

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF) TRANSCANADA KEYSTONE PIPELINE, LP) FOR ORDER ACCEPTING CERTIFICATION) OF PERMIT ISSUED IN DOCKET HP09-001) TO CONSTRUCT THE KEYSTONE XL) PIPELINE)	ORDER ESTABLISHING POST- HEARING BRIEFING SCHEDULE HP14-001
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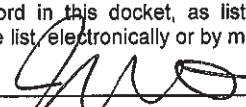
On September 15, 2014, TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP (TransCanada) filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a Petition for Order Accepting Certification under SDCL §49-41B-27 (Petition) seeking an order accepting certification of the energy facility permit issued in Docket HP09-001 for construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline. On June 29, 2010, the Commission issued an Amended Final Decision and Order; Notice of Entry granting a permit to TransCanada for construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline. TransCanada now seeks an order accepting certification pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-27. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41 B, specifically 49-41B-27, and ARSD Chapter 20:10:22.

On September 18, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 15, 2014, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. Applications for Party Status were received from forty-three persons, and on November 4, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Granting Intervention and Party Status to forty-two of the applicants. Three parties have since been granted withdrawal of party status. An evidentiary hearing was held July 27 – August 1, and August 3 – 5, 2015. At the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing, the Commission determined that parties would be permitted to submit post-hearing briefs in lieu of closing arguments. It is therefore


ORDERED, that initial post-hearing briefs shall be filed and served by all parties who wish to submit briefs no later than 5:00 P.M. CDT on October 1, 2015. It is further

ORDERED, that response briefs may only be submitted by parties who submitted initial briefs and who wish to respond to other parties' initial briefs. Such response briefs must be filed and served no later than 5:00 P.M. CDT on October 30, 2015.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of August, 2015.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.	
By:	
Date:	<u>8/12/15</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


CHRIS NELSON, Chairman


GARY HANSON, Commissioner