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PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant:
Enbridge Energy, Limited
Partnership

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**Detroit District
Permit Application No. LRE-2010-00463-56-A19**

Use of special processing procedures for review of the Enbridge Line 5 Tunnel Project

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District, is reviewing a request by Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership (Enbridge), for a Department of the Army (DA) permit under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States (U.S.) and the discharge of fill material into waters of the U.S. associated with the Enbridge Line 5 Tunnel Project, as described below.

In Executive Order (EO) 14156, the President declared a national emergency under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. § 1621) based upon the finding that the United States' insufficient energy production, transportation, refining, and generation constitutes an unusual and extraordinary threat to our Nation's economy, national security, and foreign policy. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District has found that this permit request meets the terms of EO 14156 and is therefore subject to special emergency permitting procedures to address an energy supply situation which would result in an unacceptable hazard to life, a significant loss of property, or an immediate, unforeseen, and significant economic hardship if corrective action requiring a permit is not undertaken within a time period less than the normal time needed to process the application under standard procedures. The Detroit District will implement the special processing procedures approved by the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division in accordance with 33 C.F.R. § 325.2(e)(4).

APPLICANT: Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership

LOCATION OF WORK: Straits of Mackinac (Lake Michigan), between Point LaBarbe, St. Ignace, Mackinac County, and McGulpin Point, Mackinaw City, Emmet County, Michigan.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant proposes to bore a 21-foot-diameter, 3.6-mile-long tunnel underneath the bed of the Straits of Mackinac to house a 30-inch-diameter pipeline for crude oil and natural gas liquids. The proposed pipeline segment within the tunnel would replace the existing two 20-inch-diameter pipelines buried close to shore and resting or supported on the lakebed at depths up to 225 feet. The proposed project would permanently impact 1.52 acres of wetlands, including 1.01

acres within the Corps' responsibility under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Project information and plans are available at: www.line5tunneleis.com.

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA): On August 15, 2022, the Detroit District published a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Line 5 Tunnel Project. The Detroit District is still preparing an EIS for the proposed Line 5 Tunnel Project and anticipates soliciting public comment upon publication of its draft EIS. The Detroit District will fulfill its NEPA responsibilities in accordance with the special processing procedures approved by the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division and through its coordination with the Council on Environmental Quality.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: Compliance with Section 401 Water Quality Certification procedures is required for this project.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES: In accordance with the special processing procedures authorized by the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, the Detroit District is coordinating with the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and federally recognized Tribes under 36 C.F.R. § 800.12, to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES: In accordance with the special processing procedures authorized by the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, the Detroit District is consulting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) under 50 C.F.R. § 402.05 in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

PUBLIC INTEREST: This application will be reviewed pursuant to 33 C.F.R. Parts 320-332, the Regulatory Program of the Corps, and other applicable laws and regulations. Our evaluation will also follow the guidelines published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Section 404(b) (1) of the Clean Water Act (40 C.F.R. Part 230).