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Oakland County
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Thomas Kemp
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Rose Township Resolution 2014-22

**RESOLUTION TO
REROUTE THE PROPOSED ET ROVER PIPELINE**

At a special meeting of the Township Board of Rose Township, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, held on September 10, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Miller, Trevethan, Kemp, Scheib-Snyder, Gambka

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Scheib-Snyder and supported by Trevethan

WHEREAS, Pipeline 6B was constructed in Rose Township in 1968 when Rose Township was known for its horse farms and according to the 1970 census had a population of 2,502 and Rose Township is now primarily residential with a population of 6,250 according to the 2010 census;

WHEREAS, Rose Township has heavily wooded areas, and as such seeks to preserve and protect our woodlands and surrounding ecosystems. The construction of the proposed pipeline would not only be devastating to the dense environmental aesthetics of our woodlands but also their surrounding high priority ecosystems;

WHEREAS, Rose Townships proximity to the headwaters to the Shiawassee River and The Huron River watersheds (Exhibits 1 & 2) and construction of the proposed pipeline would pose a threat to our very sensitive wetland ecosystems;

WHEREAS, Based on the environmental and safety consequences of a potential rupture of a proposed 42" diameter pipeline at a minimum psi of 1100 the Potential Impact Radius would be 961 feet and would potentially be a safety hazard to the many residents living along the proposed pipeline route;

WHEREAS, experts believe placing a natural gas pipeline in close proximity to an existing petroleum pipeline could be disastrous;

WHEREAS, should this additional pipeline be constructed, property values of the homes in its vicinity would plummet;

WHEREAS, significant pipeline construction and repairs occurred in Rose Township in 2011 when Enbridge remediated Line 6B after its rupture, and again in 2013 and 2014, when Enbridge replaced Line 6B in its entirety, and, therefore, the residents of Rose Township have already made significant sacrifices for the public interest;

WHEREAS, ET Rover has stated in its Pre Filing, as an affirmative statement, that it would follow the existing Enbridge Line 6B corridor for its proposed route which **does not** use the existing easement but in fact requires an additional 50' easement and 100' of temporary workspace. Given the change in the characteristics of Rose Township since the Line 6B route was first constructed in 1968 and the significant sacrifices already made by Rose Township residents, it is not reasonable or just for Rose Township to be established as a pipeline corridor;

WHEREAS, The original Line 6B was constructed in 1968 and at that time, public policy did not appreciate the value of wetlands and woodlands and there was a preference given to placing the pipeline through wetlands and woodlands because the value of such land was viewed as minimal;

WHEREAS, The Commissions own siting requirements now clearly state that pipelines, to the extent practicable, should avoid wetlands and wildlife lands. *See 18 CFR 380.15(d)*

WHEREAS, less than two years ago Energy Transfer (the parent company to ET Rover) claimed there was no need for the existing amount of natural gas capacity in Michigan (Docket No. CP12-491-000), received approval for abandonment on November 7, 2013 (just seven months prior to applying for the new ET Rover natural gas trunk line) and sold its north/south transmission line to Enbridge Energy so that it could be used to transport petroleum;

WHEREAS, In the preliminary draft July 2014 (Docket No. PF-14-14-000) section 1.2 Purpose and Need, ET Rover states "*According to the most current and relevant government and industry supply/consumption indexes (including the U.S. Department of Energy), the supplies will continue to outpace domestic consumption for many years, allowing for the export of natural gas.*" It is clear the purpose of the pipeline is for EXPORT of natural gas which does not meet the threshold of public necessity nor justify the devastating impacts to Rose Townships woodlands and wetlands which we have been elected to protect;

WHEREAS, communities with less population and fewer sensitive resources are within a reasonable distance to the north;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Rose Township Board of Trustees oppose routing the proposed ET Rover pipeline through Rose Township and suggest it be moved to less populated areas to the north along the I-69 corridor or purchase back its transmission line from Enbridge Energy in order to convert it back to natural gas.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be filed as a part of the record before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and sent directly to U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Senator Carl Levin, U.S. Representative Mike Rogers, Governor Rick Snyder, Senator Dave Robertson, Representative Joseph Graves, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Commissioner Robert Hoffman, and other Oakland County Townships along the proposed pipeline route.

Roll Call Vote: **AYES:** Kemp, Scheib-Snider, Miller, Trevethan, Gambka
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION APPROVED and ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, the undersigned, duly qualified Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Rose, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the proceedings taken by the Township Board of the Township of Rose at a meeting held on September 10, 2014.

