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RE: Line 3 Replacement Project-Statement of No Objection, Lost River Crossing Section 408
Permission Request to US Army Corps of Engineers, dated September 21, 2018

Dear Ms. Motis:

Earlier this year, Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership ("Enbridge") contacted the Red Lake Watershed District ("RLWD") regarding the Line 3 Replacement Project ("L3R" or "Project") and RLWD permit requirements. At that time, Enbridge advised RLWD staff of the need for US Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") permission under 33 USC Section 408 ("Section 408") for the Project's proposed crossing of the Lost River in Red Lake County, Minnesota ("Lost River Crossing"). Section 408 authorizes the USACE to grant Section 408 permission for the alteration, occupation or use of a federally authorized civil works project ("USACE Project") if the activity will not be injurious to the public interest or affect the USACE Project's ability to meet its authorized purpose.

The US Flood Control Act authorized a federal flood control civil works project on the Lost River ("Lost River USACE Project") in 1966 that included the location of the Lost River Crossing. The former Red Lake Drainage and Conservancy District received federal funding for improvements on the Lost River, including channel clearing and snagging, deepening, widening, or straightening and appurtenant work. The RLWD is the current non-federal sponsor of the Lost River USACE Project.

Enbridge provided the RLWD a complete copy of its Section 408 Lost River permission request, dated September 21, 2018 ("Lost River Section 408 Request" or "Request"). The RLWD understands the scope of the Lost River Section 408 Request and does not object to the USACE initiating its required evaluation of the Request. As the local non-federal sponsor of the Lost River USACE Project, the RLWD Board of Managers, at its September 27, 2018, meeting passed a motion stating that it does not object to Enbridge's submittal of its Lost River Section 408 Request to the USACE for review.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office. Sincerely,




President