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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

RE: Keystone XL Pipeline Certification

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

The Perkins County Commission is writing this letter to express our support of the Keystone XL Pipeline and to urge the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission to approve the order accepting certification of the permit Issued. The Keystone XL Pipeline will only improve American energy security and bolster our economy for many years. This shovel-ready project will provide many needed jobs during construction and in the future to monitor and maintain the pipeline.

The proposed pipeline would travel across approximately 13 miles of our county and we have been anticipating the approval of this project. The additional tax revenue for would be beneficial for all taxing districts during these times of decreasing revenue and increasing expenses.

Perkins County believes that the pipeline is in our Country's national interest, as it will improve our national security, provide a long-term, stable energy supply to the United States, curb our dependence on foreign oil, create jobs and spur economic growth. The ability to transport the more than 700,000 barrels of oil each day from the Dakotas, Montana, Oklahoma and Alberta, Canada to the refineries along the Texas Gulf Coast helps reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

We urge you to support the Keystone XL Pipeline for these reasons and approve the order accepting certification of the permit issued.

Sincerely,

Perkins County Board of Commissioners



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Chairman Brad Besler
Perkins County Board of Commissioners
PO Box 126
Bison, SD 57701

Dear Chairman Besler and Commissioners:

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Gloria E. Kribell
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Public Utilities Commission
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Dear Commission Members;

I would like to submit my comment for the hearing regarding the permit of the Keystone XL (KXL) pipeline, and I would urge you to reject this permit. This tar sands oil pipeline would be allowed under the false pretenses of national security, independence from foreign oil, and the creation jobs.

The number of jobs that would be created as advertised is false. We know that the construction of the first Keystone pipeline which crossed the Missouri River near Yankton, SD, employed only few workers in our area with no economic impact. We know that the State Department has said that 35 permanent jobs "may be" created with possibly of an additional 15 jobs for inspectors. Those figures are for the entire length of the pipeline not only jobs in South Dakota.

The use of American steel instead of inferior imported steel would have created real American jobs.

Keystone pipelines have a terrible record of sloppy construction work and oil spills when operating. Two inspectors (one for the first pipeline and the second one for the southern leg of the KXL) have documented inferior materials being used and bad construction practices. Pipe that cracks when welded, etc., but workers have said that it doesn't matter as it is all covered up with dirt! In 2013 it was reported that TransCanada was in damage control mode concerning flaws in the newly laid southern leg of the KXL pipeline after dozens of anomalies, including dents and welds, were identified along a 60-mile stretch north of the Sabine River in Texas.

The first Keystone pipeline had over a dozen spills during their first year of operation including the 60-foot high geyser of oil on the ND/SD border. (Argus Leader) It had 47 stretching anomalies that had to be excavated, and 12 of these were in SD. Those excavations meant the landowner had to allow the company to disrupt his property for a second time.

Attorney Brian Jorde and Nebraska farmers that have land directly involved have been told that if they damage the pipeline with heavy farm equipment it will be at their expense, and it would break them financially. They are urged to buy \$2 million in liability insurance, but it is hard to find an insurance company willing to sell that type of insurance. It has been reported that crops grown over the first Keystone pipeline do not produce a high yield as the heat from the pipeline depletes the moisture in the soil thus drying out the growing crop.

Nearly 70 landowners sought the temporary injunction to block TransCanada from using eminent domain to secure right-of-way for this controversial oil pipeline. No eminent domain for foreign company gain!

Another often repeated lie is that the proposed route does not cross the Ogallala aquifer, but it does. It crosses the aquifer in south central SD as well as in Nebraska. TransCanada's own map illustrates that the pipeline would still cross an area of the sand hills and the aquifer. It is a very ecologically sensitive area where in places the water table is so high that a buried pipeline would actually be submerged in water. To clean pollution from the aquifer would be impossible as it is under ground and runs for miles. Contamination of this water source would have a devastating effect on Midwest agriculture and the economy as this is the nation's breadbasket.

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Another lie is that the refined product from the KXL would create energy security here in the US. TransCanada Executive Vice President Alex Pourbaix, when under oath in the Congressional hearing, refused to commit to a promise that this oil or refined product would stay for use in the United States. He said "I cannot do that", and admitted the product will be sold on the world market. For years many articles have stated that the price of gas here in the Midwest will actually go up \$0.20 or more per gallon because the glut of oil in this area would be released.

Supporters tout the property tax revenue to be generated for SD by the TransCanada pipelines, but due to the generosity of our state that will be slow to materialize. SD promised millions of dollars in property tax rebates at the time the first pipeline was built. During the first year of operation TransCanada guesstimated \$9 million in tax revenue would be generated, but in fact the revenue should have come closer to \$3 million (or 1/3 of their selling point), but being our state had promised a tax rebate they asked to use a portion of it, and SD gained only a pittance.

Does SD have an indemnity bond to help pay for the cost of the cleanup of a spill? Consider the Exxon Silvertip oil spill in the Yellowstone River in 2011 cleanup cost \$135 million. That spill was from a 12-inch pipe! Comparing the cost to the Silvertip spill, the cost of cleanup from a 36 inch pipe could reach \$4.7 billion. Several years have passed and millions of dollars have been spent but the Yellowstone and Kalamazoo Rivers still are not restored and probably never will be as this heavy oil sinks to the bottom.

Being tar sands "dilbit" is not consider regular oil TransCanada does not have to pay into the Federal Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund.

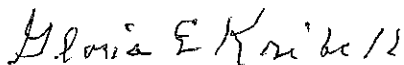
Many professors of Environmental Studies in the US and Canada have stated that the KXL pipeline is "essential" to the development of tar sands. The heads of Oil Change International (OCI), National Resources Defense Council (NRDC), and the financial investment group Ceres, all report that the KXL pipeline is the "lynchpin" needed for tar sands expansion. But expanding tar sands oil development creates the effect of adding four million additional cars a year to Canada's roads, and adding 37 million new cars to the US roads. The growth in emissions would make it impossible to meet the 2020 climate target Canada shares with the US, and would bring us closer to the 2 degree temperature increase limit that scientist warn is the tipping point.

The State Department published a draft Supplemental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the reconfigured KXL pipeline. The SEIS was drafted by the Environmental Resources Management (ERM) found that the pipeline would pose little risk to the environment, but a closer look at ERM reveals that they are a member of the Western Energy Alliance, the American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM), and the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, and that the top two ERM staffers are listed on the boards of the Western States Petroleum Association which supports the KXL pipeline. ERM officials working on the KXL review have also served as consultants for other projects developed by TransCanada, one being the Alaska Pipeline Project. The American Petroleum Institute (API), a top lobbying group confirmed that ERM is a member. API, Western Energy Alliance, and the AFPM have all signed a letter (2012) urging the Congress to approve the pipeline. So much for an unbiased review and assessment!

The mining of tar sands destroys the boreal forest in Canada that absorbs CO2, and it creates huge "tailings ponds" that are so toxic that birds landing in them die. Further development of tar sands will increase greenhouse gasses and the size of the tailings ponds which are already beginning to leach their poisons into the nearby areas.

For South Dakota, this KXL pipeline is all risk with no reward. I urge you to please reject this pipeline permit.

Sincerely,



Gloria E. Kribell
Union County, SD



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Gary Hanson, Commissioner

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Gloria Kribell
[REDACTED]

Alcester, South Dakota 57001-2200

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Sincerely,

Chris Nelson

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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DEAR PUC MEMBERS,

I WOULD LIKE TO GO ON RECORD TO SAY NO TO THE KEYSTONE PIPELINE. THE IDEA THAT 30,000 JOBS WOULD BE CREATED THE THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IS PURE FABRICATION. I HAVE SEVERAL FRIENDS THAT WORKED ON THE ALAKSA PIPELINE. THEY WERE ON THE LAYING CREW, THEY FOLLOWED THE LINE UNTIL IT WAS FINISHED. THERE ISN'T ANYWAY A COMPANY WILL RETRAIN NEW PEOPLE EVERY TIME THEY GET TO A NEW TERRITORY. THE CANADIAN WORKERS ARE THE ONES THAT WILL REAP ALL THE BENEFITS. SOME OF THE LOCAL GROUND CONTRACTORS WILL GET SOME WORK IN THEIR TERRITORY.

