

Understanding Minnesota's Regulatory Process for Pipeline Projects

ENBRIDGE IN MINNESOTA

During the past 60 years, Enbridge has expanded its pipeline systems and facilities in Minnesota many times. The process of expansion is not taken lightly and involves careful planning and consideration. Our goal is to invest wisely in infrastructure to support the needs of shipping and refining customers so they can in turn meet North Americans' needs for fuels, asphalt and the raw materials used to make fertilizers, solvents, plastic materials, and other products we all use every day.

By the time we approach communities and regulatory agencies about a proposed expansion, much thought and consideration has already gone into determining the project's purpose, need and viability.

Prior to large-scale energy infrastructure projects being constructed or modified in Minnesota, companies like Enbridge must receive a Certificate of Need (CN) and/or a Pipeline Route Permit (PRP) from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC). In the case of pipelines, the CN process evaluates whether the proposed facilities are necessary.

The PRP determines the route location of the proposed pipeline. Joint applications for both the CN and the PRP are allowed.

The MPUC's process provides multiple opportunities for public participation, including public meetings and public comment periods.

The MPUC is currently reviewing the following permit applications for Enbridge expansion projects in Minnesota:

- Certificate of Need and Pipeline Route Permit applications for Sandpiper Pipeline Project
- Certificate of Need and Pipeline Route Permit joint applications for Line 3 Pipeline Replacement Project

The process for proposing and reviewing pipeline projects is comprehensive and robust — from company decision making to regulatory oversight.



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Minnesotans can stay informed and follow the progress of regulatory approvals by visiting the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission's website at www.mn.gov/puc.

Simply click on "eFiling and eDockets" and go to "Search Documents" where you can look for the docket number that applies to the particular project you are interested in reviewing.

Current Enbridge projects filed include:

SANDPIPER PIPELINE PROJECT

Docket No: 13-473 and 13-474

Project information telephone number is: 855-788-7805

LINE 3 REPLACEMENT PIPELINE PROJECT

Docket No: 14-916

Project information telephone number is: 855-788-7812

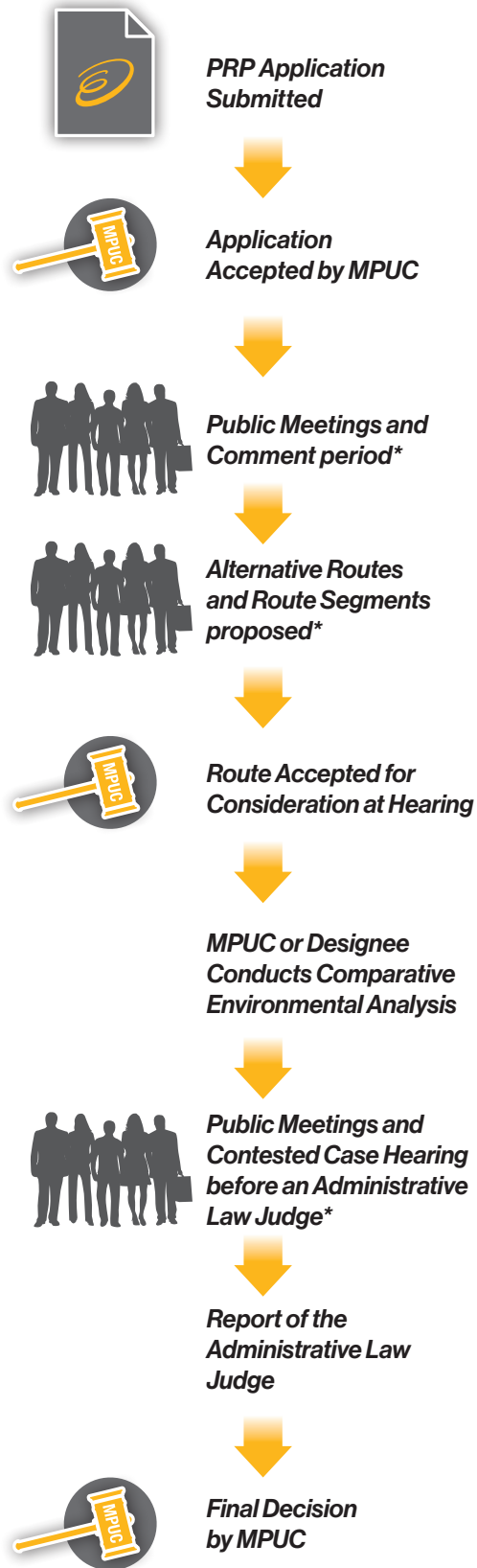
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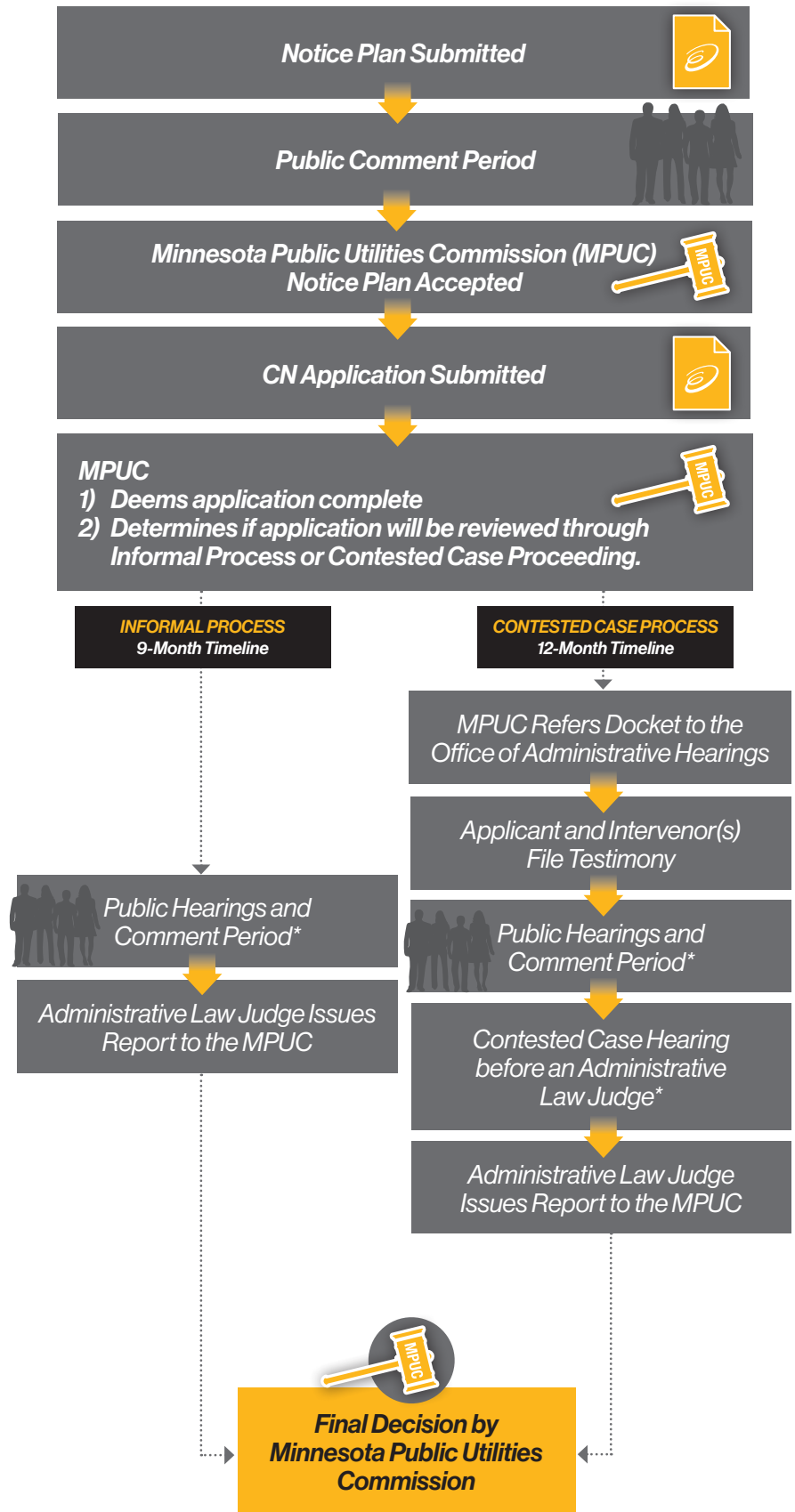


ROUTE PERMIT PROCESS



*Public participation opportunities

CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROCESS



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