

Docket # HP14-002

My name is Janie Wallace and I would like to submit a letter of support to the South Dakota Public Utility Commission for the Dakota Access Pipeline. This pipeline is needed to transport Domestic Crude Oil from the Bakken Oil Fields of North Dakota to Midwest refineries so this country can use our own crude produced here in America. For every barrel of American Crude used in this country is a barrel of crude we don't import from the mid-east or South America countries that want to bring this great nation to their knees to stay dependent on them for energy that we can't survive without. America has our own energy so why would we keep pouring money to these countries that our young military men and women are fighting and dying for every day protecting their desert sand oil.

Dakota Access Pipeline will create thousands of jobs for Pipeline workers in the four states this pipeline runs through. The state of South Dakota will benefit from this Energy Transfer pipeline project with millions of tax revenue to be distributed throughout the state to build or update roads, fire departments, schools, hospitals and many other needs of South Dakota residents. Millions of dollars will stimulate the local economies along the pipeline route with contractors and their employees spending their hard earned money in these communities for food, housing, and all the goods they need to live in these areas while working on the pipeline. Also many of these pipeline workers are South Dakota citizens that will have the opportunity to work at or close to their homes. South Dakota has hundreds of skilled pipeline workers in all trades, welders and welder helpers, equipment operators, laborers, and teamsters.

This Bakken Crude is finding its way to market by truck, rail, and any existing pipeline it can use to get to the refineries. These are the most dangerous means of transport with the trucking industry clogging the roads and the railroads neglecting other products such as the farmer's grain that is stored on the ground right now because of no means of transport. The most dangerous transport of this oil is in these 60 to 70 year old pipelines that should have been taken out of service and replaced with new stronger pipe and the new technology that was not available when these old pipelines were built. Energy Transfer will build the DAPL with DOT, PHEMSA and South Dakota Public Utility Commission rules and regulations to ensure this pipeline will be the safest and environmentally sound pipeline in the world.

I ask the South Dakota Utility Commission to issue this permit so this country can get one step closer to Energy Independence and put Americans to work.

Thank You, Janie Wallace, Wife of a 798 Pipeline Welder

██████████, Bald Knob, Arkansas 72010

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**From:** PUC

**Sent:** Sunday, February 01, 2015 2:12 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** DAKOTA ACCESS, HP14-002

Ms. Wallace:

Thank you for your comment. It will be added to the Dakota Access Pipeline docket, HP14-002, along with this response. Here is a direct link to the docket: <http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/2014/hp14-002.aspx> Because commissioners have a decision-making role in docket matters, any discussion with a commissioner about an open docket must take place in an open, public forum. By placing your comments in the docket file, other commissioners and interested parties will have access to your comments for consideration.

Here is a document from the commission's web site which explains the processing of pipeline siting permit requests which may be helpful to you: <http://www.puc.sd.gov/commission/Publication/pipelinesiting.pdf> And here is a Dakota Access Pipeline Frequently Asked Questions document from the site which may be of interest: <http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/2014/h14-002faq.aspx>

Chris Nelson, Chairman  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
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January 30, 2015

Public Utilities Commission  
Attn: Chairman Chris Nelson  
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**UTILITIES COMMISSION**

RE: Dakota Access Pipeline-Case No: HP14-002

Dear Commissioners:

I want to thank you for your time and expertise shared at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> public meeting in Sioux Falls in regards to the Dakota Access Pipeline. I appreciated your willingness to listen to every comment. Questions directed to the PUC were answered and procedures involved with the whole process of the permit application were explained very well by your office.

I was discouraged that many of the questions directed to the Dakota Access Pipeline representatives were not actually answered. Also, when we were told that there would be funds to cover future liability costs, we were not told what was listed in the 2013 annual report of the Energy Transfer Partners that "we cannot assure you that our current reserves are adequate to cover all future liabilities, even for currently known contamination". This should be a concern of every taxpayer in South Dakota.

**WE CAN HOPE THERE IS NO OIL SPILL, BUT HOPE IS NOT A PLAN!**

To brush off the latest oil spill in Yellowstone by stating the pipes were 40 or 50 years old, did not give me peace of mind. I believe that southeastern South Dakota will be heavily populated in 40, 50 or 100 years. What about the safety of the next generations? I ask that you, the commissioners, please review the hazards of crude oil. Will the state and counties be prepared?

I am concerned about the safety of our state's water. In reference to the "Agricultural Mitigation Measures" (Exhibit D) listed in the application for the Dakota Access Pipeline, it states: "Trench and/or pit dewatering is necessary due to accumulation of precipitation and/or groundwater in open trenches; the Contractor will pump the water in a manner that will avoid damaging adjacent agricultural land, crops, and/or pasture." Any South Dakota pipe layer will agree that water will always be drawn to that area and the water will flow along those pipes as gravity directs it. That means some sloughs will become dry and some areas will be wet even though they were not before. What will happen in the areas where the water table is high? Will the water be contaminated by chemicals and other pollutants from soils along the pipeline because of this water flow from above properties? I would ask that you direct this question to the correct department.

