

RESOLUTION 2015-06

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 provide over \$3.8 Million in additional property tax revenue to eleven (11) South Dakota counties annually; and

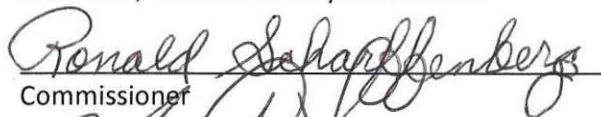
WHEREAS, the Keystone XL expansion project is expected to increase the valuation of the nine (9) South Dakota counties through which it passes by 9%; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the McCook 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.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2015.



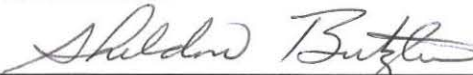
Chairman, McCook County Commission



Commissioner



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ATTEST:



Auditor, McCook County





Chris Nelson, Chairperson  
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June 25, 2015

Chairman Dan Forgey  
Commissioner Clifford Schroeder  
Commissioner Mark Winter  
Tripp County Commission  
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Winner, SD 57580

Dear Chairman Forgey, Commissioner Schroeder and Commissioner Winter:

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

The PUC is currently analyzing this docket and will be making a decision on whether or not to issue the requested construction permit, or issue a permit with conditions to construct the pipeline in South Dakota. As your letter references, the U.S. Department of State must also issue a Presidential Permit to construct the pipeline across the states in the project's pathway, and that process is separate from South Dakota's permit consideration process.

You can access the PUC's docket by going to [www.puc.sd.gov](http://www.puc.sd.gov) and clicking on Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Hydrocarbon Pipeline Dockets, 2014 Dockets, and then HP14-001.

On the PUC'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

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**From:** PUC

**Sent:** Thursday, June 25, 2015 10:45 AM

**To:** 'mccookaud@triotel.net'

**Subject:** HP14-001

McCook County Chairman Dybdahl and Commissioners Butzke, Dick, Gordon and Scharffenberg,  
*c/o McCook County Auditor GERALYN SHERMAN, [mccookaud@triotel.net](mailto:mccookaud@triotel.net):*

Thank you for your resolution regarding the Keystone XL pipeline certification docket. This will be posted in the electronic public record so my fellow commissioners and other parties in this docket can read it. Here is a link to the docket, HP14-001: <http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/2014/hp14-001.aspx>

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<http://www.puc.sd.gov/commission/Publication/pipelinesiting.pdf> and

<http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/keystoneupdate.aspx>

Chris Nelson, Chairman

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

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