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Northwest Blade has Positions Available

Editor Needed

The Northwest Blade in Eureka, SD is seeking an editor for a weekly newspaper. Candidates must possess strong writing, grammar and editing skills. Must be a team player with strong communication skills. Should be willing to foster strong relationships with the community and maintain an active presence in the community. Duties include writing articles for the paper. Daily duties include editing news articles and editing the news; working closely with the content team to determine content placement, managing calendar items while creating new ideas and notifying advertising sales team of opportunities that align with content. Managing daily needs of the paper such as mail, submissions and meeting deadlines. Minimum hours will be 30 days per week. Pay will be determined on skills. Please send resumes to nwblade@valleytel.com. Call Tara at 605-281-1321 or at 605-281-0419 for inquiries.

Independent Contracted News Writer

The Northwest Blade in Eureka, SD is seeking reporters for a weekly newspaper. They will be in charge of writing feature stories, taking pictures, attending and reporting on school board meetings, taking pictures, and meeting deadlines. Should be willing to foster strong relationships with the community for customer relations and maintain an active presence in the

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

WHAT: In the Matter of the Application of Dakota Access, LLC for an Energy Facility Permit to Construct the Dakota Access Pipeline Project

WHEN/WHERE: **Bowdle, SD: January 21, 2015, 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m. CST, Bowdle School Gym, 3083 S. 2nd Ave., Bowdle, SD**

Redfield, SD: January 21, 2015, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. CST, Redfield School Auditorium, 502 E. 2nd St., Redfield, SD

Iroquois, SD: January 22, 2015, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. CST, Iroquois School South Gym, 111 E. Washita Ave., Iroquois, SD

Sioux Falls, SD: January 22, 2015, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. CST, Roosevelt Room, Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center, 3200 W. Maple St., Sioux Falls, SD

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15 and 49-41B-16, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) will hold public input hearings at the above times and locations on an Application for an Energy Facility Permit filed December 15, 2014, by Dakota Access, LLC (Applicant) for the Dakota Access Pipeline Project (Application). The Application requests Commission approval of a permit to construct a 12-inch to 30-inch pipeline across approximately 271.6 miles in South Dakota for the purpose of transporting crude oil (Project). The line will cross the South Dakota and North Dakota border in Campbell County, South Dakota and extend south and east through McPherson, Edmunds, Faulk, Spink, Beadle, Kingsbury, Miner, Lake, McCook, Minnehaha, Turner, and Lincoln Counties, exiting South Dakota at the South Dakota/Iowa border in Lincoln County. The proposed pipeline will have an initial capacity of 450,000 barrels of oil per day (bpd) with an anticipated capacity of up to approximately 570,000 bpd. The Project also includes one pump station in South Dakota, located approximately seven miles southeast of Redfield in Spink County.

At the public input hearing, Applicant will present a brief description of the Project, following which interested persons may appear and present their questions, views, and comments regarding the Application and Project. Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15(5), the Application is on file in the Campbell, McPherson, Edmunds, Faulk, Spink, Beadle, Kingsbury, Miner, Lake, McCook, Minnehaha, Turner, and Lincoln County Auditors' offices and in the Commission's office in Pierre, and the Application and all other documents in the case, including detailed Project maps, may also be accessed on the Commission's web site at www.puc.sd.gov under Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Hydrocarbon Pipeline Dockets, 2014 Hydrocarbon Pipeline Dockets, HP14-002.

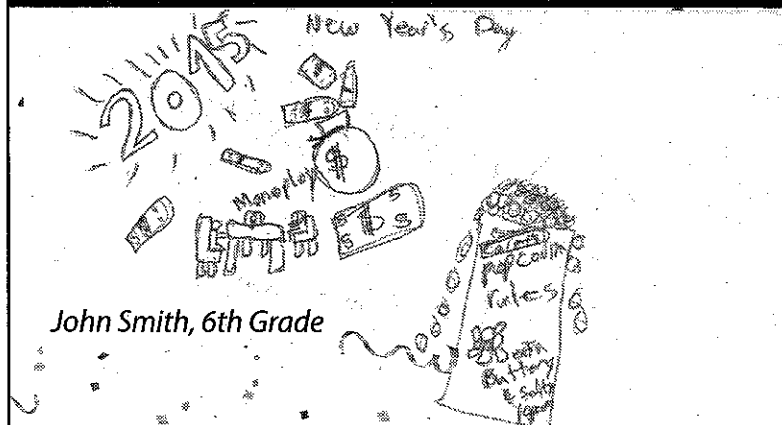
The parties to this proceeding are currently the Applicant and the Commission's staff (Staff). Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17, any person residing in the area of the Project, each municipality, county, and governmental agency in the Project area, any non-profit organization formed in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health or other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interests, to represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the project area, or any interested person, may be granted formal party status in this proceeding by making written application to the Commission as provided in ARSD 20:10:22:40 on or before February 13, 2015. Application for Party Status forms will be available at the public input hearings, or may be obtained from the Commission or the Commission's web site.

Following the public input hearings, the Commission may schedule a formal evidentiary hearing conforming to SDCL Chapter 1-26 to consider any issues raised by any intervening party, Commission Staff, or the Commission itself. At such formal hearing, all parties will have the opportunity to appear, present evidence and cross-examine the other parties' witnesses and exercise all other rights afforded by SDCL 1-26, 49-1 and 49-41B and ARSD 20:10:01 and 20:10:22. Absent a contested issue, the Commission will schedule the matter for decision at a regular or special meeting of the Commission.

For approval, Applicant must show that the Project will comply with all applicable laws and rules, will not pose a threat of serious injury to the environment nor to the social and economic condition of inhabitants or expected inhabitants in the siting area, will not substantially impair the health, safety or welfare of the inhabitants, and will not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region with due consideration having been given to the views of governing bodies of affected local units of government. Based upon these factors, the Commission will decide whether the permit should be granted, denied, or granted upon such terms, conditions or modifications of the construction, operation, or maintenance as the Commission finds are appropriate. The parties will have the right to appeal the final decision in this case to the appropriate Circuit Court by serving and filing a notice of appeal of the decision in accordance with SDCL 1-26-31, within thirty (30) days after the date of service of the notice of decision in this case.



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