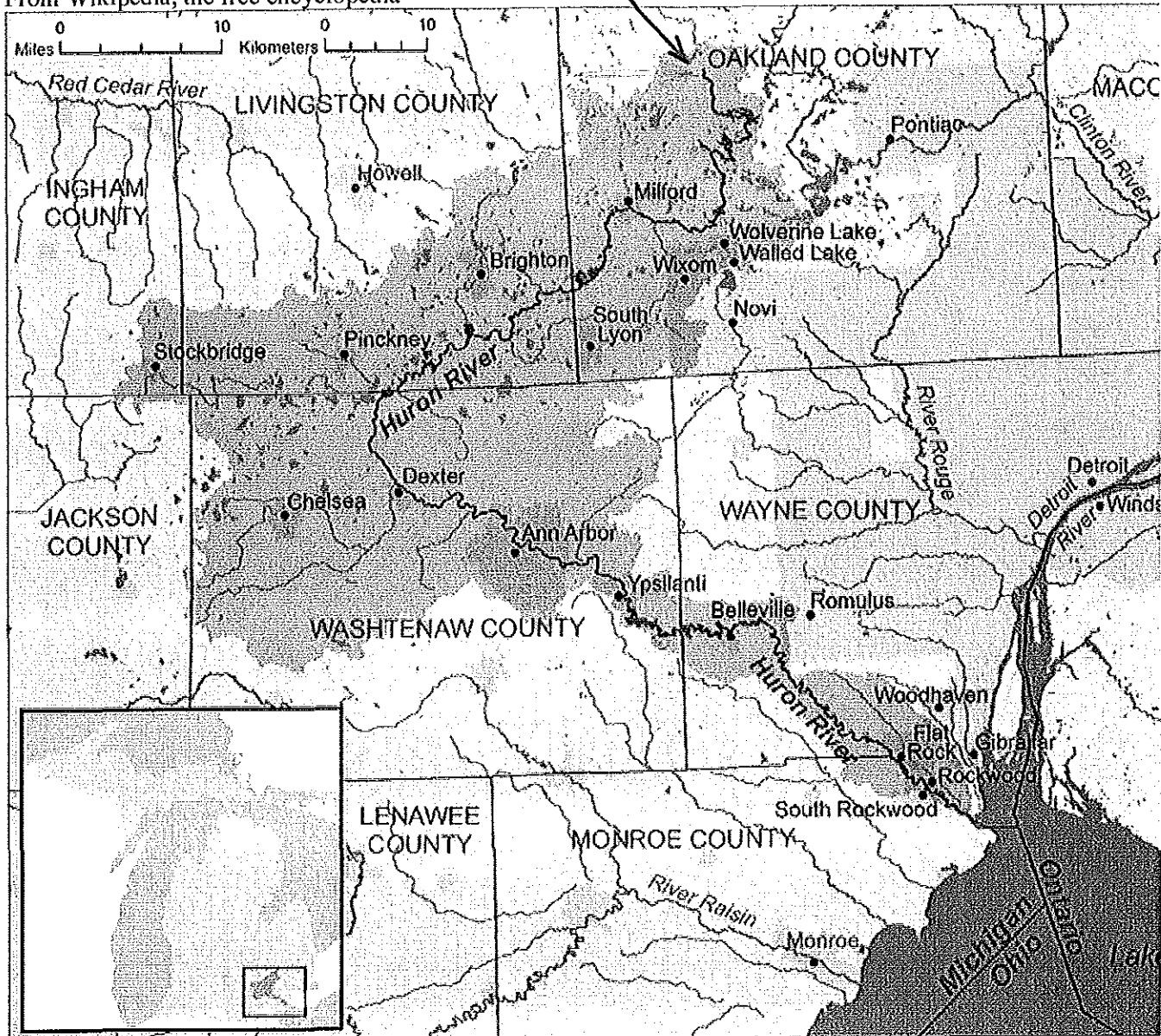

Debbie Miller, CMC
Rose Township Clerk

Dated: September 15, 2014

EXHIBIT 1

File:Huron River Michigan map.png

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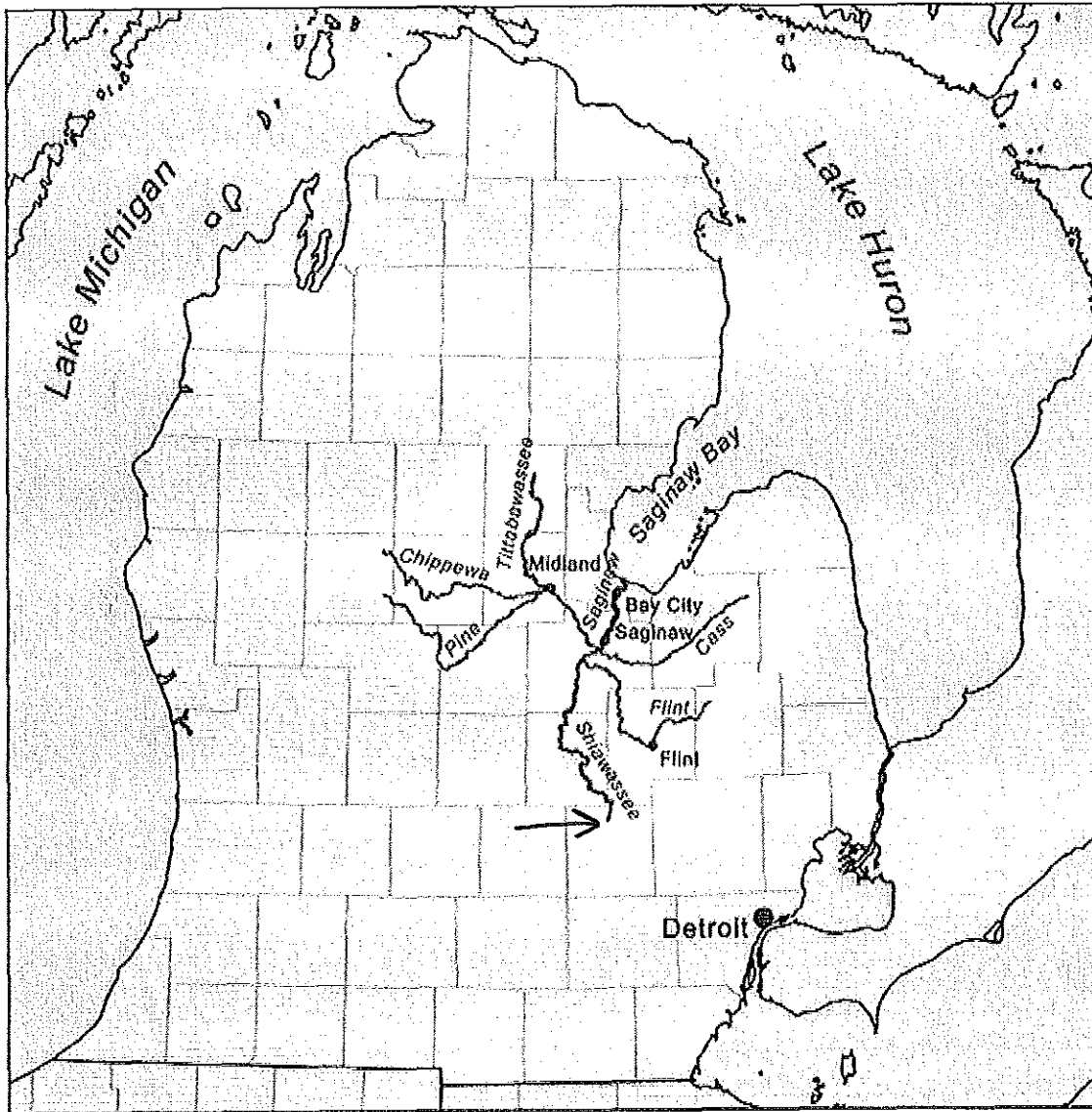
Description **English:** A map of the Huron River and its watershed (USGS HUC-8 code 04090005) in southeastern Michigan.

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File:Saginawrivermap.png

EXHIBIT 2

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Description

Map of the Saginaw River watershed.

Date 30 May 2007

Source Self-made, based on USGS data.

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Rose Township Resolution 2014-21

**RESOLUTION TO
OPPOSE THE PROPOSED ET ROVER PIPELINE**

At a special meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Rose, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, held on September 10, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Miller, Trevethan, Kemp, Scheib-Snyder, Gambka

ABSENT:

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trevethan and supported by Miller.

WHEREAS, less than two years ago Energy Transfer (the parent company to ET Rover) claimed there was no need for the existing amount of natural gas capacity in Michigan (Docket No. CP12-491-000) and sold its north/south transmission line to Enbridge Energy so that it could be used to transport petroleum;

WHEREAS, approximately seven months (November 7, 2013) after the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued the Order Approving Abandonment (Docket No. CP12-491-000) granting permission for Energy Transfer to abandon their Trunkline, Energy Transfer reapplied for authority to **reconstruct** a natural 42" natural gas trunkline (Superhighway). It is obvious that plans were underway to construct a new trunkline while Energy Transfer was petitioning FERC for abandonment of their existing trunkline.

WHEREAS, Energy Transfers shifting position smacks as trickery at the public's expense as well as the onerous taking of private property through the power of Eminent Domain.

WHEREAS, the proposed route of the ET Rover pipeline does not supply natural gas to Michigan beyond the MichCon delivery point in Livingston County contrary to what is depicted on the map provided by ET Rover and is merely a "pass through" to another country which does not necessitate serving the common good of Michigan residents beyond Livingston County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Rose Township Board of Trustees oppose the proposed construction of the ET Rover natural gas pipeline due to lack of necessity and lack of serving the common good of Michigan residents beyond Livingston County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be filed as a comment before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and sent directly to U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Senator Carl Levin, U.S. Representative Mike Rogers, Governor Rick Snyder, Senator Dave Robertson, Representative Joe Graves, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Paterson, Oakland County Commissioner Robert Hoffman, Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash and other Oakland County Townships along the proposed pipeline route.

Roll Call Vote: **AYES:** Scheib-Snyder, Miller, Trevethan, Kemp, Gambka

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION APPROVED and ADOPTED.

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