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RE: MPSC Case No. U-20763

Dear Ms. Felice:

The following is attached for paperless electronic filing:

**Revised Testimony of Peter Erickson on Behalf of the Environmental  
Law and Policy Center and Michigan Climate Action Network**

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In the matter of <b>ENBRIDGE ENERGY,</b>	)	
<b>LIMITED PARTNERSHIP</b> application for	)	
the Authority to Replace and Relocate the	)	Case No. U-20763
Segment of Line 5 Crossing the Straits of	)	
Mackinac into a Tunnel Beneath the Straits	)	
of Mackinac, if Approval is Required	)	
Pursuant to 1929 PA 16; MCL 483.1 et seq.	)	
and Rule 447 of the Michigan Public Service	)	
Commission's Rules of Practice and	)	
Procedure, R 792.10447, or the Grant of	)	
other Appropriate Relief	)	

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**REVISED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF PETER A. ERICKSON**

**ON BEHALF OF**

**THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & POLICY CENTER AND THE MICHIGAN  
CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK**

**January 18, 2022  
~~September 14, 2021~~**

**I. BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS**

**Q: Please state your name, business name and address.**

A: My name is Peter A. Erickson. I am a Senior Scientist and the Climate Policy Program Director at Stockholm Environment Institute—U.S., a 501(c)(3) organization affiliated with Tufts University and based at 11 Curtis Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts 02144. I work out of the Seattle office at 1402 Third Avenue, Suite 925, Seattle, Washington 98101.

**Q: What is your educational background?**

A: I received a Bachelor of Arts from Carleton College in 1998. My major field of study was Geology; I also studied mathematics extensively. In 2007, I took courses in intermediate microeconomics and macroeconomics at the University of Washington.

**Q: Can you briefly describe your professional background and expertise?**

A: I have worked in environmental research and consulting for over 20 years. During the last thirteen years, my professional focus has been on greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions accounting and the role of policy mechanisms in reducing GHG emissions. Specifically, I have conducted and led research projects on these topics on behalf of numerous partners and clients, including international institutions (e.g., the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the World Bank), the U.S. government (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency), state governments (e.g., State of Washington, State of Oregon), and local governments (e.g., City of Seattle). I have authored numerous peer-reviewed studies on how policies, actions, or infrastructure projects increase or decrease greenhouse gas emissions. These include studies about the GHG emissions implications of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline,<sup>1</sup> of the United States government's fossil fuel leasing

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<sup>1</sup> Erickson, P., & Lazarus, M. (2014). Impact of the Keystone XL pipeline on global oil markets and greenhouse gas emissions. *Nature Climate Change*, 4(9), 778–781. <https://doi.org/10.1038/nclimate2335>

1 practices,<sup>2</sup> and of federal and state-level subsidies to US oil and gas production.<sup>3</sup> These and  
2 other projects are documented in my Curriculum Vitae, attached as Exhibit ELP-1 (PAE-  
3 1). In addition, I am an invited reviewer to the GHG emission reduction chapters in  
4 Working Group III of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) upcoming  
5 *Sixth Assessment Report*.

6 **Q: Have you ever testified in front of the Michigan Public Service Commission?**

7 A: No. Case No. U-20763 is my first time testifying in front of the Michigan Public Service  
8 Commission.

9 **Q: Have you testified in other jurisdictions?**

10 A: Yes. I have testified in front of the United States House Committee on Oversight and  
11 Reform, Subcommittee on Environment, on the topic of greenhouse gas emissions. I have  
12 also testified in front of the Pollution Control Hearings Board for The State of Washington  
13 on that topic.<sup>4</sup> I have submitted expert testimony to the United States District Court, District  
14 of Oregon,<sup>5</sup> and to the Shoreline Hearings Board for the State of Washington<sup>6</sup> regarding  
15 estimates of greenhouse gas emissions. I submitted an expert letter to the District Court of  
16 the Hague, Netherlands, regarding methods of estimating greenhouse gas emissions.<sup>7</sup> My

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<sup>2</sup> Erickson, P., & Lazarus, M. (2018). Would constraining US fossil fuel production affect global CO2 emissions? A case study of US leasing policy. *Climatic Change*, 150, 29–42. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10584-018-2152-z>

<sup>3</sup> Achakulwisut, P., Erickson, P., & Koplow, D. (2021). Effect of subsidies and regulatory exemptions on 2020-2030 oil and gas production and profits in the United States. *Environmental Research Letters*.

<sup>4</sup> Advocates for a Cleaner Tacoma *et al. v. Puget Sound Clean Air Agency*, Puget Sound Energy. Pollution Control Hearings Board for the State of Washington. PCHB No. P19-087c.

<sup>5</sup> *Juliana et al. v. United States*, United States District Court, District of Oregon. Case No. 6:15-cv-01517-TC.

<sup>6</sup> *Columbia Riverkeeper et al. v. Cowlitz County et al.* Shoreline Hearings Board for the State of Washington. SHB No. 17-010c.

<sup>7</sup> At the request of the plaintiffs, I submitted a letter to the District Court of the Hague in *Vereniging Milieudefensie et al. v. Royal Dutch Shell* (Case Number C/09/571932 / HA ZA 19-379) regarding methods of estimating greenhouse gas emissions associated with oil production. The letter is available at: <https://www.sei.org/publications/climate-case-shell-sei-letter-court/>

work on estimating greenhouse gas emissions has been directly cited by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit<sup>8</sup> and by the United States District Court of Alaska.<sup>9</sup>

**Q: On whose behalf are you submitting this testimony?**

A: I am submitting this testimony on behalf of the Environmental Law & Policy Center and the Michigan Climate Action Network.

**Q: Are you sponsoring any exhibits?**

A: Yes. I am sponsoring the following exhibits:

- ELP-1 (PAE-1) – Curriculum Vitae of Peter A. Erickson
- ELP-2 (PAE-2) – IPCC (2021), Summary for Policymakers. *In Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis. Contribution of Working Group I to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change*
- ELP-3 (PAE-3) – Angel, J. R., et al (2018). *Chapter 21: Midwest. Impacts, Risks, and Adaptation in the United States: The Fourth National Climate Assessment, Volume II*. U.S. Global Change Research Program
- ELP-4 (PAE-4) – Burger and Wentz (2019), “*Evaluating the Effects of Fossil Fuel Supply Projects on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change under NEPA*”
- ELP-5 (PAE-5) – Heyes et al (2018), “*The Economics of Canadian Oil Sands*”
- ELP-6 (PAE-6) – Erickson et al (2014), “*Impact of the Keystone XL pipeline on global oil markets and greenhouse gas emissions*”

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<sup>8</sup> *Ctr. for Biological Diversity v. Bernhardt*, 982 F.3d 723, 738 (9th Cir. 2020).

<sup>9</sup> *Sovereign Inupiat for a Living Arctic v. Bureau of Land Mgmt.*, No. 3:20-CV-00290-SLG, 2021 WL 3667986, at \*20 n. 201 (D. Alaska Aug. 18, 2021)).

- ELP-7 (PAE-7) –Achakulwisut, Erickson, and Koplow (2021), “Effect of subsidies and regulatory exemptions on 2020–2030 oil and gas production and profits in the United States”

**Q: What materials did you review in preparing this testimony?**

A: I reviewed relevant portions of Enbridge’s application and testimony, Enbridge and Commission reports and websites, discovery responses from Enbridge, and other party responses to requests for discovery from Enbridge. I also reviewed and relied upon a variety of scientific and economic journal articles, reports, and other literature, and publicly available data and analysis in forming my opinions. Where I explicitly rely upon a source in forming my opinion, I cite to it in my testimony.

## **II. OVERVIEW OF TESTIMONY**

**Q: What is the purpose of your testimony?**

A: The purpose of my testimony is to estimate, quantify, and explain the level of greenhouse gas emissions associated with Enbridge’s Proposed Project. This will include both the greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the construction and operation of the Proposed Project, as well as the greenhouse gases contained in or associated with the oil and natural gas liquids (“NGL”) fuel carried by the pipeline. I will also estimate the change in global greenhouse gas emissions that would arise as a consequence of the Proposed Project, as measured relative to a no-action scenario, where Enbridge discontinues use of the existing pipeline in the Straits of Mackinac, but does not construct the Proposed Project. This latter approach evaluates likely differences in global oil supply and consumption when comparing the no-action scenario to the Proposed Project being built.

1   **Q:    Please describe the project for which Enbridge seeks approval.**

2    A:    Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership (“Enbridge”) currently operates an oil pipeline  
3           called Line 5, which transports oil and Natural Gas Liquids (“NGL”) from western Canada  
4           to eastern Canada. A portion of Line 5 currently consists of two 20-inch diameter pipelines  
5           that run through the Straits of Mackinac in Michigan. In this case, Enbridge is seeking  
6           approval to build an underground tunnel, and to replace and relocate into that tunnel the  
7           portion of the Line 5 petroleum pipeline that currently sits on the bottom of the Straits (the  
8           “Proposed Project”).

9   **Q:    What methods did you use to estimate the greenhouse gas emissions associated with**  
10       **the Proposed Project?**

11   A:    I use standard greenhouse gas emissions accounting practices, consistent with those laid  
12           out in guidance by the Greenhouse Gas Protocol initiative,<sup>10</sup> and report my results in  
13           standard units of millions of metric tons of carbon-dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e). In brief, with  
14           respect to the construction of the Proposed Project, these methods involve estimating what  
15           activities occur in association with the Proposed Project (for example, the use of a machine  
16           to bore the tunnel under the Straits of Mackinac), how much energy is used by each activity  
17           (for example, how much electricity is used by the tunnel-boring machine), and how much  
18           greenhouse gas emissions are associated with each unit of energy (for example, how much  
19           carbon dioxide is released by the power plants that make the electricity for the tunnel-  
20           boring machine). I use similar methods to estimate the greenhouse gas emissions associated  
21           with the operation of the Proposed Project, and also when estimating the greenhouse gas

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<sup>10</sup> For example, the GHG Protocol’s *Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard*, their *Project Accounting* standard, and their *Policy and Action Standard* lay out methods for estimating GHG emissions associated with specific projects, including procedures for assessing emissions relative to a counterfactual, no-action baseline.

emissions associated with the oil and NGL that will be transported through the Proposed Project after completion.

**Q: Are these methods commonly used by experts when estimating greenhouse gas emissions from oil pipelines?**

A: Yes. My methods are consistent with those used in other greenhouse gas assessments of oil pipelines, such as the Keystone XL pipeline, and indeed I check my work against those other estimates, as well as against the peer-reviewed, scientific literature and against standards for life-cycle assessment (LCA) and oil market analysis. All data sources I rely upon directly are cited here in this document.

