The MPCA GRANTS the Friends of the Headwaters Petition for a contested case hearing.

The MPCA concludes that the following fact issues in the Friends of the Headwaters Petition—as identified, defined, and limited by the MCPA—satisfy the criteria for granting a contested case:

a) Does Enbridge's proposed use of trench methods for stream crossings have temporary or permanent impacts on water quality parameters of concern?

b) Have Enbridge and the MPCA identified the least degrading crossing method that is prudent and feasible for each stream crossing?

c) Have Enbridge and the MPCA undercounted the full acreage of the Project's wetland impacts due to flaws in wetland delineation and survey methodologies related to the seasonality of delineation activities?

d) Have Enbridge and the MPCA undercounted the full acreage of wetlands that are physically altered by trenching?

e) Have Enbridge and the MPCA incorrectly determined that the impacts to wetlands that are physically altered by trenching are temporary?