

We Support Enbridge Pipeline Construction In Minnesota

Enbridge is proposing \$5 billion investment in upgrades and expansions of our pipeline system that will not only enhance U.S. energy security, but provide almost immediate economic benefits to communities in Minnesota.

Hospitality businesses who have experienced pipeline expansion are strong supporters.



**Burl Ives, general manager
Timberlake Lodge
Grand Rapids, Minn.**

... it's really more than just during construction.

"Pipeline construction is good for the hospitality industry and our local economy, and has been for decades. We experienced at least a 35 percent jump in business during pipeline construction in 2009. Workers and management live in our hotels, eat in local restaurants, use local laundry mats, buy from tire stores and shop at our retail and grocery stores. They are good people to work with. The spin-off from the presence of these workers is significant. But, it's really more than just during construction. I get groups from Enbridge as well as subcontractors that come back for meetings and other events. Pipelines have not adversely impacted the draw for visitors. If anything, it introduces people to the area who keep coming back."



**Lisa Biller, manager
T-59 Motel
Thief River Falls, Minn.**

We absolutely welcome pipeline workers.

"Most of our current guests are pipeline workers. I have not had one problem with the pipeline employees. They are so nice. We're even expanding to accommodate the workers. We placed an ad about our new extended stay location opening in Oklee, and were inundated with calls from pipeliners. We absolutely welcome pipeline workers."



**Rick Filpula, maintenance manager
Community Campground
St. Hilaire, Minn.**

We doubled our normal income for the campground.

"When the pipeline came through in 2009, we expanded from our normal 20 unit campground to offering 30 units. We doubled our normal income for the campground. I definitely welcome the pipeline workers and pipeline construction. All the businesses in town do. There was at least a 25 percent increase in business overall in town that year the new pipeline went in."

- **3,100+ anticipated construction jobs in Minnesota**
- **460 employees and contractors work for Enbridge in Minnesota**
- **More than 65 years in Minnesota safely and reliably delivering North American petroleum**



**Doug Howe, co-owner
Sparkling Waters Restaurant
Bemidji, Minn.**

The economic dollars from expansion are just a bonus.

"It was our first year in business when the pipeline construction came through in 2009. Groups of 6 to 8 guys would come in at a time. They always said they'd bring someone back with them. They were so polite. There is no doubt in my mind pipeline expansion is positive. Absolutely. We all use the product, rely on the product and overall it is positive. The economic dollars from expansion are just a bonus."



**Lisa Robson, owner
Evergreen Restaurant
Thief River Falls, Minn.**

Those workers are held to a high standard.

"Mainly my work for the pipeliners is through catering. I deliver meals to them on site. I catered for 140 pipeliners to two locations in March. I feel safe going out to those sites and when pipeliners come through the door, I know Enbridge draws in good contractors with a priority on safety. Those workers are held to a high standard. Bringing them in is wonderful."



**Jerome and Cheryl Peters, owners
Viking Diner and Antiques
Viking, Minn.**

We get the oil where it needs to be without adding more rail cars...

"In 2014, as part of the upgrade project Enbridge worked on, we provided togo meals including 50 breakfasts, 100 noon dinners, 100 suppers and another 50 breakfasts in one day. It's a lot of work on our part, but good business. It's all good, real good for the community. We get the oil where it needs to be without adding more rail cars and trucks."