**Q: Can you summarize your conclusions?**

A: I reach three main conclusions that I describe in my testimony.

- First, I estimate that the Proposed Project is associated with about 87 million metric tons carbon-dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e) annually.
- Second, I conclude that, when compared to a scenario in which the existing Line 5 pipeline no longer operates, construction and operation of the Proposed Project would lead to an *increase* of about 27 million metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e annually in global greenhouse gas emissions from the production and combustion of oil.
- ~~Third, by enabling the continued, long-term production and combustion of oil, construction of the project would work against, and therefore be inconsistent with, the goals of the global Paris Agreement and Michigan's Healthy Climate Plan.~~



1 **Q: Does your analysis include an estimate of the greenhouse gas emissions from the**  
2 **existing dual pipelines Enbridge operates in the Straits of Mackinac?**

3 A: No. I am aware that the Governor of Michigan and the Director of the Michigan  
4 Department of Natural Resources notified Enbridge on November 13, 2020, that the state  
5 revoked and terminated the 1953 Easement which allows Line 5 to operate in the Straits.  
6 My understanding is that this revocation and termination would require Line 5 to  
7 discontinue operation. However, I also discuss below why it is appropriate to consider a  
8 “no-action” scenario even in the absence of the Governor’s actions. As a result, my analysis  
9 includes a scenario where I assume that if the Proposed Project is not completed, Line 5  
10 will no longer operate.

11 **III. OVERVIEW OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE NEED FOR GREENHOUSE**  
12 **GAS EMISSIONS CUTS**

13 **Q: How does the current understanding about the effects of climate change inform**  
14 **your discussion of GHG emissions and Enbridge’s Proposed Project?**

15 A: To provide some context, here I first provide some basic information about the state of  
16 climate science and the need for rapid and steep cuts in GHG emissions over the coming  
17 decades. Around the world, with just 1.1 degree Celsius (C) of warming experienced to  
18 date, we are already seeing serious harms that include increasing flooding, wildfires,  
19 droughts, heat waves, expanded impacts of pests and pathogens, and other effects. As  
20 addressed in more detail by other testifying experts in this case, these types of events are  
21 all plausibly linked to climate change.<sup>11</sup> For example, three “five-hundred year” floods  
22 occurred in Houston, Texas in just three years, with one storm – Hurricane Harvey –

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<sup>11</sup> For an additional summary of these effects, see: Holdren, J. P. (2018, September). The Science & Policy of Climate Change: An Update on the Challenge and the Opportunity. Presented at the Low-emissions Solutions Conference, San Francisco, CA. ([https://lowemissions.solutions/static/uploads/180911\\_GCAS\\_Holdren.pdf](https://lowemissions.solutions/static/uploads/180911_GCAS_Holdren.pdf))

1 producing rainfall that “likely exceeded that of any known historical storm in the  
2 continental United States.”<sup>12</sup> In many areas of the world and the country, increasing  
3 summer temperatures are already making working outdoors dangerous. A scientific review  
4 of the effects of climate change on health has concluded, “[t]he life of every child born  
5 today will be profoundly affected by climate change. Without accelerated intervention, this  
6 new era will come to define the health of people at every stage of their lives.”<sup>13</sup> In the new,  
7 most recent assessment of the science behind climate change, the Intergovernmental Panel  
8 on Climate Change described the observed rate of climate change as both “unprecedented”  
9 and “unequivocally” caused by human activities.<sup>14</sup>

10 **Q: Are there similar impacts as a result of climate change in the Midwest region or**  
11 **Michigan in particular?**

12 **A:** In the Midwest of the United States, climate change will lead to increased temperatures  
13 and precipitation that will reduce agricultural productivity, erode soils, and lead to pest  
14 outbreaks, while also leading to poor air quality, substantial loss of life, and worsening  
15 economic conditions for people.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> Hayhoe, K., Wuebbles, D. J., Easterling, D. R., Fahey, D. W., Doherty, S., Kossin, J. P., ... Wehner, M. F. (2018). Chapter 2: Our Changing Climate. *Impacts, Risks, and Adaptation in the United States: The Fourth National Climate Assessment, Volume II*.

<sup>13</sup> Watts, N., Amann, M., Arnell, N., Ayeb-Karlsson, S., Belesova, K., Boykoff, M., ... Montgomery, H. (2019). The 2019 report of The Lancet Countdown on health and climate change: Ensuring that the health of a child born today is not defined by a changing climate. *The Lancet*. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(19\)32596-6](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(19)32596-6)

<sup>14</sup> IPCC. (2021). Summary for Policymakers, attached as Exhibit ELP-2 (PAE-2). In *Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis. Contribution of Working Group I to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change*. Cambridge University Press.

<sup>15</sup> Angel, J. R., Swanson, C., Boustead, B. M., Conlon, K., Hall, K. R., Jorns, J. L., Kunkel, K. E., Lemos, M. C., Lofgren, B. M., Ontl, T., Posey, J., Stone, K., Takle, E., & Todey, D. (2018). Chapter 21: Midwest. Impacts, Risks, and Adaptation in the United States: *The Fourth National Climate Assessment, Volume II*. U.S. Global Change Research Program, attached as Exhibit ELP-3 (PAE-3). <https://doi.org/10.7930/NCA4.2018.CH21>

1   **Q:    Do GHG emissions need to be reduced to limit the impacts of climate change?**

2   A:    Yes. GHG emissions need to be substantially reduced to limit the impacts of climate  
3       change. For example, the U.S. Government’s *Fourth National Climate Assessment*  
4       describes, consistent with the findings of the international scientific community, that  
5       climate risks can only be adequately addressed with “substantial and sustained reductions  
6       in global greenhouse gas emissions.”<sup>16</sup> As the report notes, “[f]uture risks from climate  
7       change depend primarily on decisions made today.”<sup>17</sup>

8           More broadly, guidance on how quickly GHG emissions need to be reduced can be  
9       found in international agreements such as the United Nations Framework Convention on  
10      Climate Change (UNFCCC), through which nations have been working collectively to  
11      address the risks of climate change throughout the world. The most recent landmark  
12      agreement of countries that are party to the UNFCCC, including the United States, is the  
13      Paris Agreement of 2015. The Paris Agreement commits countries to “holding the increase  
14      in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and  
15      pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels.” In  
16      adopting the Paris Agreement, countries also asked the Intergovernmental Panel on  
17      Climate Change (IPCC) to produce a report on what emissions levels would be needed to  
18      achieve the 1.5 °C limit.<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>16</sup> Reidmiller, D. R., Avery, C. W., Easterling, D. R., Kunkel, K. E., Lewis, K. L. M., Maycock, T. K., & Stewart, B. C. (2018). *Impacts, Risks, and Adaptation in the United States: The Fourth National Climate Assessment, Volume II*. U.S. Global Change Research Program. <https://doi.org/10.7930/NCA4.2018>. Page 25.

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid*, page 26.

<sup>18</sup> UNFCCC. (2015). Decision 1/CP.21: Adoption of the Paris Agreement. Retrieved from United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change website: <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2015/cop21/eng/10a01.pdf>

1   **Q:    What level of reductions did the IPCC conclude would be necessary to achieve the**  
2       **1.5 °C limit?**

3    A:    The IPCC, in its special report, *Global Warming of 1.5 °C*, describes that net global carbon  
4       dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions must reach zero to halt warming, and specifically that emissions  
5       levels must reach zero by about the year 2050 in order to meet the 1.5 °C with no or  
6       “limited” overshoot (exceedance) of the temperature limit. Even *if* other means of  
7       removing CO<sub>2</sub> are developed and applied at large scale, the IPCC found that, between 2020  
8       and 2050, gross global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from fossil fuel combustion and industry would need  
9       to decline by about 70%.<sup>19</sup> These findings were broadly re-affirmed by the IPCC in its  
10      recent report *Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis*, even as their new report  
11      on GHG emission reduction scenarios is not due until early 2022.<sup>20</sup>

12   **Q:    How must fossil-fuel based energy systems change to meet the 1.5 °C limit?**

13   A:    Use and production of all three major fossil fuels – coal, gas, and oil – must decline  
14      dramatically to meet the 1.5 °C limit. Over the next three decades (through 2050), the IPCC  
15      finds that, to attain the 1.5 °C limit with no or limited temperature overshoot, coal use must  
16      decline by an average of 6% annually (for a total of 82% between 2020 and 2050), gas use  
17      by an average of 2% annually (for a total of 43%), and oil use by an average of 3% annually  
18      (for a total of 65%).<sup>21</sup> Further, one of the longstanding principles of the international  
19      negotiations, termed “common but differentiated responsibilities,” is that reductions in the  
20      U.S. and other highly developed countries must proceed faster than these global averages,

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<sup>19</sup> Rogelj, J., Shindell, D., Jiang, K., Ffifita, S., Forster, P., Ginzburg, V., ... Vilariño, M. V. (2018). *Mitigation pathways compatible with 1.5°C in the context of sustainable development. In Special Report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C*. Retrieved from <http://www.ipcc.ch/report/sr15/> Figure 2.6, page 117 and Table 2.4, page 119.

<sup>20</sup> IPCC. (2021). *Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis. Contribution of Working Group I to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change*. Cambridge University Press.

<sup>21</sup> Rogelj et al 2018, Table 2.6, page 132.

1 on account of our historic responsibility for climate change and our relatively high capacity  
2 to financially support solutions.

3 **IV. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED**  
4 **PROJECT**

5 **Q: Are there GHG emissions associated with the Proposed Project?**

6 A: Yes. For the Proposed Project, Enbridge would build a tunnel and replace and relocate into  
7 that tunnel the portion of the Line 5 petroleum pipeline that currently sits on the bottom of  
8 the Straits of Mackinac. There are two main ways in which the Proposed Project will result  
9 in GHG emissions. First, GHG emissions will be released by the equipment used to build  
10 and operate the tunnel. Second, the Proposed Project will handle and transport petroleum  
11 that, once combusted, releases even greater quantities of GHG emissions than from Project  
12 construction or operation.

13 **Q: Let's take those two sources of GHG emissions in turn. First, what is your estimate of**  
14 **the GHG emissions associated with the construction and operation of the pipeline for**  
15 **this Proposed Project?**

16 A: I estimate the GHG emissions associated with construction of the pipeline to be about  
17 87,000 metric tons carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e). I estimate that operation of the  
18 pipeline will result in about 520 metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e annually.

19 **Q: What is CO<sub>2</sub>e?**

20 A: Emissions from different greenhouse gases, each of which causes different amounts of  
21 warming, are often combined into a single metric of CO<sub>2</sub> *equivalent* by using the concept  
22 of global warming potential (GWP). For example, a ton of methane causes many times  
23 more warming than a ton of carbon dioxide, and this ratio is called the GWP of methane.  
24 In the IPCC's latest *Sixth Assessment Report*, the GWP of fossil methane is reported as

1 29.8 over a 100-year timeframe. One metric ton of methane is therefore 29.8 metric tons  
2 CO<sub>2e</sub> over 100 years according to the IPCC. Throughout my testimony, I focus my own  
3 calculations mainly on CO<sub>2</sub>; in making these calculations, I include other, non-CO<sub>2</sub> GHGs  
4 like methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) indirectly and only to the extent that they were calculated by primary  
5 sources, such as by the US EPA's eGrid tool (on a CO<sub>2e</sub> basis, and inheriting any GWP  
6 assumptions made by each primary source). Further, any time I refer to a ton, I mean a  
7 metric ton unless stated otherwise, and which I may occasionally abbreviate as just the  
8 letter *t*.

9 **Q: How did you arrive at 87,000 metric tons CO<sub>2e</sub> as an estimate of the GHG emissions**  
10 **from construction of the Proposed Project?**

11 A: I used standard GHG accounting practices to arrive at this estimate, using information  
12 provided by Enbridge and basic facts about the Proposed Project, and by relying on other  
13 published information about how much energy is used to carry out the proposed activities.

14 First, descriptions of the main activities and materials needed to construct the  
15 pipeline are readily available in project documents, e.g. the *Tunnel Design and*  
16 *Construction Report* dated December 23, 2020 (Exhibit A-13) and other documents  
17 provided by Enbridge. These activities include the use of a tunnel-boring machine,  
18 operation of other construction equipment, and the making and installation of key  
19 construction materials, including steel and concrete.

20 Second, I used published estimates about similar equipment, machinery, and  
21 materials to estimate how much energy is used for each activity.

22 Third, to complete the picture, I gathered basic data about how much GHG  
23 emissions are released from each unit of activity or energy.

1    **Q:    Is this typical of the methodology employed by experts in your field?**

2    A:    Yes. Together, these three steps – and their underlying data and assumptions – are, in my  
3           opinion, reasonable and consistent with assumptions in major government GHG  
4           inventories and assessments, such as the U.S. EPA’s national GHG inventory and the US  
5           State Department’s assessment of the Keystone XL pipeline.

6    **Q:    Can you summarize your estimates?**

7    A:    Yes. My estimates of the GHG emissions from the activities and materials needed to  
8           construct the Proposed Project are shown in Table 1 below. As shown, I estimate the total  
9           GHG emissions associated with construction to be about 87,000 metric tons carbon dioxide  
10          equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e).

**TABLE 1. EMISSIONS ASSOCIATED WITH  
CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT**

<b>Source of construction-related emissions</b>	<b>Emissions (metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e)<sup>22</sup></b>	<b>Method notes and assumptions</b>
Equipment: tunnel boring machine (TBM) and related tunneling equipment (using electricity)	56,000	Based on electricity consumption during construction estimated by Enbridge for south side of the Straits
Equipment: other (electricity)	2,300	Based on electricity consumption during construction estimated by Enbridge for north side of the Straits
Equipment: other vehicles (diesel)	5,100	Includes excavators, grading equipment, loaders, dump trucks, and other vehicles
Materials: concrete for tunnel liner and roadway	19,000	Based on estimated cement content of Enbridge's estimated concrete usage
Materials: steel for pipeline	3,300	Based on 0.625-inch thick steel, 30-inch outer diameter pipeline, and average CO <sub>2</sub> -intensity of US steel
Land-clearing	570	Estimated by Enbridge <sup>23</sup>
<b>Estimated total construction emissions</b>	<b>87,000</b>	(Individual figures may not add to total due to rounding) <sup>22</sup>

The estimate in Table 1 includes what I see as the major sources of emissions associated with project construction, but does not include several much-smaller sources of emissions associated with constructing the tunnel, such as for making the steel for electrical conduit

<sup>22</sup> All estimates here are rounded to two significant digits. As a result, the individual figures may not add to the total due to rounding.

<sup>23</sup> Enbridge Response to Michigan Public Service Commission Staff Discovery Request 6(8).



1 or rebar, or for making the grout that will occupy the annular space surrounding the  
2 concrete tunnel liner. Accordingly, I believe my estimate is conservative.

3 **Q: Table 1 lists detailed assumptions about each major source of construction-related**  
4 **emissions. Can you describe these assumptions for the equipment used to construct**  
5 **the tunnel?**

6 A: Yes. First, I assume that the tunnel excavator will, like other tunnel-boring machines, be  
7 operated using electricity. Enbridge has estimated the electricity usage during construction  
8 at the south terminus of the tunnel, where the tunnel boring machine (TBM) will be based,  
9 to be 66,184 megawatt-hours (MWh), and so I use this figure for the electricity used by the  
10 TBM and other, minor uses based at the south terminus. I then estimate the GHG emissions  
11 associated with each unit of electricity, using data specific to the Straits of Mackinac region  
12 from the US EPA, to be 0.851 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e per MWh of non-baseload electricity  
13 consumed; that figure is for electricity from the RFC Michigan eGrid regions, as derived  
14 from the US EPA's eGrid tool.<sup>24</sup>

15 **Q: What assumptions did you use for the other equipment?**

16 A: For equipment other than the tunnel-boring machine, such as other electric equipment at  
17 the north side of the Straits, and for loaders and dump trucks, my approach is similar. For  
18 electricity usage, I use estimates provided by Enbridge. For vehicles, I use published  
19 estimates about how much energy (here, diesel) was used for this kind of equipment from  
20 another, similar project, and then use data from the U.S. EPA about how much GHG  
21 emissions are released by combusting each unit of diesel.

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<sup>24</sup><https://www.epa.gov/egrid/summary-data>. A metric ton is 1,000 kilograms.

1 **Q: What specific assumptions and calculations did you make about this other**  
2 **equipment?**

3 A: I use an electricity estimate from Enbridge<sup>25</sup> for the north side to characterize other  
4 electrical equipment. For off- and on-road vehicles, such as loaders and grading equipment,  
5 used to excavate and grade material, I use an estimate of energy consumption of 0.25  
6 million btu per cubic meter (mmbtu / m<sup>3</sup>) for such equipment, based on another recent  
7 tunnel boring project (Parsons Brinckerhoff, 2011)<sup>26</sup> and apply that estimate to the 272,000  
8 cubic meters of material I anticipate will be excavated for the Proposed Project (a 24.5-  
9 foot diameter bore for 20,350 feet, based on Enbridge's tunnel design documents<sup>27</sup>). I  
10 assume that energy for these vehicles is mostly diesel, with resulting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of 74  
11 kg CO<sub>2</sub> / mmbtu per Annex 2 of US EPA's national inventory (U.S. EPA, 2021).<sup>28</sup>

12 **Q: Table 1 also lists detailed assumptions about the materials used to construct the**  
13 **tunnel. Can you describe these?**

14 A: Yes. The two major materials used to construct the Proposed Project are concrete (for the  
15 tunnel lining and interior roadway) and steel (for the pipeline itself). Each of these materials  
16 is GHG-emissions-intensive to manufacture.

17 **Q: How does the production and use of concrete result in GHG emissions?**

18 A: For concrete, the main source of GHG emissions is CO<sub>2</sub> from making cement, which is the  
19 binding agent in concrete. Making cement relies on a substantial amount of heat, usually

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<sup>25</sup> Enbridge Response to Michigan Public Service Commission Staff Discovery Request 6(9).

<sup>26</sup> Parsons Brinckerhoff. (2011). *Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Project: Final Environmental Impact Statement*.  
<https://data.wsdot.wa.gov/publications/Viaduct/>

<sup>27</sup> The 24.5 foot diameter bore assumes an inside tunnel diameter of 21 feet, a tunnel wall thickness of 15 inches, and an extra 6 inches of bore space around the outside, all of which were published in Enbridge's *Tunnel Design and Construction Report for the Straits Line 5 Replacement Segment*. December 23, 2020, Exhibit A-13.

<sup>28</sup> US EPA (2021). Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2019. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. <https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/>.

1 from burning coal or natural gas, and also relies on a chemical reaction, involving lime,  
2 which releases CO<sub>2</sub> directly. I use information provided by Enbridge to estimate how much  
3 cement is needed, and then information from an industry group – the Global Cement and  
4 Concrete Association – to estimate that making each ton of US-made cement releases 0.75  
5 tons CO<sub>2</sub>.

6 **Q: What specific assumptions and calculations did you make about concrete used in the**  
7 **Proposed Project?**

8 A: Enbridge’s report “Tunnel Design and Construction Report for the Straits Line 5  
9 Replacement Segment,” dated December 23, 2020 (Exhibit A-13), reports the tunnel length  
10 at 20,350 feet, the tunnel inside diameter of 21 feet, and the tunnel wall thickness of 15  
11 inches. This information implies a volume of concrete of about 66,000 cubic yards. This is  
12 very similar to the value reported by Enbridge<sup>29</sup> that 65,330 tons of reinforced concrete  
13 will be needed. Because the numbers are so close, I rely here on the 65,330 tons reported  
14 by Enbridge. Further, additional project specifications report an average cement content of  
15 about 800 pounds of cementitious materials per cubic yard of concrete.<sup>30</sup> Together, this  
16 implies the need for about 24,000 tons of cement for the tunnel walls. Additional cement  
17 would be needed for the roadway inside the tunnel; I calculate that separately.

18 **Q: How does the production and use of steel result in GHG emissions?**

19 A: For steel, similarly, emissions are released both from making heat (e.g., from burning coal  
20 or other fossil fuels) and from chemical reactions inherent in the steel-making process.

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<sup>29</sup> Enbridge Response to Environmental Law & Policy Center and Michigan Climate Action Network Discovery Request 1.

<sup>30</sup>“Cementitious” materials are primarily cement, but may include amounts of cement alternatives, such as fly ash. I calculated the 800 figure as the average of minimum 611 and maximum 1000 pounds of cementitious material per cubic yard, per page 317416 – 17 of the precast concrete tunnel specs in the following document:  
[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdot/Enbridge\\_Submittal\\_-\\_Jointly\\_Developed\\_Project\\_Specs\\_715739\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdot/Enbridge_Submittal_-_Jointly_Developed_Project_Specs_715739_7.pdf)).

1 Similar to my methodology for cement, I estimate the quantity and type of steel needed to  
2 make the pipeline that is part of the Project based on information provided by Enbridge  
3 and the GHG emissions associated with each unit of US-made steel provided by a research  
4 study.

