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Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION 2021-07

WHEREAS, Enbridge's Line 5 has been operating safely and reliably in Straits of Mackinac for more than 66 years; and

WHEREAS, Enbridge's Line 5, a light crude and natural gas liquids pipeline, helps to safely meet Michigan's energy needs by fulfilling more than half of the propane needs of the state; and

WHEREAS, the products delivered to regional refineries provide jobs and ultimately fuel our lives; and

WHEREAS, multiple and extensive inspections and safety tests over the last several years have confirmed the integrity of Line 5 at the Straits of Mackinac as fit for service.

WHEREAS, Consequences to energy supply, local producers, regional airports and refineries, jobs, local economies, and the pocketbook of Michiganders across the entire state are too great for Line 5 to be shut down before the tunnel replacement can be completed.

WHEREAS, Issues have been raised by several concerned parties regarding the possibility and impact of a breach of Line 5 into the Straits of Mackinac. These concerns have resulted in the State of Michigan and Enbridge negotiating an "agreement" for a 5-year \$500 million project, to construct a tunnel 100 feet below bedrock to encase Line 5, the entire length of the Straits, in one-foot-thick concrete walls to mitigate chances of any leaks of product into the Great Lakes.

WHEREAS, the recently elected Michigan Attorney General, Dana Nessel has subsequently opposed the negotiated "agreement" and filed a lawsuit in Ingham County Circuit Court to close down Line 5 immediately effectively canceling all efforts to begin construction of the tunnel; and

WHEREAS; this action may very well provide unintended consequences for all parties as the litigation to close Line 5 may take years to be resolved in the courts with no assurance of the outcome and;

WHEREAS, the time to resolve the litigation may simply result in the delay of the start of the construction of the tunnel thereby leaving the existing Line 5 in place unnecessarily for several additional years.

WHEREAS, Enbridge has demonstrated a willingness to work with the state to both protect the Great Lakes and ensure the continued safe delivery of energy we all try to rely on.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners hereby joins with other Michigan Counties in extending its support for Enbridge's proposed tunnel replacement project and urges the State of Michigan to work with Enbridge to complete the tunnel project as quickly as possible and not disrupt Line 5 service before the tunnel can be completed.

The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Guardin and declared adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 5 Edwards, Balog, Guardin, Hubbard, Stacy

NAYES: 0

ABSENT: 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Don Edwards
Don Edwards, Board Chair

5-12-21
Date

I, ChylA Neilsen hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on May 12, 2021.

Signed ChylA Neilsen
County Clerk

5-12-2021
Date