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Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Dear Members of the Commission,

As you prepare to reconsider the October 22, 2024, Order regarding the Magellan Pipeline Reroute Project (PUC Docket IP-7109/PPL-23-109), I want to take this opportunity to clarify the position of the Upper Sioux Community Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO).

Our stance has consistently been one of firm opposition to any pipeline that poses a risk to the sacred stone, cultural sites, and landscape that has been revered for millennia.

This position has been clearly stated in both written and verbal communications on numerous occasions, and it remains unchanged. While we will continue to engage in mitigation efforts to keep the pipeline as far as possible from the pipestone vein and to protect cultural sites, this participation should not be interpreted as condoning anything short of complete protection and avoidance. Additionally, it should not be seen as putting the Upper Sioux THPO at odds with other tribal representatives or individuals.

We are in solidarity with our relatives—be they individuals, Tribal Nations, Traditional leadership groups, or other organizations—who oppose the Magellan Pipeline to safeguard this sacred area.

I recognize the challenging position you face as you fulfill your responsibilities within the State of Minnesota. However, I urge you to carefully consider the widespread and growing opposition to this project.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

**Samantha Odegard**

Upper Sioux Community Tribal Historic Preservation Officer