5 **Q: What specific assumptions and calculations did you make about steel used in the**  
6 **Proposed Project?**

7 A: Information provided by Enbridge (Exhibit A-14), provides specifications for the steel  
8 pipeline, including the outside diameter of 30 inches and the wall thickness of 0.625. From  
9 this and the 20,350 ft length, I estimated the need for about 14 million cubic inches of steel.  
10 API 5L steel has a density of about 0.28 pounds per cubic inch (calculated from Table 4 of  
11 the American Petroleum Institute's *Specification for Line Pipe*),<sup>31</sup> implying the need for  
12 about 2,000 short tons of steel, or 1,800 metric tons. The average CO<sub>2</sub>-intensity of blast-  
13 furnace steel in the U.S. is 1.83 t CO<sub>2</sub> / t of crude steel.<sup>32</sup> I use the GHG-emissions intensity  
14 of blast-furnace steel, not electric-arc steel, because the quantity of steel made by electric  
15 arc furnaces is constrained by how much scrap steel is available, so it is more plausible that  
16 the marginal source of steel is instead from blast furnaces.

17 **Q: Are there also GHG emissions associated with the operation of the Proposed Project?**

18 A: Yes. After the Proposed Project is constructed, there are GHG emissions associated with  
19 operating the tunnel, such as electricity to operate lighting and ventilation systems, and the  
20 electric service vehicles that would travel inside the tunnel. I estimate that GHG emissions  
21 associated with operating the tunnel itself would be approximately 520 metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e

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<sup>31</sup> Available at <https://law.resource.org/pub/us/cfr/ibr/002/api.5L.2004.pdf>.

<sup>32</sup> See Figure 16 of Hasanbeigi, A., & Springer, C. (2019). How Clean is the US Steel Industry? An International Benchmarking of Energy and CO<sub>2</sub> intensities. Global Efficiency Intelligence.

1 annually. This does not include any emissions associated with operating the existing Line  
2 5 Mackinaw City Pump Station.

3 **Q: Can you explain how you arrived at the 520 metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e annually associated**  
4 **with the operation of the Proposed Project?**

5 A: Ongoing operation of the Proposed Project will involve energy and associated greenhouse  
6 gas emissions for the tunnel's ventilation fans, for the sump pump inside the tunnel, for the  
7 tunnel service vehicle that operates inside the tunnel, and for lighting, all for many years  
8 into the future. Based on electricity usage for these items at other similar tunnels, I estimate  
9 that GHG emissions associated with operating the tunnel would be approximately 520  
10 metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e annually. More specifically, I estimate the tunnel itself would use about  
11 600 megawatt-hours (MWh) of electricity per year,<sup>33</sup> which is a conservative estimate  
12 compared to confidential information provided by Enbridge in discovery and not cited here.  
13 At the US EPA's reported GHG-intensity of electricity in the Straits of Mackinac region  
14 of 0.87 tons CO<sub>2</sub>e/MWh,<sup>34</sup> 600 MWh of electricity consumption translates into about 520  
15 t CO<sub>2</sub>e.

16 **Q: Now that you have discussed estimated GHG emissions from construction and**  
17 **operation of the project, let's turn to the second source of GHG emissions you**  
18 **referenced above. Are there GHG emissions associated with the oil and NGL**  
19 **products that will be shipped through the Proposed Project?**

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<sup>33</sup> Based on average annual electricity consumption of 193 kWh/m for TBM tunnel types (Peeling, J., Wayman, M., Mocanu, I., Nitsche, P., Rands, J., & Potter, J. (2016). Energy Efficient Tunnel Solutions. Transportation Research Procedia, 14, 1472–1481. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.trpro.2016.05.221>), discounted by 50% for lighting electricity since the Proposed Project would not normally be lit.

<sup>34</sup> This is the average GHG intensity for electricity consumed from the RFC Michigan and RFC West regions, which each border the Straits, in EPA's eGrid tool.

1 A: Yes, there are GHG emissions associated with the oil and NGL that will be transported  
2 using the pipeline contained in Enbridge's Proposed Project. I estimate that the GHG  
3 emissions associated with the crude oil and NGLs handled by the Proposed Project will be  
4 87,000,000 metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e annually.

5 **Q: Please explain how you arrived at 87,000,000 metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e annually.**

6 A: The Proposed Project will also be associated with greenhouse gas emissions from the  
7 petroleum (oil and NGL) handled by the project. The Proposed Project is expected to  
8 handle 540,000 barrels per day (b/d) of liquid, comprising about 450,000 b/d of crude oil,  
9 and 90,000 b/d of natural gas liquids,<sup>35</sup> chiefly propane and butane,<sup>36</sup> again all for many  
10 years into the future. GHG emissions are released at each stage of producing, processing,  
11 and combusting petroleum, and so I estimate the total emissions by splitting the "life cycle"  
12 of a barrel of crude oil or NGL into stages, which are typically referred to in this type of  
13 analysis as the "upstream" and "downstream" stages.

14 **Q: What are the upstream stages?**

15 A: Here, I use the term *upstream* to refer to all stages that happen before, or upstream, of final  
16 combustion. So, *upstream* refers to the initial extraction and processing of petroleum, such  
17 as the operation of oil wells and any other equipment needed to process or handle the oil,  
18 as well as for oil refining (oil refining is sometimes considered *midstream*, but for my  
19 purposes here I will include it under upstream).

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<sup>35</sup> Liquid volumes carried by the pipeline are taken from page 2-2 of Dynamic Risk Assessment Systems. (2017). *Alternatives Analysis for the Straits Pipelines*.

<sup>36</sup> I estimate the propane and butane fractions based on Muse Stancil. (2019). Review of the Report "Assessment of Alternative Methods of Supplying Propane to Michigan in the Absence of Line 5" for Enbridge, provided by Enbridge in response to Michigan Environmental Council, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, and National Wildlife Federation Discovery Request 21.

1    **Q:    How do you estimate GHG emissions from the upstream stages?**

2    A:    For the upstream stages, I rely on research that estimated how much emissions are released  
3           for production and processing of petroleum from Western Canada and the Bakken  
4           formation in North Dakota and Montana in the United States, since these regions would be  
5           the source of the petroleum carried by the pipeline.

6    **Q:    What do you conclude about GHG emissions from upstream stages based on your**  
7           **review of available literature?**

8    A:    According to research by Stanford University and colleagues for the Oil-Climate Index,  
9           producing light oil from these formations in Western Canada and North Dakota releases  
10          about 55 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e per barrel. Refining them releases an additional 18 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e per barrel.  
11          I calculate these numbers as the average of the flare and no-flare case for the US Bakken  
12          formation in the Oil-Climate Index (Oil Climate Index, 2016).<sup>37</sup>

13   **Q:    What is the downstream stage?**

14   A:    By downstream, I mean combustion at point of end use.

15   **Q:    How do you estimate emissions from the downstream stage?**

16   A:    For the downstream stage I estimate emissions based on how much carbon is contained in  
17          a barrel of crude oil. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, a  
18          barrel of crude oil (or its derivatives) releases an average of 432 kg CO<sub>2</sub> once combusted.<sup>38</sup>  
19          A barrel of propane and butane releases 236 and 282 kg CO<sub>2</sub>, respectively. These figures  
20          are derived from combining energy content (mmbtu/barrel) from Tables A-39 and A-41

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<sup>37</sup> Oil Climate Index Webtool—Phase II. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.  
<http://oci.carnegieendowment.org/#total-emissions>.

<sup>38</sup> This value of 432 kg CO<sub>2</sub> per barrel from the US EPA is nearly identical to the value of 429 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e produced by the Oil-Climate index for Bakken oil. I use the EPA value since the EPA also provides values for propane and butane, and so I can use a consistent source for the largest (combustion) source of emissions across all three liquids.

1 and carbon contents (t C / mmbtu) from Table A-29 of Annex 2 of the US EPA's national  
2 GHG inventory (U.S. EPA, 2021).<sup>39</sup>

3 **Q: What do you do next?**

4 A: The last step in quantifying the emissions associated with petroleum handled by the Project  
5 is to estimate what, if any, of the petroleum handled would not ultimately be combusted or  
6 otherwise oxidized to CO<sub>2</sub>, and for which the emission factors above would therefore not  
7 apply. I estimate that 8% of the petroleum handled would ultimately not be combusted or  
8 otherwise be oxidized, since it would end up underground as long-term storage, e.g. as  
9 plastics buried in landfills that no longer release CO<sub>2</sub>. Accordingly, I reduce the per-barrel  
10 emissions estimates listed above for the “downstream” stage by 8%.

11 **Q: What do you base that assumed reduction on?**

12 A: I base it on a peer-reviewed study that is the most detailed assessment I am aware of that  
13 investigates what fraction of North American oil production is not ultimately combusted.<sup>40</sup>  
14 That article evaluates what fraction of oil is used for non-energy uses such as  
15 petrochemicals, lubricants, and other industrial uses, as well as what fraction of these  
16 otherwise “non-energy uses” are indeed ultimately combusted, such as when plastics are  
17 burned at waste-to-energy plants or tires are burned at cement kilns, and concludes that  
18 8.02% of petroleum liquids end up as net carbon storage.

19 **Q: What is the end result of this process?**

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<sup>39</sup> U.S. EPA. (2021). Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2019. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. <https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/>.

<sup>40</sup> Heede, R. Tracing anthropogenic carbon dioxide and methane emissions to fossil fuel and cement producers, 1854–2010. *Climatic Change* **122**, 229–241 (2014). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10584-013-0986-y>



A: In total, using the individual assumptions above, I estimate that the GHG emissions associated with the crude oil and NGLs handled by the Proposed Project will be 87,000,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e annually.

**Q: Based on your analysis in this testimony, do you have any observations about the GHG emissions associated with the construction and operation of the Proposed Project as compared to the GHG emissions linked to the crude oil and NGL?**

A: Yes. These emissions associated with the crude oil and NGLs handled by the Proposed Project are much larger than emissions associated with constructing and operating the Proposed Project itself. The following table compares all emissions using a common unit of time: one year. To do this, I amortize the emissions associated with construction over the planned 99-year life of the pipeline. I chose a 99-year amortization period because Enbridge refers to a design life of “no less than 99 years” for the tunnel (*Tunnel Design and Construction Report*, page 5).

**TABLE 2. SUMMARY OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS  
ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED PROJECT**

GHG emissions category	Average annual emissions (metric tons CO <sub>2</sub> e)	Notes
Tunnel construction	870	Amortized over 99 year lifetime
Tunnel operation	520	
Liquids (crude oil and NGL) handled	87,000,000	

1 V. **INCREMENTAL GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG) EMISSIONS CAUSED BY THE**  
2 **PROPOSED PROJECT**

3 Q: **Have you estimated the GHG emissions associated with the Proposed Project in any**  
4 **other way?**

5 A: Yes. I also estimated the incremental GHG emissions associated with the Project relative  
6 to a no-action scenario.

7 Q: **What is a “no-action” scenario?**

8 A: A no-action scenario is a scenario in which the Proposed Project does not go forward. In  
9 light of the Governor’s actions, described above, if the Proposed Project does not go  
10 forward, Line 5 will no longer operate.

11 Q: **Does your analysis depend on the Governor’s actions being upheld in the courts?**

12 A: No. Even if the Governor had not revoked the 1953 Easement, it still would make sense to  
13 consider a “no-action” scenario. Enbridge’s stated purpose for the Proposed Project is to  
14 remove an environmental threat to the Straits of Mackinac caused by the location of the  
15 existing pipeline. Irrespective of the Governor’s actions, it would be appropriate to  
16 consider whether Enbridge could achieve its stated purpose by shutting down the existing  
17 pipeline without constructing the Proposed Project.

18 Q: **What are “incremental” GHG emissions, and how are they different from your**  
19 **analysis above?**

20 A: My estimates of GHG emissions above included the major, “gross” sources of GHG  
21 emissions reasonably *attributable* to the Proposed Project. A different way of looking at  
22 the GHG emissions is instead to estimate what emissions are caused by, or a consequence  
23 of, the Project – what could be termed the “net” or “incremental” emissions. This type of  
24 estimate relies on assessing how GHG emissions would change with the Proposed Project,

1 compared to a no-action scenario where the Project does not go forward. This  
2 *consequential* view can therefore be useful for decision-makers interested in how any given  
3 project, such as the Proposed Project, will incrementally increase GHG emissions.

4 **Q: Why are consequential emissions different from those attributable to the Proposed**  
5 **Project?**

6 A: Because if the Proposed Project were not built, some of the GHG emissions I estimated  
7 above would still occur. Some of the oil and NGL products that would have been  
8 transported through the Proposed Project would still be transported by other methods, and  
9 still consumed. However, for the reasons I explain below, fewer oil and NGL products  
10 would be transported and consumed if the Proposed Project were not built, resulting in  
11 lower overall GHG emissions.

12 **Q: Is this a common approach in the field of estimating greenhouse gas emissions?**

13 A: Yes. Estimating incremental GHG emissions is a common feature of many GHG emissions  
14 estimation methods, including those discussed in the GHG Protocol's *Policy and Action*  
15 *Standard* and those reviewed in Burger and Wentz (2020), "Evaluating the Effects of Fossil  
16 Fuel Supply Projects on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change under NEPA".  
17 The approach here is sometimes termed a *consequential* life-cycle assessment, whereas the  
18 approach in the prior section is sometimes termed an *attributional* life-cycle assessment.  
19 These terms and approaches are a common methodology used in the field of life cycle  
20 assessment, and are discussed in peer-reviewed papers often relied upon in my field, such  
21 as Brander, M., & Ascui, F. (2015).<sup>41</sup>

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<sup>41</sup> The Attributional-Consequential Distinction and Its Applicability to Corporate Carbon Accounting. In *Corporate Carbon and Climate Accounting* (pp. 99–120). Springer, Cham. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-27718-9\\_5](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-27718-9_5)

1   **Q:   What do you estimate incremental GHG emissions to be?**

2   A:   Below I estimate the incremental GHG emissions associated with the Project to be about  
3       27,000,000 metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e annually. This is lower than my estimate of all emissions  
4       associated with the Project of 87,000,000 metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e annually because, in my  
5       estimation, some of those emissions would occur even if the Proposed Project does not  
6       proceed.

7   **Q:   How did you estimate incremental GHG emissions associated with the Proposed**  
8       **Project?**

9   A:   To quantify the incremental GHG emissions of an energy project or action, one must first  
10       describe how that project or action will change the energy market. In the case of the  
11       Proposed Project, the availability of oil pipelines, including Line 5, affects global GHG  
12       emissions because pipelines help increase the supply of oil. Evaluation of these dynamics  
13       is a typical methodology for analyzing incremental GHG emissions of an energy  
14       infrastructure project. An overview of such approaches can be found in Section IV of the  
15       peer-reviewed paper by Burger and Wentz (2020), “Evaluating the Effects of Fossil Fuel  
16       Supply Projects on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change under NEPA,”  
17       attached as Exhibit ELP-4 (PAE-4).<sup>42</sup> The oil market is well-connected globally, and there  
18       is a straight-forward connection between oil supply and oil consumption. The more oil is  
19       available (and at lower cost), the lower the global price of oil, and the more oil is consumed.  
20       And, the more oil is consumed, the higher are GHG emissions from producing and burning  
21       oil.

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<sup>42</sup> Burger, M., & Wentz, J. (2020). Evaluating the Effects of Fossil Fuel Supply Projects on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change under NEPA. *William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review*, 44(2), 423–530.

1    **Q:    How do pipelines impact global markets for oil?**

2    A:    Pipelines increase the supply of oil by providing transport of oil to market when other  
3           options do not exist or are higher cost. This is widely understood, and is nicely summarized  
4           for Canadian oil in the peer-reviewed article, Heyes et al (2018), “The Economics of  
5           Canadian Oil Sands” – attached as Exhibit ELP-5 (PAE-5).<sup>43</sup> That article focuses on oil  
6           sands, but with principles that also apply to light oil. Further, when oil supply is greater,  
7           prices are lower, an effect which is summarized in my own peer-reviewed work: Erickson,  
8           P., & Lazarus, M. (2014), attached here as Exhibit ELP-6 (PAE-6). Impact of the Keystone  
9           XL pipeline on global oil markets and greenhouse gas emissions. *Nature Climate Change*,  
10          4(9), 778–781.<sup>44</sup> As these peer-reviewed articles demonstrate, the effects of shifts in oil  
11          supply can be quantified using economic principles and models, which is what I do here.

12   **Q:    Why do you compare the Proposed Project to a “no-action” scenario?**

13   A:    Estimating the effect of the Proposed Project on oil supply requires clearly articulating  
14          what would happen in a “no-action” scenario, so that the effect of the Proposed Project can  
15          be compared to that, and the incremental effect of the Proposed Project can be quantified.  
16          Given that the State of Michigan is revoking and terminating the 1953 Easement that allows  
17          Line 5 to operate under the Straits, it is reasonable to consider the no-action scenario to be  
18          one in which the Line 5 pipeline is not operational. Even if the 1953 Easement remained  
19          valid, it would be appropriate to consider a no-action scenario in which Enbridge shuts  
20          down the existing Line 5 and does not replace it with a new segment of pipeline. Enbridge’s  
21          stated purpose for the project is to “alleviate an environmental concern to the Great Lakes

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<sup>43</sup> Heyes, A., Leach, A., & Mason, C. F. (2018). The economics of Canadian oil sands. *Review of Environmental Economics and Policy*, 12(2), 242–263. <https://doi.org/10.1093/reep/rey006>

<sup>44</sup> Also available at <https://doi.org/10.1038/nclimate2335>

1 raised by the State of Michigan relating to the approximate four miles of Enbridge's Line  
2 5 that currently crosses the Straits of Mackinac."<sup>45</sup> One way to achieve that purpose would  
3 be to remove Line 5 from the Straits and decommission the pipeline.

4 **Q: What would happen if the existing dual pipelines in the Straits of Mackinac were shut**  
5 **down, and the Proposed Project was not built?**

6 A: In such a case, where the Line 5 pipeline through the Straits of Mackinac is not replaced,  
7 more of the oil from Montana, North Dakota, and Western Canada would likely be  
8 transported by rail, which is generally more expensive than pipelines for transporting  
9 petroleum. The key difference of the scenario *with* the Proposed Project and the scenario  
10 *without* the Project is therefore the cost of transporting oil out of these regions of North  
11 America. I will refer to these regions as the greater Williston Basin, which includes both  
12 the Bakken and Duvernay formations. This is what I analyze in more detail below.

13 **Q: What are the main differences between moving oil by rail as compared to pipeline**  
14 **that affect the incremental GHG emissions associated with the Proposed Project?**

15 A: Studies have found that the added cost for moving light crude oil by rail, as compared to  
16 by pipeline, is about USD \$6 per barrel more expensive than pipelines. Different studies  
17 have found values somewhat above or below this value, but in my opinion, \$6 per barrel is  
18 a reasonable, midrange estimate. However, I will discuss how my results could be lower  
19 or higher if the actual cost premium were different.

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<sup>45</sup> Application at ¶2.

1 **Q: Did you do an independent analysis of what the various alternatives to transporting**  
2 **oil and NGL via Line 5 would be?**

3 A: No. I understand that a number of alternative analyses have been undertaken by various  
4 experts and groups. However, such a detailed analysis is not necessary for purposes of my  
5 analysis of GHG emissions. Rather, I rely on a regional average estimate of how constraints  
6 on pipeline capacity can increase the costs for moving oil, based on review of a number of  
7 sources.

8 **Q: What sources did you consult to estimate the range of increase in costs for**  
9 **transporting oil from the greater Williston Basin by rail instead of by pipeline?**

10 A: I consulted several sources. One was a statistical analysis of actual pipeline and rail crude  
11 oil tariffs, conducted by researchers at the University of Waterloo in Canada.<sup>46</sup> An analysis  
12 by university economists, Heyes *et al.* (2018), cited previously, report a range between \$3  
13 per barrel (which they attribute to the US State Department) and \$9 per barrel (which they  
14 attribute to the TransCanada corporation).<sup>47</sup> A banking and financial services company,  
15 Scotiabank, also estimated that insufficient pipeline capacity would lead to an increase in  
16 costs of oil from Alberta about \$6 per barrel.<sup>48</sup> Lastly, Alternative 3 of the Dynamic Risk  
17 report *Alternatives Analysis for the Straits Pipeline*, though it was addressing a specific rail  
18 path from Superior, Wisconsin to Sarnia, Michigan (and not the system-wide average cost

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<sup>46</sup> Morrison, A., Bachmann, C., & Saccomanno, F. (2018). Developing an Empirical Pipeline and Rail Crude Oil Mode Split and Route Assignment Model. *Transportation Research Record*, 2672(9), 261–272. Available at <https://doi.org/10.1177/0361198118801350>.

<sup>47</sup> Heyes, A., Leach, A., & Mason, C. F. (2018). The economics of Canadian oil sands. *Review of Environmental Economics and Policy*, 12(2), 242–263. <https://doi.org/10.1093/reep/rey006>

<sup>48</sup> Based on the difference between the MSW (light crude) discounts in the “healthy pipeline” (\$3/bbl discount) versus “base case” case (\$9/bbl discount) in Chart 1 of Scotiabank (2018). Shut in? Assessing the merits of government supply intervention in the Alberta oil industry. Available at [https://www.scotiabank.com/content/dam/scotiabank/sub-brands/scotiabank-economics/english/documents/commodity-note/shut-in-government-intervention-assessment\\_2018-11-21.pdf](https://www.scotiabank.com/content/dam/scotiabank/sub-brands/scotiabank-economics/english/documents/commodity-note/shut-in-government-intervention-assessment_2018-11-21.pdf).

1 premium of moving oil by rail from the Greater Williston Basin, which is my focus here),  
2 also found a rail cost premium of about \$6 per barrel. The key point for my analysis is that  
3 the added cost of alternative transport can make it more costly to supply oil and therefore  
4 decrease oil consumption, as I describe in more detail below.

5 **Q: Are there greenhouse gas emissions from alternative methods of transporting oil?**

6 A: Yes. The other factor that relates to GHG emissions is that the GHG emissions associated  
7 with moving oil by rail are, like cost, also slightly higher. The increase is small, about 6 kg  
8 CO<sub>2</sub>e per barrel transported by rail instead of by pipeline, which is just 1% of the total  
9 GHG emissions associated with a barrel of oil.<sup>49</sup> However, this difference must also be  
10 accounted for, as I do below.

11 **Q: Have you quantified how oil supply from the greater Williston Basin would be**  
12 **affected in the no-action scenario, where the existing line stops operating and the**  
13 **Proposed Project is not built?**

14 A: Yes. In the absence of the Line 5 pipeline, some oil fields in the greater Williston Basin  
15 may not be able to afford an added cost of \$6 per barrel for transporting their oil by rail,  
16 since that extra charge would erase any profit that would be expected by oil-field  
17 developers. In such a case, prospective new oil fields may not be developed, and so less oil  
18 would be supplied to the global oil market compared to the scenario where the Proposed  
19 Project is constructed.

20 Indeed, the economics of oil in the greater Williston Basin may be challenging in  
21 the years ahead. The Government of Canada currently foresees crude oil prices to gradually

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<sup>49</sup> Source: Nimana, B., Verma, A., Di Lullo, G., Rahman, Md. M., Canter, C. E., Olateju, B., Zhang, H., & Kumar, A. (2017). Life Cycle Analysis of Bitumen Transportation to Refineries by Rail and Pipeline. *Environmental Science & Technology*, 51(1), 680–691. <https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.est.6b02889>.



1 drift downwards towards \$53 per barrel by the end of this decade (2030).<sup>50</sup> Oil fields that  
2 are only profitable (“break even”) at prices just below this level – namely, between \$53 per  
3 barrel and \$47 per barrel (\$53 minus the \$6 extra for rail transportation) – would therefore  
4 not be able to afford an added \$6 cost per barrel of transporting their oil to markets.  
5 A substantial number of oil projects in the greater Williston Basin are expected to break  
6 even in this range of \$47 to \$53 per barrel, and would therefore be put at risk by the added  
7 \$6 per barrel in transportation costs. Figure 1, below, shows the sources of light crude oil  
8 production in the Canadian provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, and  
9 Saskatchewan, and US States of Montana and North Dakota that could potentially feed into  
10 the Enbridge mainline pipeline system, including Line 5. The oil fields colored in dark blue  
11 are the ones that would be put at risk by a transport cost premium of \$6 per barrel. These  
12 are new oil fields, for example, in the Bakken formation of North Dakota and the Duvernay  
13 formation in Alberta. In total, the quantity of oil that would be put at risk, and ultimately  
14 stranded (not developed) by an added \$6 per barrel in transportation costs (and assuming  
15 an oil price outlook of \$53 per barrel) is 290,000 barrels per day. For reference, this is  
16 equivalent to about 64% of Line 5’s expected crude oil throughput of 450,000 barrels per  
17 day.

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<sup>50</sup> Canada Energy Regulator. (2021). *Energy Futures 2021: Consultation on Preliminary Results*.



1 barrel more than transporting oil by pipeline. However, when the capacity to move oil from  
 2 oil fields to markets (whether by rail or pipeline) is constrained, firms that operate pipelines  
 3 or rail lines can (and do) exert market power and increase their transportation charges or  
 4 tariffs to capture additional profit. When they have done this in the recent past, the added  
 5 cost of crude transportation compared to normal, average pipeline costs grows beyond the  
 6 \$6 per barrel difference in costs assumed here, to between roughly \$9 per barrel and, in  
 7 rare circumstances, as much as \$27 per barrel on a temporary basis.<sup>52</sup>

8 Takeaway capacity for crude oil from the greater Williston Basin has been  
 9 constrained in the past, and likely will be constrained in the coming years. Recent draft  
 10 forecasts by the Canadian Energy Regulator, a government body, show that, even *with* the  
 11 Line 5 pipeline (450,000 bpd crude capacity) *and* Line 3 pipeline (full capacity: 760,000  
 12 bpd, expanded from current capacity of 390,000 bpd), Western Canada will have only  
 13 about 100,000 bpd of spare capacity in the system by 2030.<sup>53</sup> However, if *either* of those  
 14 pipelines is not operational (and assuming continued delays in the Trans Mountain Pipeline  
 15 expansion project to Vancouver, B.C.) oil transportation capacity would be insufficient. In  
 16 that case, it is reasonable to expect that the no-action scenario could lead to added  
 17 transportation charges of around \$9 per barrel on a long-term basis.

18 An added charge of \$9 per barrel for rail transport, instead of \$6 per barrel, would  
 19 have an even greater effect on oil supply. As shown in Figure 1, at a transport cost premium

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<sup>52</sup> The low end of this is taken from the following source: Heyes, A., Leach, A., & Mason, C. F. (2018). The economics of Canadian oil sands. *Review of Environmental Economics and Policy*, 12(2), 242–263. <https://doi.org/10.1093/reen/rev006>. The authors describe a discount for diluted bitumen, a heavier grade of oil, of \$9 per barrel at the Hardisty hub, but that the difference between rail and pipeline shipping costs for bitumen is *less* than for other grades of oil, e.g. light crude, that do not require diluent. Therefore, a \$9 per barrel up-charge is likely on the low end. Alternatively, the high end is calculated as the difference between the “healthy pipeline” and “persistent distressed discounts” case for MSW (light crude) in Chart 1 of Scotiabank (2018).

<sup>53</sup> Takeaway capacity from western Canada is described on slide 10 of: Canada Energy Regulator. (2021). *Energy Futures 2021: Consultation on Preliminary Results*.

1 of \$9, and again assuming an oil price outlook of about \$53 per barrel, much more oil is at  
2 risk (the added oil that becomes at-risk at \$9 per barrel, as compared to \$6 per barrel, is  
3 shown in a medium blue): about 450,000 bpd of crude oil production. In other words, it is  
4 conceivable that the full crude oil capacity of the Line 5 pipeline, 450,000 bpd, could be  
5 left undeveloped if Line 5 is not re-started.

6 **Q: In the no-action scenario, where the existing line stops operating and the Proposed**  
7 **Project is not built, could fewer than 290,000 barrels per day of oil supply be**  
8 **stranded?**

9 A: Yes, as I explain above, my central estimate is that 290,000 barrels per day will be stranded,  
10 but the figure could also be lower. One way that less oil could be stranded is if the long-  
11 term price of oil was expected to be much higher than the \$53 per barrel figure I used here.  
12 I used that estimate, because, in my opinion, the Government of Canada's recent analysis  
13 of oil prices is the most up-to-date and relevant for the greater Williston Basin. A forecast  
14 of \$53 per barrel is also similar to the outlook of oil consultancy Rystad Energy, which  
15 foresees the oil price at about \$50 per barrel in the latter half of this decade. However, if  
16 the long-term outlook for the price of oil was to increase dramatically, e.g. to \$100 per  
17 barrel, then differences of about \$6 per barrel in transportation costs may not matter as  
18 much to how much oil is supplied in Figure 1, and so much less oil could be stranded. Or,  
19 if the no-action scenario were to lead to much less than a \$6 per barrel increase in  
20 transportation cost, the amount of oil stranded could also be less.

21 Note, however, that less-extreme increases in the outlook for oil prices may not  
22 have much effect on my estimate of how much oil would be at risk. For example, the U.S.

1 Energy Information Administration has forecast oil prices to be about \$73 per barrel,<sup>54</sup>  
2 which is higher than the \$53 forecast from the Canada Energy Regulator. But while a price  
3 outlook of \$73 would shift *which* exact oil fields are at risk (shifting up the cost curve in  
4 Figure 1), the same *number* of barrels – about 290,000 barrels – would be at risk.

5 **Q: Are your estimates of additional rail costs the same as what Michigan oil producers**  
6 **would expect to see if they were no longer able to use Line 5 to get their oil to market?**

7 A: No. These estimates of rail costs reflect the cost of transporting crude oil from the greater  
8 Williston Basin to markets. I have no reason to believe they would reflect the additional  
9 cost to Michigan producers who would no longer be able to use Line 5 and instead used  
10 rail transport to get their product to market, since that is a much smaller quantity of oil in  
11 a much more localized transportation market.

12 **Q: How much would the added cost of oil from the greater Williston Basin affect global**  
13 **GHG emissions?**

14 A: Put simply, shutting down the existing dual pipelines in the Straits and not building the  
15 Proposed Project would lead to less, and more costly, oil supplied from the greater  
16 Williston Basin over the long term. This outcome would affect global oil markets and  
17 consumption levels, because the long-term global price of oil is directly affected by how  
18 much it costs to develop the oil fields that will provide the added, or marginal, sources of  
19 supply at a given level of expected demand.<sup>55</sup> Since new sources of oil would be more  
20 costly than previously anticipated, the long-term oil price would rise, and oil consumers

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<sup>54</sup>Brent crude oil price forecast in real dollars for 2030 from US EIA. (2021). *Annual Energy Outlook 2021*. U.S. Energy Information Administration. <http://www.eia.gov/forecasts/aeo/>

<sup>55</sup> For a discussion of these dynamics, see page 7 of Fattouh, B., Poudineh, R., & West, R. (2019). Energy transition, uncertainty, and the implications of change in the risk preferences of fossil fuels investors. The Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, or Erickson, P., van Asselt, H., Koplow, D., Lazarus, M., Newell, P., Oreskes, N., & Supran, G. (2020). Why fossil fuel producer subsidies matter. *Nature*, 578(7793), E1–E4. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-019-1920-x>

1 would respond to the higher expected price by using less oil, such as by switching to other  
2 forms of lower-carbon transportation or by using more efficient vehicles. The effect of  
3 reductions in oil supply on oil price and consumption is well-established, even as it is also  
4 the subject of ongoing research and debate, as discussed in Hamilton (2009) and Caldara  
5 et al (2019).<sup>56</sup>

6 **Q: Why are the costs of oil from the greater Williston Basin so important?**

7 A: The costs of oil from the greater Williston Basin are especially important because this  
8 region is expected to be one of the major sources of the new, added supplies of oil in the  
9 years to come. In particular, the crude oil from these regions is expected to comprise at  
10 least 7% of the marginal, new sources of oil, based on my analysis of the costs and volumes  
11 of world oil supply in Rystad Energy's Ucube database.<sup>57</sup> An increase in the cost of oil  
12 from the greater Williston Basin would therefore have a proportional effect on the global  
13 marginal cost of supplying oil: namely, a \$6 per barrel increase in the cost of oil from this  
14 region could increase the average *global* marginal cost of supplying oil by about \$0.40 per  
15 barrel. (An increase of \$6 per barrel in 7% of the marginal cost translates, via simple  
16 multiplication, to an average increase of \$0.40 per barrel). That, in turn, would translate  
17 into an increase in global oil prices of about \$0.29 per barrel.

18 **Q: Will that increase in oil prices have a significant impact on customers in Michigan?**

19 A: I have not conducted that analysis here, but in my opinion it is unlikely that the effects  
20 of the price increase would be locally significant. Rather, the impacts of the per barrel price

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<sup>56</sup> Hamilton, J. D. (2009). Understanding crude oil prices. *The Energy Journal*, 30(2), 179–206.  
<https://doi.org/10.5547/ISSN0195-6574-EJ-Vol30-No2-9>; Caldara, D., Cavallo, M., & Iacoviello, M. (2019). Oil  
price elasticities and oil price fluctuations. *Journal of Monetary Economics*, 103, 1–20.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jmoneco.2018.08.004>

<sup>57</sup> Rystad Energy. (2021). Cube Browser, Version 2.2. <https://www.rystadenergy.com/Products/EnP-Solutions/UCube>

1 increase would have global impacts. Even though the increase is small on the individual  
2 level (\$0.29 per barrel of oil is less than 1 cent per gallon), that added cost would add up  
3 to globally significant effects on consumer behavior and oil consumption around the world,  
4 since it would lead to changes in how (and how many) people and goods are transported  
5 using oil.

6 **Q: If the Proposed Project were built, what is your overall estimate of the incremental**  
7 **GHG emissions compared to the no-action alternative?**

8 A: In total, assuming a \$6 per barrel increase in transportation costs associated with rail  
9 transport of petroleum, I estimate that, compared to the no-action scenario, where the  
10 existing line stops operating and the Proposed Project is not built, building the Proposed  
11 Project would lead to a net, incremental increase in annual global oil consumption of about  
12 150,000 bpd, equivalent to 27,000,000 metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e per year from burning and  
13 producing that oil. Nearly all of this increase in oil consumption and GHG emissions would  
14 occur outside Michigan.

15 **Q: How did you calculate this estimate?**

16 A: This change in global oil price and oil consumption is calculated using a simple oil market  
17 model, parameterized by elasticities (long-run elasticity of crude oil supply of 0.6, long-  
18 run elasticity of crude oil demand of -0.3), a model that is described in more detail in my  
19 peer-reviewed, scientific work, including, most recently: Achakulwisut, P., Erickson, P.,  
20 & Koplow, D. (2021). Effect of subsidies and regulatory exemptions on 2020–2030 oil and  
21 gas production and profits in the United States. *Environmental Research Letters*, 16(8),  
22 084023, which is attached here as Exhibit ELP-7 (PAE-7).<sup>58</sup> I convert this change in oil

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<sup>58</sup> Available at <https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-9326/ac0a10>.

1 consumption to a change in GHG emissions from burning oil by assuming a global,  
2 reference GHG-intensity of crude oil of 502 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e per barrel, while also assuming that  
3 any oil now carried by rail instead of pipeline does so at an added GHG-intensity of 6 kg  
4 CO<sub>2</sub>e per barrel.

5 “Long-run” elasticities are intended to gauge effects over a period of time in which  
6 producers and consumers have time to make changes in their equipment or investment  
7 decisions, such as the decision of what kind of car to buy or whether or not to drill a new  
8 oil field. Over this time period – the next several years – the flexibility of decisions is  
9 greater than in the “short run,” and hence the effects of a change in price are greater. The  
10 long-run elasticities of supply (0.6) and demand (-0.3) that I use here are the same as in my  
11 most recent peer-reviewed research. An elasticity of supply of 0.6 is consistent with a fairly  
12 “flat” oil supply curve characteristic of the current oil price outlook. (Were oil price  
13 outlooks to be much higher, e.g. over \$100, the supply curve would be steeper, and the  
14 elasticity of supply lower.)

15 A long-run elasticity of demand, -0.3, is higher (in absolute value) than some prior  
16 reviews: Hamilton (2009) reported a range of -0.2 to -0.3. A higher value like -0.3, is  
17 commonly believed to be more consistent with the greater current availability of electric  
18 vehicles, and is still lower than an alternative, commonly used value of -0.5 as reported by  
19 Raimi (2019).<sup>59</sup>

20 **Q: What is the source of your assumption about the elasticity of supply and demand?**

21 **A:** My source for the elasticity of supply estimate of 0.6 is taken directly from the slope of the  
22 oil supply curve, as assembled by oil industry consultancy Rystad Energy, for prices in the

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<sup>59</sup> Raimi, D. (2019). The Greenhouse Gas Impacts of Increased US Oil and Gas Production [Working Paper 19-03].  
<http://www.rff.org>



1 \$50 per barrel to \$70 per barrel range, as described in Erickson *et al.* 2020. My source for  
2 the elasticity of demand is taken from Hamilton (2009).

3 **Q: Why did you choose these specific values and not others in the literature?**

4 A: The values I am using represent my expert judgment as to most reasonable values for the  
5 present situation, given current oil price outlooks and the expanding alternatives to oil in  
6 the transport sector, which is by far the largest sector using oil. These values are also well  
7 within the ranges used in other studies, and therefore represent mid-range values that  
8 should yield reasonable results for decision-makers. It would also be possible to use  
9 different values to get a sense of how the results could change.

10 **Q: Did you calculate the results using different values?**

11 A: Yes. I did a sensitivity analysis in which I varied elasticities of supply and demand to see  
12 how the results could vary. In the table below, I display how very different assumptions  
13 about elasticities of supply and demand could make my estimate of 27 million metric tons  
14 CO<sub>2</sub>e higher or lower. While I present this to show a wide range of potential outcomes, I  
15 find the lower elasticity of supply value of 0.1 to be extraordinarily unlikely, as that implies  
16 a very steep supply curve in which oil producers are very insensitive to price, a situation  
17 that only arises if long-term oil forecasts are very high, e.g. over \$100 per barrel. In the  
18 more likely scenario – with higher elasticity of supply -- the incremental GHG emissions  
19 remain over 20 million metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e even where assumptions regarding the elasticity  
20 of demand change.

**TABLE 3. INCREMENTAL GLOBAL GHG EMISSIONS (MILLION TONS CO<sub>2</sub>E) RESULTING FROM THE PROPOSED PROJECT, USING DIFFERENT ELASTICITIES OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND**

		Long-run elasticity of global crude oil supply		
		0.1	<b>0.6</b> (best estimate)	1
Long-run elasticity of global crude oil demand	-0.2	4.2 million t CO <sub>2</sub> e	20 million t CO <sub>2</sub> e	27 million t CO <sub>2</sub> e
	<b>-0.3</b> (best estimate)	4.8 million t CO <sub>2</sub> e	<b>27 million t CO<sub>2</sub>e</b>	38 million t CO <sub>2</sub> e
	-0.5	5.4 million t CO <sub>2</sub> e	37 million t CO <sub>2</sub> e	55 million t CO <sub>2</sub> e

Values in **bold** are best estimates used in this testimony

**Q: Does this mean that your estimate of incremental GHG emissions could be lower?**

A: Yes, of course. As indicated in Table 3 above, my estimate of incremental emissions could be much lower if the elasticity of supply of oil was much lower, a situation that could arise if oil demand were to outpace oil supply in the years ahead and oil prices were to rise substantially, e.g. to well over \$100 per barrel. I consider this outcome unlikely and, also, not very consistent with global goals to decarbonize the economy, the attainment of which would instead yield greatly reduced oil demand and, in turn, lower oil prices. As explained in my testimony above, my estimate could also be somewhat lower if the absence of Line 5 had less of an effect on oil transportation costs than in my central estimate.

**Q: Are there any other ways your estimate of incremental GHG emissions could be lower?**

A: Yes. Another way my estimate could be affected is if consumers, in response to slightly lower oil prices resulting from the Proposed Project (compared to the no-action scenario), were to increase their oil consumption at the expense of other fossil-based sources of energy, such as coal or gas-based electricity. I have not evaluated those effects, termed

1 “cross-price” or substitution effects in the economic literature, because they involve  
2 different fuels than what would be handled by the Proposed Project and so are secondary  
3 considerations. These effects could reduce my incremental estimate of 27 million metric  
4 tons CO<sub>2</sub>e somewhat; however, as the global energy transition accelerates, the marginal  
5 source of the main substitute for oil – electricity – is no longer mainly fossil fuels, but  
6 instead primarily very low-carbon renewable power. This strong trend towards renewable  
7 power suggests that any shift away from electricity would have relatively minor effects on  
8 my incremental GHG emissions estimate.

9 **Q: How could your estimate of incremental GHG emissions be higher?**

10 A: My estimate of incremental GHG emissions could be somewhat greater if consumers were  
11 even more sensitive to oil prices in the future than they have been in the past (i.e., an  
12 elasticity of demand of -0.5 or more, as in Table 3) or if, as described above, the rail and  
13 pipeline takeaway capacity from the greater Williston Basin is even more constrained than  
14 I assume here (e.g., if either the Line 3 or Trans Mountain pipeline projects currently  
15 underway are not completed).

16 **Q: If the estimate could change, why should it be relied upon here?**

17 A: I believe my central estimate of 27,000,000 metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e is a reasonable approximation  
18 of the incremental effect of the Proposed Project on global GHG emissions based on  
19 available information regarding supply and demand elasticities. The methods used above  
20 use standard GHG emissions accounting principles, and my specific approaches regarding  
21 pipelines and oil markets have been successfully scrutinized by the scientific peer review  
22 process several times for other projects. Furthermore, I have considered several possible  
23 uncertainties. Finally, in other contexts involving estimations of GHG emissions, courts

1 have concluded that the inherent uncertainties in these types of estimations is no  
2 justification for failing to quantify these effects.<sup>60</sup>

3 **Q: What about the possibility that, if the Proposed Project is not built, the “no action”**  
4 **scenario is not the closing of Line 5, but instead that the existing, dual pipelines**  
5 **continue to operate for some limited amount of time?**

6 A: In such a case, then the concept of incremental emissions described above still applies, but  
7 the effect is essentially postponed by however many years the existing dual pipelines could  
8 continue to operate.

