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South Dakota PUC

Dear PUC,

I'm writing to urge the South Dakota PUC to reject TransCanada's application for recertification of the Keystone XL pipeline construction permit in South Dakota.

The Keystone XL pipeline, which would pump toxic tar sands from Canada through our state to the Gulf of Mexico, is all risk and no reward for South Dakota.

For example, TransCanada has admitted that it has no Emergency Spill Response plan for when the Keystone XL pipeline leaks in South Dakota.
Increasing these risks is the fact that the proposed pipeline route places it through 200 miles of high-risk landslide areas in South Dakota and crosses significant waterways, including the Missouri River, a major source of drinking water.

The impacts of so-called "man-camps" and the increased risks of crime, sex trafficking, and sexual violence on vulnerable South Dakota and Native communities, has not been taken into account either.

I am also troubled by the decision to exclude aboriginal rights and off-reservation rights from the discussion on the whether the KXL pipeline permit should be granted recertification. Construction of this pipeline would put indigenous sacred sites and significant cultural areas at risk.

Finally, I profoundly disagree with the PUC's decision to preclude testimony on climate change from the recertification process. The carbon-intensive tar sands that Keystone XL would unlock will significantly exacerbate climate change, which puts South Dakota's agriculture, water resources, and tourism at risk.

I urge the PUC to think about what's truly in the best longterm interest of South Dakota and reject the recertification of the Keystone XL pipeline.

Sincerely,

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From: PUC
Sent: Friday, June 26, 2015 1:07 PM
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Subject: HP14-001

Sierra Club Member:

Thank you for your message 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. Here is a link to the docket: http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/2014/hp14-001.aspx Since this is an open docket before the commission, correspondence is posted in the open, public docket so that the other commissioners and all parties to the case have access to it.

You may be in interested in this Pipeline Siting Info Guide:
http://puc.sd.gov/commission/Publication/pipelinesiting.pdf and Keystone XL Updates:
http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/keystoneupdate.aspx

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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%; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hutchinson 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.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21 day of April, 2015.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HUTCHINSON COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

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Steve Friesen
Its Chairman

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