
From: Lula Red Cloud [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2015 10:44:44 PM
To: PUC
Subject: Re: FW: HP14-001: No on Keystone XL
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My mailing address is [REDACTED]

Dear South Dakota Public Utilities Commissioners Hanson, Nelson, and Fiegen:

I am writing to you to request you reject the Keystone XL Pipeline certification in docket HP14-001. The risks this pipeline and its construction pose to the health, safety, and security of South Dakota's water, land, and people are unacceptable. The final Environmental Impact Statement submitted by the State Department shows the pipeline is expected to leak at least ten times over the course of its lifetime. We are not willing to sacrifice and risk the Missouri River, the Ogallala Aquifer, our rural water systems, and our livelihoods for dirty tarsands oil. Moreover the construction of the pipeline puts rural communities at risk with the drastic influx of people, equipment, and traffic.

For these reasons and more, reject Keystone XL.

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From: PUC

Sent: Monday, April 27, 2015 8:12 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: HP14-001

Thank you for your message to my fellow commissioners and me regarding the Keystone XL Pipeline. It will be posted in the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's formal pipeline siting docket, HP14-001, under Comments and Responses. Since this is an open docket before the commission, any correspondence involving a commissioner must be posted in the open, public docket so that other commissioners and all parties to the case have access to it.

Chairman Chris Nelson

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

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From: Sandy Frazier [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2015 4:08:13 PM
To: PUC
Subject: Docket HP 14-001
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Attached please find my letter regarding Docket HP 14-001.

thank you.

April 26, 2015

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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puc@state.sd.us

Reference Docket HP 14-001

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Members:

The Keystone XL Pipeline is NOT in Our State Interest.

I was born and raised in Western South Dakota. I come from a ranch family. My mother had cattle since she was 18 years old. I grew up taking care of cattle most of my life. I still have cattle that I inherited from my mother. In this context, I have watched our family struggle from year to year hoping and praying that “this year” we will have adequate rain to care for our cattle – in terms of river water, dam water, and now water from rural water systems.

We are all South Dakotans, and know that drought and dry years can raise havoc on family ranchers. The water we do have is precious. Why in Gods Name would we risk the types of oil spills that would result from a dirty oil pipeline? We are talking not only about humans, but

also cattle, horses, sheep, grasslands, wildlife, fishing, all the things that are good about our rural way of life.

So many communities depend on the Cheyenne River and the Missouri River for their drinking water. Just because we are rural doesn't mean that we don't need the best drinking water possible. Other states and communities have experienced oil spills that compromised their drinking water supply. Is the State of South Dakota ready for the expense of cleaning up such spills? Is it ever really clean after such a spill? Would you drink oily water? And Federal dollars aren't all that available in this rural state!

In the future the water in the Missouri dam systems may be needed not only here but also in other states. How are we going to help if this water is dirty? Look at the example of California right now – that could be us with no potable water, and NOTHING will be produced!

Commissioners, I know that:

- Twenty-two plus fresh water rivers, including the Ogallala Aquifers and many underground springs would be in imminent danger of a catastrophic water contamination when a KXL pipe breaks.
- The Keystone XL tar sands are the dirtiest oil on the planet and will be going directly over major arteries of Mother Earth. WATER IS LIFE and WATER feeds America's BREAD BASKET, which America, as well as our exports depends on for food. We are in the direct path of destruction, and our clean drinking water will be polluted and human beings and all living things will suffer.
- The Keystone XL tar sands pipeline will not create tens of thousands of jobs as they report. According to Cornell University's report only 10-15% of the total KXL workforce is expected to be hired locally and these jobs will disappear after the completion of the project. And, "Man Camps" along the KXL route will put people in imminent danger. Statistics have proven that in oil boomtowns these makeshift camps are notorious for sex trafficking and rape increases, drugs and alcohol abuse, as well as other crimes have skyrocketed.

* I understand that should the pipeline be built and at some point closed this dirty pipe removal will be the responsibility of the landowners. Do you want this on your ranch land?

Commissioners, I am a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. I have the responsibility to make choices for my family that will affect us for the next seven generations. I generally stay out of politics; however, this is not a political concern – it is one of our water – our first medicine – our life. Without clean water we cannot live, and our relatives, the animals and birds, cannot either. I am taking care of my granddaughter and her three children in my house – we depend on the Cheyenne River for our drinking water – and not IF BUT WHEN such a pipeline would leak, we would not have safe drinking water. This would leak into the Missouri River where even more people depend on the water and it will be a total waste.

Our underground water has supported not only us but the millions of farmers and ranchers in many states – an oil spill in the middle states has the potential to turn the whole area into a “dead” zone. The Ogallala Aquifer may already be in danger with the dirty fracking chemicals scheduled to be pumped into the ground in Nebraska.

I pray that you put our beautiful rural way of life, our families, our ranches, our cattle and other livestock dependent on clean water, before this dirty oil line – for all of us in South Dakota.

Thank you.