9 **Q: Have you estimated how this decrease in the quantity of oil consumed would impact**  
10 **customers in Michigan?**

11 A: No. My focus is on the global GHG emissions effect of the Line 5 pipeline. Michigan  
12 represents only about one-half of 1% of global oil consumption, so the GHG emissions  
13 effects inside Michigan are a small part of the overall GHG emissions effects of the Line  
14 5 pipeline. Of course, the impact on Michigan’s natural resources, as the result of all global  
15 GHG emissions, is significant, as discussed by other expert witnesses in this case.

16 **Q: Have you estimated changes in price, consumption, or incremental GHG emissions**  
17 **associated with the propane or butane handled by the Proposed Project?**

18 A: No. In contrast to the incremental emissions from increased consumption of crude oil that  
19 would result from constructing the Proposed Project (relative to the no-action scenario),  
20 which are driven by effects global markets, any incremental emissions from changes in  
21 propane and ethane markets would likely be more local, due to propane and ethane markets  
22 in the Eastern U.S. and Canada, including in Michigan.

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<sup>60</sup> See *Ctr. for Biological Diversity v. Bernhardt*, 982 F.3d 723, 739–40 (9th Cir. 2020).

1           These effects are likely much smaller than for crude oil for three reasons: (1) the  
2           quantity of these NGLs handled by the pipeline is only 20% the volume of crude; (2) NGLs  
3           contain at least 35% less carbon per barrel than crude; and (3) the propensity for end-  
4           markets to increase their consumption of NGLs (relative to the no-action scenario) may be  
5           less than for crude oil, as consumers do not make as frequent decisions regarding home  
6           heating (a key source of propane use) as they do about how often and what kind of vehicle  
7           to drive.

8           For these reasons, I do not estimate the changes to price, consumption, or  
9           incremental GHG emissions associated with NGLs. I do note that the same fundamental  
10          market principles would apply as for oil: proceeding with the Proposed Project would,  
11          relative to the no-action scenario, would mean lower costs of producing NGLs from the  
12          greater Williston Basin, lower prices for these liquids, and therefore a (proportionally  
13          smaller) increase (again, relative to the no-action scenario) in their consumption.<sup>61</sup>

14   **Q:   Have you estimated how the incremental GHG emissions caused by the Proposed**  
15   **Project would affect climate change, including in Michigan?**

16   **A:**   No. Consistent with section III of this testimony (“Overview of climate change and the  
17          need for greenhouse gas emissions cuts”), the intent of global climate change policy is that  
18          substantial emission reductions are needed in all regions of the world and in all sectors.  
19          Accordingly, the change in warming or climate impacts that would result from actions in  
20          Michigan should be viewed in that context and not as isolated (and proportionally smaller)  
21          effects on global temperature.

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<sup>61</sup> Lower-carbon alternatives to propane (e.g. for heating or for industrial equipment) and butane (e.g. for petrochemicals and plastic manufacturing) are becoming available.

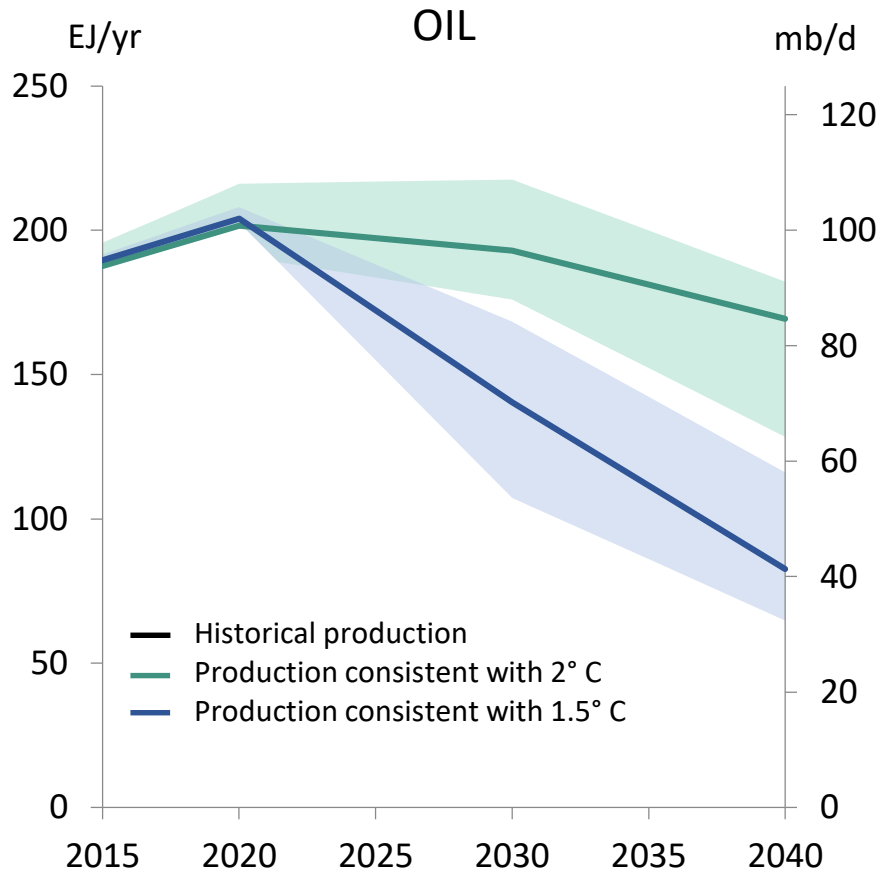
**VI. INCONSISTENCY OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT WITH INTERNATIONALLY  
AGREED CLIMATE LIMITS**

**~~Q: Is Enbridge's Proposed Project generally consistent with international, national and state climate goals?~~**

~~A: No. Michigan's Governor Gretchen Whitmer has initiated the MI Healthy Climate Plan aimed at protecting public health and the environment, and helping to develop new clean energy jobs, by putting Michigan on a path towards becoming carbon neutral, meaning net zero greenhouse gas emissions, by 2050. Further, the Governor has committed the State of Michigan to advance the goals of the Paris Agreement. As described in section III of this testimony, one of the goals of the Paris Agreement is "pursuing efforts" to limit global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. To meet that goal with no or "limited" overshoot (exceedance) of the temperature limit, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has found that global emissions must reach zero by about the year 2050. Further, the IPCC has found that oil production and use must fall by an average of about 3% annually (for a total of 65%) between 2020 and 2050.~~

~~Analysis by international research organizations of the IPCC's emission reduction pathways, published in partnership with the United Nations' Environment Program, has found that oil production needs to decline under both the 1.5 °C and 2 °C limits, as shown in Figure 2.~~

FIGURE 2. OIL PRODUCTION AND USE  
CONSISTENT WITH 1.5 °C AND 2 °C LIMITS<sup>62</sup>



By contrast, maintaining oil production at recent levels for the next several decades is not consistent with meeting the warming goals of the Paris Agreement. Constructing long-lived oil infrastructure, such as pipelines, that helps lower the cost and investment risk of oil production—increasing oil use and emissions (as demonstrated in Section V of this testimony) is therefore at odds with the temperature and emissions goals of the Paris Agreement.

<sup>62</sup> Figure adapted from SEI, HSD, ODI, E3G, & UNEP. (2020). The Production Gap: Special Report 2020. <http://productiongap.org/2020report>. Green and blue bands show inter-quartile ranges across all scenarios analyzed by the Production Gap Report authors.

1 ~~Q: Besides the IPCC and the UN Environment Program, are there any other major~~  
2 ~~international institutions that have pointed out the disconnect between further oil-~~  
3 ~~related development and climate goals?~~

4 ~~A: Yes, the International Energy Agency (IEA), an intergovernmental organization, has~~  
5 ~~similarly found that expanding oil production is inconsistent with reaching zero emissions~~  
6 ~~by mid-century and limiting warming to 1.5°C. In its recent *Net Zero by 2050* report, the~~  
7 ~~IEA found that there is “no need for investment in new fossil fuel supply” in their net-zero~~  
8 ~~pathway.<sup>63</sup> More specifically, the IEA stated that “no new oil and natural gas fields are~~  
9 ~~needed,” which helps lead to a “contraction of oil and natural gas production.”<sup>64</sup>~~

10 ~~Constructing the Proposed Project and re-starting Line 5 would provide added~~  
11 ~~certainty and low-cost takeaway capacity for new oil fields in the Bakken and Duvernay~~  
12 ~~formations in Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan provinces of Canada, and in~~  
13 ~~the states of North Dakota and Montana in the U.S. (See Figure 1). Developing new oil~~  
14 ~~fields in these regions would be inconsistent with both the IPCC scenarios and the IEA’s~~  
15 ~~road map for reaching net zero by 2050, and would thus also be inconsistent with Michigan~~  
16 ~~Governor Whitmer’s commitment to align the state’s policies with the Paris Agreement~~  
17 ~~and with net zero emissions by 2050.~~

## 18 SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY/CONCLUSIONS

19 **Q: Please summarize your conclusions.**

20 **A: My testimony has three main conclusions.**

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<sup>63</sup> Source: page 21 of IEA. (2021). *Net Zero by 2050: A Roadmap for the Global Energy Sector*. International Energy Agency. <https://www.iea.org/reports/net-zero-by-2050>

<sup>64</sup> Source: page 23 of IEA (2021).



1           First, as described in section IV of this testimony, the Proposed Project is  
2 associated with about 87 million metric tons carbon-dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e)  
3 annually, the overwhelming majority of which are from the use, or combustion, of the  
4 oil and natural gas liquids transported by the Line 5 pipeline.

5           Second, as described in section V, compared to a no-action scenario, where the  
6 Line 5 pipeline no longer operates in the Straits, the Proposed Project would lead to an  
7 *increase* of about 27 million metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e in global greenhouse gas emissions from  
8 the production and combustion of oil.

9           ~~Third, as described in section VI, by enabling the continued, long-term production~~  
10 ~~and combustion of oil, construction of the project would work against, and therefore be~~  
11 ~~inconsistent with, the goals of the global Paris Agreement and Michigan's Healthy~~  
12 ~~Climate Plan.~~

13   **Q:     Does this conclude your testimony?**

14   **A:     Yes.**

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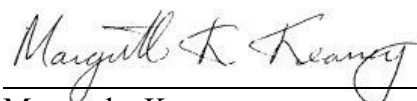
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