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Sub 1 to 2014 RES-134
SUPPORTING A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF ENBRIDGE LINE 61
EXPANSION AND EXPANDING PUBLIC INPUT

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Enbridge Energies Line 61 runs from Superior to northern Illinois, entering Dane County near Marshall, where siting a new pumping station to increase line pressure has been proposed. Enbridge Energies seeks to expand Line 61 from an initial flow-rate of 400,000 barrels per day to a proposed 1.2 million barrels per day and the material to be transported in this pipeline is tar sands oil, which is more corrosive and acidic than traditional oil and leads to more pipeline ruptures and spills. Tar sand pipelines in the Midwest spill 3.6 times more per mile than traditional pipelines. Tar sands oil is denser than traditional oil with toxic diluents and does not float, and it is extremely difficult to clean up any spill. With the proposed expansion, Line 61 will become the largest tar sands pipeline anywhere in the United States.

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Enbridge Energies has a record of approximately 800 pipeline-related incidents, which include the accident at Grand Marsh here in Wisconsin, as well as a massive tar sand oil spill on Michigan's Kalamazoo River. The Kalamazoo River spill resulted from a failure in a pipe with a flow-rate one-sixth what Enbridge proposes for Line 61 running through Dane County. The Kalamazoo River spill of 2010 has still not been successfully cleaned up, despite an expenditure of \$1 billion, making it more costly than any onshore spill in U.S. history.

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The DNR held a public hearing pertaining to an air permit in Superior, Wisconsin on May 5, 2014, and this remains the only public hearing scheduled anywhere in the state regarding the proposed expansion of Line 61. It is desirable to have further public input as well as a full environmental impact review before approving this expanded pipeline use, particularly where failure would constitute a significant threat to the waters and property values in Dane County. The Wisconsin DNR would be a logical choice to hold a public hearing in Dane County as well, but if they do not they are not the only institution that could do so.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Board urges the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to undertake a full environmental impact review before authorizing Enbridge to expand Line 61 in Dane County and revoke the air permit for this project until the review's results are known; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Board urges a public hearing be held in the Village of Marshall in Dane County and other affected counties on this proposed project and its potential environmental impacts; and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution are sent to the Governor, the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Natural Resources Air Quality Staff.

This substitute amendment urges an environmental impact statement rather than an environmental assessment prior to expansion of Line 61, and urges the DNR to revoke the air permit until the results are known.