Sandra Kay Frazier

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: PUC

Sent: Monday, April 27, 2015 8:18 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: HP 14-001

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From: Rebecca Birke [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2015 6:09:35 AM
To: PUC
Subject: docket number (HP14-001)
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To the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission,

Re: docket number (HP14-001)

I am writing to you as a Nebraskan who is totally opposed to the Keystone XL pipeline, which has a planned route through South Dakota and Nebraska.

Please reject the new permit application by Keystone XL.

Future generations in South Dakota, Nebraska and all along the route of the proposed pipeline will thank and remember you for your wisdom if you reject it. There is no need to jeopardize land, health, and water, for no local benefit. There is too much at stake to lose, and nothing to gain by aiding foreign corporate greed.

Please do the right and intelligent thing and reject the permit application.

Kind regards,
Rebecca Birkel

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From: PUC

Sent: Monday, April 27, 2015 9:02 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: HP14-001

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From: Cheri Roest [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2015 11:19:03 AM
To: PUC
Subject: RE: KEYSTONE XL HP14-001
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Cheri Roest
[REDACTED]

A LOT OF US DO NOT WANT AN OIL PIPELINE GOING THROUGH ANY OF OUR LANDS, NOT JUST NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA. WE HAVE CLEAN ENERGY TO UTILIZE AND REPLACE, PLEASE TALK TO SOME OF THE HUGE RANCHERS THAT HAVE FIGURED OUT THEIR OWN WAY TO USE WHAT THEY HAVE. WE NEED TO GET BACK TO THE BASICS, NOT DESTROY OUR LAND EVEN FURTHER THAN WE HAVE OVER THE YEARS. THIS BLACK EAGLE IN THE CORN FIELD WILL BE AWESOME, WISH I COULD GO TO HELP, BUT IT IS DURING THE WEEK AND I HAVE TO WORK. PLEASE LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE, ALL OF THE PEOPLE, NOT JUST A SELECT FEW THAT HAVE THE MONEY AND MEANS TO GET THEIR MESSAGE ACROSS LOUDER THAN THOSE OF US WHO DO NOT WANT THE PIPELINE. THANK YOU

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From: PUC

Sent: Monday, April 27, 2015 11:45 AM

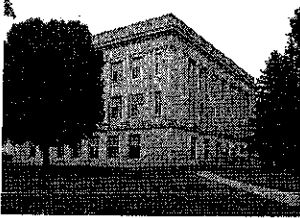
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April 23, 2015

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Dear PUC:

By adoption of the attached Resolution, the Beadle County Commission is expressing its strong support for the Keystone XL Pipeline Project.

The original Keystone Pipeline passes through a portion of Beadle County. In addition to the pipeline, a pumping station and a substation were also constructed in Beadle County. Weather conditions during construction were less than favorable (extremely wet conditions) and impacts on certain local roads were immense. However, TransCanada made repairs that restored the roads to preconstruction conditions. In some instances, the roads were "improved" during the restoration. The Commission was very impressed with TransCanada's willingness to work with us in making necessary repairs to the roads.

We look forward to the day when the Keystone XL Pipeline is completed.

Sincerely,

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**RESOLUTION 04-06-15
"LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE PROJECT"**

WHEREAS, the United States relies - and will continue to rely for many years - on gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel, as well as renewable and alternative sources of energy; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners (SDACC) urges the United States Congress to support continued and increased development and delivery of oil from Canada to the United States; and

WHEREAS, pipelines are the safest method for the transportation of petroleum products when compared to other methods of transportation; and

WHEREAS, safety and the environment are legitimate concerns, the Keystone XL expansion project through South Dakota will meet or exceed all US pipeline safety regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Keystone XL pipeline is critical to the creation of South Dakota jobs and to our state's economic, and energy development; and

WHEREAS, TransCanada and the Keystone Pipeline currently provides over \$3.8 Million in additional property tax revenue to eleven (11) South Dakota counties annually; and

WHEREAS, the Keystone XL expansion project is expected to increase the valuation of the nine (9) South Dakota counties through which it passes by 9%;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Beadle County Board of Commissioners supports the Keystone XL expansion project and the continued and increased development and delivery of oil from North American oil reserves to American refineries through the State of South Dakota.

Rick Benson, Chair of Board

ATTEST:

Jill Hanson, Beadle County Auditor



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Chris Nelson, Chairperson
Kristie Fiegen, Vice Chairperson
Gary Hanson, Commissioner

South Dakota

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April 27, 2015

Beadle County Board of Commissioners
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Dear Chair Benson and Commissioners:

Thank you for your letter and resolution regarding the Keystone XL pipeline certification docket. These will be posted in the electronic public record so my fellow commissioners and other parties in this docket can read it.

You can access the docket online by going to www.puc.sd.gov and clicking on Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Hydrocarbon Pipeline Dockets, 2014 Dockets, and then you will see this docket, HP14-001.

On the PUC website's homepage, you will find links titled Pipeline Siting Info Guide and Keystone XL Pipeline Updates. These documents explain the processing of a pipeline siting case according to the South Dakota laws governing this commission. The latter links to some of the most-often heard questions about the project and process, and the answers. Copies of these documents are also enclosed.

Sincerely,

Chris Nelson