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From: [REDACTED]  
Date: 06/19/2015 11:27 PM (GMT-06:00)  
To: "Fiegen, Kristie"  
Subject: Re: Operating Procedures

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Sincerely,  
Andrew Weaver

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From: [REDACTED]

To: Gary Hanson

Subject: Re: Operating Procedures

Sent: Jun 19, 2015 11:28 PM

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2015 11:28 PM

**To:** Nelson, Chris

**Subject:** RE: Operating Procedures

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From: Nelson, Chris <[Chris.Nelson@state.sd.us](mailto:Chris.Nelson@state.sd.us)>

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Van Gerpen, Patty <[Patty.VanGerpen@state.sd.us](mailto:Patty.VanGerpen@state.sd.us)>

Sent: Sat, Jun 20, 2015 10:22 am

Subject: RE: Operating Procedures

Andrew,

You are correct. Native American Tribes have a legal right to intervene in siting dockets like Keystone XL. All Native American Tribes who requested to intervene in the Keystone XL docket were granted party status and have been

actively participating and providing input in all of the hearings on this docket. Those tribes are Rosebud, Standing Rock, Cheyenne River, and Yankton. I anticipate that these tribes will continue to be actively involved in this docket.

The PUC will also hold a public input meeting on July 6 where all are welcome to provide their thoughts on this docket. Be watching our news site for upcoming details on this meeting <http://puc.sd.gov/News/2015/default.aspx>.

I'm not sure what "madness" you are referring to. I encourage you to follow this docket and listen to all of the testimony and legal arguments made by tribal representatives. You can do this in person or on line as we move forward with the hearings <http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/keystoneupdate.aspx>.

Thanks for your interest in this docket.

Sincerely,

*Chris Nelson*

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Sunday, June 21, 2015 3:19 PM

**To:** Nelson, Chris

**Cc:** Hanson, Gary (PUC)

**Subject:** Re: Operating Procedures

Mr. Nelson,

Thank you for taking the time to respond to my concerns. However, The Indian Country Today Media Network's report-dated 6/18/2015- contradicts your response especially in the matter of giving the Native American Tribes a right to be heard in your hearings. The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has in fact ruled against "allowing tribal input at a hearing at the end of July" that will essentially determine whether TransCanada needs to resubmit its application to run the Keystone XL pipeline through the state.

Futher, this "madness" that I am referring to is in reference to your commissions attempts to conspire with oil companies by holding more unfair hearing which in this case excludes factual based scientific information on climate change. "The commission also ruled out testimony about climate change, which would factor in issues that have sprung up in changing environment."-Indigenous Environmental Network.

In conclusion, I feel that your commission has discriminated against the Native American Tribes who's voices were silenced by your exclusionary practices and unfair rulings. I also feel that your rulings jeopardizes South Dakotan's health and safety by disregarding climate reports that hold with in them substantial value to these said hearing that deal with this accident prone industry. An industry who's "accidents" contaminate the air, water supplies, and surrounding lands. These types of rulings point to a violation of your oath of office. You are in a nutshell, favoring or only allowing one side of the Keystone XL pipeline argument to be presented by implementing these exclusions of opinion before your scheduled hearing. I would urge your commission to reconsider your decisions towards the Native American Tribes and the scientific climate data and most importantly the impact this will have on your/our natural resources.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Weaver

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