

How FOH was instrumental in bringing about the first ever EIS for a MN pipeline...

- 1. Friends of the Headwaters brought the case to the MN Court of Appeals with the help of attorneys from the MCEA (MN Center for Environmental Advocacy) and an Amicus from CCLS (Carlton County Land Stewards). The appellate court ruled unanimously in favor of Friends of the Headwaters' contention, decreeing that an independent and competent EIS is required under the MN Environmental Policy Act (MEPA).**
- 2. In October 2015, Enbridge petitioned the Supreme Court for further review of the appeals court decision. In December 2015, the MN Supreme Court refused to hear their case.**
- 3. In January 2016, the PUC rejected Enbridge's request for an EIS deadline of January 2017, pointing out that a CEA (Comparative Environmental Analysis) is NOT an EIS and that an EIS is a long process requiring the work of independent scientists and credentialed specialists from many different agencies.**
- 4. Now Enbridge is complaining to the media about how long a competent EIS might take. (Friends of the Headwaters would like to remind everyone that we requested an independent Environmental Impact Statement in January 2014--a full TWO YEARS AGO.)**
- 5. If Enbridge had followed MEPA law, if Friends of the Headwaters hadn't had to take the issue to the MN Court of Appeals, Enbridge would not be dealing with all the "uncertainties" they now find so inconvenient.**