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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Line 5 EIS Comments (EA/7)
101 South Webster Street
Madison, WI 53707

To the Wisconsin DNR:

I am writing on behalf of the Wisconsin Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association (WPMCA) in support of the Line 5 Wisconsin Segment Relocation Project. Our members represent nearly 3,000 convenience stores throughout Wisconsin that employ more than 50,000 people. Investing in our communities and their businesses is important to us for promoting a profitable business climate and building a sustainable future for our members.

As an industry association, we advocate for policies that foster growth and promote a competitive marketplace. Our members account for nearly 80 percent of the motor fuel, 75 percent of the farm fuel and nearly all the heating oil sold in Wisconsin. The importance of being able to secure reliable pipeline products ensures our members will remain competitive in delivering their services to their customers. The reroute of Line 5 makes it possible for our members and our communities to continue access to a local and regional energy network that benefits both the economy and financial well-being of our communities.

As the DEIS details, the Line 5 segment project would allow Enbridge to continue to safely transport energy for their customers and to supply propane to the region. We understand this project is a simple relocation and will not increase product flow and does not represent new oil extraction – it merely will keep the current supply available through the region. The energy to be transported through the rerouted pipeline will allow us to continue to heat our homes and power our local and regional economy at prices we can all afford. Our hope is that the final DEIS provides an accurate accounting of the role that Line 5 plays in our local and regional energy supply.

For the economic well-being of Wisconsin and the safety of its residents, we request that you promptly approve the needed permits for Enbridge to move forward with the construction and operation of the Line 5 pipeline relocation project.

On behalf of the WPMCA, we thank you for your time and the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hauser, CAE
President & CEO