I have never lived in western South Dakota. I have lived in eastern South Dakota all of my life. I have watched farm families that have made plans for their future and the future generations-it is called a transition process. Many times those farm families have invested every extra penny they had to improve the land. They are stewards of the land. They have considered changes will come because of death, illness or even undesirable weather conditions. One change they did not expect was their plans would be stopped because of an out-of-state business wanting to do business through or near their

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land. How can Dakota Access throw money at the issues and honestly say that they fairly reimburse the farmers for the inconvenience?

I am also watching families building homes in the country and in a fast developing area of South Dakota with dreams of their future smashed by a possible pipeline near their home. The future worth of their home and the safety of their family are at stake. In addition, neighbors will not receive compensation for their loss of land value and safety.

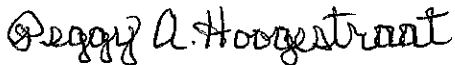
I am concerned for the land and property owners who have yet to find out that they are on or near a pipeline route because of yet another revised map for the Dakota Access Pipeline.

I believe that the installation of the Dakota Access Pipeline will, in fact, deter the progress that generations of South Dakotans have accomplished.

Once again, I will say that I do not approve of the Dakota Access Pipeline moving a dangerous product for profit across the highly populated eastern South Dakota. I believe the pipeline is an environmental and economical threat to the state of South Dakota and its citizens. I ask that the South Dakota PUC deny the permit to build the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments and questions.

Sincerely,



Peggy A. Hoogestraat

  
Chancellor, SD 57015-5712

-----Original Message-----

From: Kriens, Travis Lee - SDSU Student [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 10:50 AM

To: Hanson, Gary (PUC); Nelson, Chris

Subject: Fw: Pipeline

This is an email I received for a lady that wanted me to forward it to the PUC. This sounds similar to a lot of other situations around the area (misinformation and not letting land owners know about meetings).

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, February 2, 2015 10:27 PM  
To: Kriens, Travis Lee - SDSU Student  
Subject: Pipeline

Hi,

To begin with, I was completely unaware of anything going on in my area until a few weeks before the last meeting. As I asked around absolutely everyone around me on all sides had gotten a certified letter. Then I came home one day and there was a business card in my door. I called and the guy said he needed to get on my land to survey. He wouldn't tell me where this was supposed to run but according to everyone in the area, it's on the land right next to mine, about 40 yards away. I asked him why I hadn't gotten any notice and he told me the PUC sent out the letters so they didn't think it was worth sending me one. I highly doubt that. If it is on the land next to mine and I have more land than any of my neighbors, you would think I would be the first to find out. He said there are so many pipelines running under the land already it wouldn't be a big deal. I doubt that too. I told him to stay off my land. One of my neighbors had him directly tell her she could agree or they would take it with eminent domain. I didn't give him much of a chance to talk to me more and I don't believe anything he said. I am completely against this and got the impression from these people it has already been decided so my input wouldn't matter anyway. I certainly hope this is not the case.

Sheryl

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: Nelson, Chris

Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2015 11:40 AM

To: 'Kriens, Travis Lee - SDSU Student'; Hanson, Gary (PUC)

Cc: Van Gerpen, Patty

Subject: RE: Pipeline

Travis,

By law the applicant (pipeline company) is required to notify each landowner within one half mile of the proposed pipeline route regarding the date, time and location of the public hearings which were conducted on January 21 and 22. The PUC is required to publish notice of those hearings in all of the newspapers in the area of the pipeline. You will find the affidavits of publication for this docket at <http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/2014/hp14-002.aspx> .

Sincerely,

Chris Nelson

Public Utilities Commissioner

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**From:** Johnathan Wildeboer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 02, 2015 10:09:10 PM  
**To:** PUC  
**Subject:** Dakota access pipeline  
**Auto forwarded by a Rule**

Dear Sirs,

I just wanted to let you know about my post pipeline experience from the Lewis and Clark water system traveling through Lincoln County.

I operate three farms that have a total of 1.5 miles of pipe buried under the surface. The person that dealt with me on the easement acquisition said that our crop ground would be the same or better soon after the pipeline was installed. We were paid on a pro-rated basis for crop damages. Those dollars were too few and the damage period too short.

Even with the additional fertilizer applied, uneven crop heights will show you exactly where the pipe is. The crop damage payments have run out, while the poor yields still show. I am in favor of growth and improved utilities. I just want the landowners and producers to be fairly reimbursed for land damages and lost revenue for years to come.

Johnathan Wildeboer

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