Pro Se Defense Book for

State of Minnesota

Trespass on Critical Public Service Facilities, Pipeline, Utility – Property Posted

29CR21746

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**Priority of legal outcomes:**

1. Dismissal or Settlement with no conditions
2. Settlement offer at trial (see **Defense** below)
3. Trial loss, community service in Baltimore, Maryland
4. Trial loss, time served in Hubbard, County
5. Settlement with conditions same for all defendants

**Strategy:**

Since I am Pro Se and distant, I am disadvantaged legally and cannot realistically contest process before trial. My best value to the movement is to delay trial as long as possible as group leverage, only acting when a clear outcome path has been established by lawyered/local defendant outcomes. I will monitor motions, hearings, trials, and outcomes and adjust my own defense accordingly. I will remain engaged and help the movement when I can.

**Defense:**

Settlement Offer at Trial

Andrew Hinz, (trial date)

Ms. Emmerling and Your Honor,

I was in Hubbard County, Minnesota on June 7, 2021, to:

1. Uphold the constitution of the United States of America, which I believe esteems treaties (Exhibit 1 – excerpt from constitution or other source)
2. Reduce the deadly affect of atmospheric warming caused by excessive use of fossil fuels (Exhibit 2 – recent IPCC report, Exhibit 3 - latest species extinction assessment)
3. Protect the local environment out of respect and reparation to the Anishinaabe (Exhibit 4 – northern Minnesota wetlands study or comparable source)
4. Protect the local community (Exhibit 5 – environmental and economic impact report of last major oil pipeline spill, Exhibit 6 – Enbridge Line 3 depreciation schedule)
5. Uphold the constitution of the United States of America, regarding the use of eminent domain for private and/or international corporations not acting in the public interest.

The second of the above reasons listed above rises to the level of self-defense from a threat to my life. As a sentient and thoughtful member of the community I believe our excessive use of fossil fuels has already resulted in unnecessary death in our community (Exhibit 7 – climate change death report). Moreover, I believe the risk to my life to be unacceptable (Exhibit 8 – latest report of risk of food system collapse). I have taken many actions to preserve myself and I will continue to do so (Exhibit 9 – comment on FERC docket PL18-1, Exhibit 10 – FERC Doesn’t Work video, Exhibit 11 – FERCintoFREC video, Exhibit 12 – MD Sierra Club lobbying priorities 2017-2021, Exhibit 13 – Chesapeake Climate Action Network lobbying priorities 2017-2021, Exhibit 14 – proposed net-zero emissions amendment for Baltimore City).

Given my assessment of the threat to my survival and the current condition of the alleged Critical Energy Infrastructure referred to in the complaint (Exhibit 15 – Enbridge Line 3 status report), I offer the State:

1. I will refrain from disrupting operating Critical Energy Infrastructure in Minnesota, including that operated by the Enbridge corporation.
2. I will remain peaceful and non-violent and law abiding (law abiding except in cases where I believe a civil, non-violent action might have a positive outcome in terms of reducing our use of fossil fuels).

I entreat the State to accept my offer and dismiss this charge.

If the State chooses to reject my offer, I will participate in this trial and will offer a closing argument consisting wholly of reading summarizations of the above exhibits.

If the State convicts me of this charge, I entreat the State to accept punishment in the form of community service rendered in Baltimore, Maryland where I reside.

Andrew Hinz (signature), trial date