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19, 2014 Dear Public Utilities Commissioners: I am writing in opposition to permitting the proposed Keystone XL pipeline to cross South Dakota. I oppose this project for four reasons: 1) The pipeline is not in South Dakota's interest. The purpose of the proposed pipeline is to transport foreign oil across the United States for export to foreign countries. Yes, it will provide temporary jobs—certainly not the number that TransCanada promises, and most of which will go to non-South Dakotans—and a handful of permanent jobs. Besides limited tax revenue, there is little in this proposal that would benefit us. 2) Rather than benefiting South Dakota, history tells us that the pipeline WILL leak, perhaps small leaks, such as the numerous spills from the original Keystone pipeline (which you will likely recall were many times the number TransCanada estimated in the first year), or perhaps catastrophic ruptures, like the one that occurred in Michigan on the very day that TransCanada reapplied for this permit, or like the largest such spill that leaked nearly a million gallons from another tar sands pipeline into the Kalamazoo River, and which three years and \$1 billion later still has not been fully cleaned up. Why should South Dakotans risk significant harm to our land and water to satisfy the desires of a foreign corporation? 3) Tar sands oil is dirty oil. Vast regions of the Canadian West are being destroyed forever by this messy business, and it is well known that the energy required to produce, move and refine bitumen is much greater than that required to produce petroleum products from most other sources. Few projects would contribute more to climate change than mining and refining tar sands oil. We should not be enablers for such foolish ventures. 4) I appreciate the steps that the SD PUC has taken to promote clean renewable energy from wind, sun and other sources here in our state. In addition to denying TransCanada's permit, I urge you to step up your promotion of South Dakota's renewable resources. Capturing energy from the sun, wind and earth ARE in South Dakota's interest; these ventures will create lots of permanent jobs with good pay, provide new revenue and position us as leaders in the fight against climate change. Thank you for your consideration. Jerry Wilson [REDACTED]

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