



INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF NORTH DAKOTA
NORTH DAKOTA PIPELINE AUTHORITY

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The Honorable Charles E. Box, Chairman
Illinois Commerce Commission
160 N. LaSalle, Suite B-800
Chicago, IL 60601

RE: ICC Docket No. 07-0446
Enbridge Pipelines (Illinois) LLC Application for Certificate in Good Standing and other relief

Dear Chairman Box:

North Dakota's crude oil production is now approaching 140,000 barrels per day. There are over 60 drilling rigs currently operating in the state. This development activity continues to have positive economic impacts on our state and region.

The Enbridge pipeline system is a major transporter of North Dakota-produced crude oil. Their North Dakota pipeline gathers a significant portion of our production and delivers it to Clearbrook, Minnesota. There it interconnects with other pipelines that deliver crude oil to refineries in the Midwest and South.

Because the above-named project will have a direct affect on the amount of crude oil that can be shipped through Clearbrook, the North Dakota Industrial Commission, acting through it Pipeline Authority, supports Enbridge's efforts to increase the downstream capacity of its pipeline system.

North Dakota has recently learned how inadequate regional pipeline capacity can become a matter of public necessity. Periods of inadequate export pipeline capacity in 2006 and 2007 led to significant crude oil price differentials in North Dakota. These price differentials reduced the income of North Dakota citizens who are royalty owners, tax revenues that support programs important to all of our citizens, and the income of North Dakota oil and gas producers by millions of dollars. This was a costly lesson. Hopefully Illinois does not have to face a similar situation.

We respectfully request your favorable action on Enbridge's request.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Makelky, Director
North Dakota Pipeline Authority

