

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	ORDER DENYING MOTION
TRANSCANADA KEYSTONE PIPELINE, LP)	FOR SPECIAL MASTER
FOR ORDER ACCEPTING CERTIFICATION)	
OF PERMIT ISSUED IN DOCKET HP09-001)	HP14-001
TO CONSTRUCT THE KEYSTONE XL)	
PIPELINE)	

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 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. Since more than four years have now passed since the issuance of the decision, 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 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-27, and ARSD Chapters 20:10:01 and 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. On December 17, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Granting Motion to Define Issues and Setting Procedural Schedule (Procedural Schedule). In the Procedural Schedule, the Commission ordered parties to file pre-filed testimony by April 2, 2015. On April 2, 2015, the Commission issued an Order Amending Procedural Schedule (Witness and Exhibit Lists) requiring all parties to file and serve their witness lists and exhibit lists no later than April 21, 2015. On April 3, 2015, the Commission issued an Order Granting in Part Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule, in which the Commission ordered that all pre-hearing motions would be heard on April 14, 2015. On April 10, 2015, the Commission issued an Order Granting Motion to Reconsider and Amending in Part Procedural Schedule amending the Procedural Schedule to allow Rosebud Sioux Tribe until April 24, 2015, to file pre-filed expert witness testimony.

On April 7, 2015, the Commission received Dakota Rural Action's, Rosebud Sioux Tribe's, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe's, and Indigenous Environmental Network's Joint Motion for Appointment of Special Master (Motion).

At its regularly scheduled Commission meeting on April 14, 2015, the Commission considered the Motion. After considering the Motion and all briefs submitted, as well as arguments presented at the meeting, and finding that the Commission has sufficient resources

and is competent to hear and act on the discovery issues presented in this proceeding, the Commission voted unanimously to deny the Motion.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that Dakota Rural Action's, Rosebud Sioux Tribe's, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe's and Indigenous Environmental Network's Joint Motion for Appointment of Special Master is hereby denied.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22ND day of April, 2015.

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: _____</p> <p>Date: <u>4/22/15</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Eiegen

KRISTIE EIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner