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**From:** PUC  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2015 10:38 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** HP14-002

Ms. Cable:

This is in response to your letter regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline permit request, docket HP14-002. The Public Utilities Commission must follow state law which requires us to complete an investigation and make a decision within one year following Dakota Access Pipeline's filing of the permit application request. The commission will issue a decision by Dec. 15, 2015.

A synopsis of the permit application review process is provided in a Pipeline Siting Guide available online at <http://www.puc.sd.gov/commission/Publication/pipelinesiting.pdf> Here is an excerpt from that document:  
*-The PUC is not involved in the easement acquisition process that occurs between applicants and landowners. Likewise, the PUC does not have a role in the eminent domain process, which is handled in the circuit court system. Landowners with concerns about these issues should seek advice from their personal attorney.*

You may find this DAP Frequently-Asked-Questions document helpful:  
<http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/2014/hp14-002faq.aspx>

Thank you for writing. I appreciate your frustration on behalf of your family and landowners along the proposed project route. Your message and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the formal docket so the applicant and all parties to the open, public docket have access to them:  
<http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/2014/hp14-002.aspx>

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