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2	OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA								
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4	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION HP14-002								
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6	THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE								
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CHAIRMAN NELSON: HP14-002, In the Matter of the Application of Dakota Access, LLC for an Energy Facility Permit to Construct the Dakota Access Pipeline.

And the question that we're dealing with today is shall the Commission grant late intervention to the South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems, Inc.?

And we will go to Rural Water Systems, a new face in our meeting room.

Welcome, Mr. Riter.

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MR. RITER: Good morning, Mr. Chair, members of the Commission. Bob Riter, I'm an attorney in Pierre with Riter Rogers. Our firm has filed a Petition for Intervention on behalf of the South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems.

I don't need to go back through all of our basis for the Petition, but suffice it to say that the Applicants in their Application on pages 15 and 16 of the Application reference our Association and the fact that there are seven different Rural Water Systems lines that are being crossed by this project.

Our Association thought it appropriate to submit this Application so we can be party status and be a participant in this.

I will tell you that we think it's important not only to our system but to the public to ensure the

crossings are engineered in an environmentally safe manner. And we believe that we are well suited to assist in negotiations with the Applicant to ensure that that does occur.

From our review of the file, we would suggest that the parties will not be prejudiced if this Application were to be allowed for our intervention and that we have been in contact with them.

I say "we." More particularly, Margo Northrup from our firm has been. I don't understand that they object to it, but I don't profess to speak for them either.

Certainly, we're optimistic that there will be resolutions between our members, individual members who are particularly involved, and the Applicant in this matter, but this gives us the opportunity to make sure that we are right along with this as this progresses and we think it appropriate and in the public's best interest that we be allowed to intervene.

Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN NELSON: I'm going to go to questions immediately.

Typically I take a pretty dim view of late intervention requests. I don't disagree that you have a significant interest.

1 Why didn't you intervene at the appropriate 2 time? MR. RITER: As I understand it, and as you might 3 4 understand it, this is a nonprofit corporation. We have 5 quarterly meetings. The quarterly meeting most recently 6 held was, I believe, in April. At that point in time the 7 discussion was had regarding this. We've been doing --8 we've been having negotiations outside of this proceeding with them, and so there was the thought that perhaps we 10 didn't need to intervene. 11 But upon further reflection we thought it 12 appropriate so that we can run both proceedings, our 13 independent discussions and negotiations with this Docket 14 so that we are kept aware and, frankly, can make certain 15 that the public's interests and the interest in safe 16 rural water is maintained. 17 CHAIRMAN NELSON: Thank you. I appreciate that. 18 Additional questions for Mr. Riter? 19 Seeing none, thank you. 20 Mike Nadolski from Lincoln County, have you 21 joined us? 22 Okay. Not hearing from Mike. I don't see --2.3 Is there anybody from Dakota Access wishing to 24 speak? 25 Any other Interveners in this Docket wishing to

1 speak? 2 MR. RAPPOLD: This is Matt Rappold, Commissioner Nelson. I represent Rosebud Sioux Tribe on this matter 3 4 in addition to the other hydrocarbon docket. 5 I don't think that we would really be in 6 opposition to the Rural Water Systems wanting to join the 7 case as an Intervener at this point with the understanding that the deadline had passed. It's in the sound discretion of the Commission 10 to make a decision on this but we don't object and I 11 don't really see how any of the parties could be 12 prejudiced by the Commission granting the Application to 13 intervene at this point. 14 CHAIRMAN NELSON: Thank you. 15 MR. RAPPOLD: You're welcome. 16 CHAIRMAN NELSON: Any of the other Intervenors 17 in this Docket wishing to speak? 18 MR. GOUGH: Bob Gough, InterTribal COUP. 19 objection. 20 CHAIRMAN NELSON: Thank you. Any others? 21 MR. ELLISON: Bruce Ellison on behalf of Dakota 22 Rural Action. We have no objection. I think the water 2.3 interests are very important. 2.4 CHAIRMAN NELSON: Any others? 25 MS. REAL BIRD: Thomasina Real Bird on behalf of

1 the Yankton Sioux Tribe. We have no objection either. 2 CHAIRMAN NELSON: Thank you. Others? 3 Hearing nothing further, any questions from the 4 Commission? Commission actions? 5 6 Commissioner Hanson. COMMISSIONER HANSON: Mr. Chairman, in Docket 7 8 HP14-002 I move that the Commission grant late intervention to the South Dakota Association of Rural 10 Water Systems, Incorporated. 11 CHAIRMAN NELSON: Discussion on the Motion. 12 I would simply say I'm going to support the 13 I do believe that this organization has a Motion. 14 distinct interest in being involved in this. I don't 15 want this in any way to be a statement that we're going 16 to open the floodgates for others to come in, but this 17 organization certainly needs to be involved. So I'll 18 support the Motion. 19 Other discussion. 20 COMMISSIONER HANSON: I had the same question as you did, Mr. Chairman, regarding the dilatoriness of the 21 22 filing and appreciate the answer by Mr. Riter. And thank 2.3 you for the comments that you just made. I think they're 24 very appropriate.

CHAIRMAN NELSON: Other discussion.

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     enough in the stages that I think we could grant this.
     But I have the same concerns that both of you have
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     expressed, and so I also don't want to see that this
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     deadline gets pushed beyond with other Intervenors.
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              CHAIRMAN NELSON:
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              Additional discussion?
              Seeing none, all of those in favor will vote
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     aye. Those opposed, nay.
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              Commissioner Sattgast.
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              ACTING COMMISSIONER SATTGAST:
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              CHAIRMAN NELSON: Commissioner Hanson.
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              COMMISSIONER HANSON:
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              CHAIRMAN NELSON: Nelson votes aye.
              The Motion is carried. Intervention is
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              Thank you, Mr. Riter.
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