made a tentative determination it will approve with modifications the waterway and wetland permits for the proposed project.

In addition to the wetland and waterway permit review process, the DNR has determined to follow the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process to inform decision-makers and the public about the anticipated environmental and socioeconomic effects of a proposed reroute, as well as alternatives. The EIS analysis will look at direct local effects, as well as broader impacts at regional, statewide and larger scales.

The DNR is seeking public comments on the proposed wetland and waterway impacts as well as the scope of the EIS to be prepared. The DNR will be holding a Public Informational/Scoping Hearing on **Wednesday July 1, 2020 starting at 4:00 pm**. The Hearing will begin with a presentation on the proposed project and the EIS process. Any interested individuals will then have the opportunity to provide comments to identify topics to be addressed in the EIS and comments on the proposed wetland and waterway impacts. Both oral and written comments will be accepted at the Hearing. Oral and written comments hold equal weight.

To help address public health concerns amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and to ensure the ability of any member of the public to participate, the Public Informational/Scoping Hearing will be held virtually via the Zoom Remote Conferencing Platform, which is accessible by computer or phone. To attend the Hearing by computer, register at: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0tdOGprzsjHtVQOmLtxH3yisr8-h15i2-u.
At this registration link, you will be asked to provide your name and contact information, as well as indicate whether you wish to make an oral statement at the Hearing. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting via your computer. To call into the hearing, use either of the following phone numbers: (1)301-715-8592 or (1)312-626-6799. When prompted on the phone, enter the following conference ID: 99038110941#.

The DNR's draft outline for the EIS, information on how to make comments, and project information can be found on the DNR's "Enbridge Projects in Wisconsin" webpage at https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/eia/enbridge.html under the "Line 5 Relocation Project" tab. Reasonable accommodation will be provided for those who cannot access the virtual hearing or the WDNR's project website. To request alternative accommodations, please email DNROEEAComments@wisconsin.gov, call 608-535-2602, or mail your request in writing to Benjamin Callan, DNR (EA/7), 101 South Webster Street, Madison, WI 53707 at least 5 days prior to the date of the Hearing.

Any member of the public can submit written comments on either the wetland and waterway permit application or the scope of the EIS by emailing DNROEEAComments@wisconsin.gov or writing to Line 5 Comments, DNR (EA/7), 101 South Webster Street, Madison, WI 53707 by U.S. mail. All electronic and hardcopy comments must be submitted or postmarked by no later than **Saturday July 11, 2020** in order to be considered.

The DNR will use the information provided in the wetland and waterway permit application and the information from the public comments submitted by the required deadlines to prepare the EIS. The public will be notified when the Draft EIS is available for public comments. No DNR permit decisions on the Line 5 Relocation proposal will be made until after the EIS process is complete. The DNR will determine whether the proposal complies with ch. 1.11 and 281.36, Wis. Stats., 401 CWA, and NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code, and ensure that the required mitigation meets the standards in ch. 281.36(3r), Wis. Stats.

The final decision on the wetland and waterway permit application may be appealed as indicated in the decision document.

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