IF PER CHANCE YOU WILL APPROVE THIS. I HOPE YOU WILL MANDATE THAT A LARGE FUND WILL HAVE TO BE SET UP BY THE OIL COMPANY TO PAY FOR ANY SPILLS. ALSO THE STATE SHOULD CONTROL THE CLEANUPS. HOW HARD IS IT TO SUE ANOTHER COUNTRY. I SEE AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, BP IS FINALLY SETTTLING SOME OF THE CLAIMS.

ALSO WE LIVE IN SOUTH DAKOTA WHERE WE STILL HAVE CLEAN AIR AND MINOR POLLUTION. WE DO NOT NEED TO HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THIS COME THROUGH OUR STATE.

SINCERELY YOURS,


GEORGE C. MOHR

HOSMER SD 57448

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George Mohr

[REDACTED]
Hosmer, SD 57448

Dear Mr. Mohr:

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Sincerely,

Chris Nelson

Dear PUC,

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I oppose letting a big oil company put the Keystone XL pipeline through South Dakota. We are giving up our beautiful state to help a greedy oil company that has already laid waste parts of Canada in its quest for every last drop of oil profit. Once the pipeline is in place we have lost all control. We will sacrifice soil to oil spills which eventually leak into our water supply. South Dakota is a dry state in the first place. We need our water, not a raceway for someone else's profit with no benefit to our great state.

Sincerely,
Mary Anderson

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Mari Anderson

White, SD 57276





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Marj Anderson
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White, SD 57276

Dear Ms. Anderson:

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Sincerely,

Chris Nelson

From: ed dostal [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 11:56:17 AM

To: PUC

Subject: Docket #HP14-001

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This e-mail is written to voice my support in the Keystone XL Pipeline.

I am in support of the KXL Pipeline for several reasons. It is the safest, most cost effective means of moving oil across vast distances of land. It adds infrastructure to our community through taxes given to local government. As a result of the pipeline, electrical infrastructure would be increased allowing for development of alternative energy sources and economical development.

In conclusion, Keystone is a win all the way around.

Thank you for your time,

Ed Dostal

[REDACTED]
Gregory, SD 57533
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From: PUC

Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 12:59 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: HP14-001

Mr. Dostal:

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Chris Nelson, Chairman

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SD PUC

RE:

Keystone Pipeline

To whom it may concern:

I am a proponent of the Keystone Pipeline.

In 2009 I was President of the Yankton Chamber of Commerce and had a front row seat to the management and employees of Keystone Pipeline as they worked their way through southeast South Dakota. I was nothing short of impressed with the quality of over 400 employees (and their families) Yankton hosted in the summer of 2009.

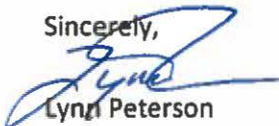
While it was a pleasure to host these families it was a major economic engine for the Yankton area. Our community was feeling the full effects of the 2008 recession and we all were concerned for the wellbeing of our local retailers. Without having this project in Yankton there is no doubt we would have seen several business close their doors. Not only did this project keep our Main Street alive but we have 2 new thriving businesses here in Yankton, a new KOA campground and Springwater RV Park. Both business's decided to open and house the pipeline employees. I only wish Keystone was coming through Yankton again.

Since they have completed their project Yankton has reaped the benefits through tax revenues. In 2014 we received \$309,000 in tax revenue and are projected to receive over \$360,000 in 2015. As a whole, South Dakota benefited from over \$7.1 million dollars in tax revenue generated from the pipeline in 2013. To my knowledge their track record has been spotless to date.

South Dakota has experienced an incredible ag economy over the last 10 years and now we are on the cusp of that going the other direction with commodities at their lowest levels in 7 years. Our tax revenue will certainly suffer from this decline. Can we afford to sideline this project and give up much needed tax revenue??

In the 1950's our state was at a major crossroads as they discussed the damn system to be built on the Missouri River. Many opposed the project as it would create environmental hazards, safety issues, decrease the amount of much needed farmland as well as consuming many homesteads. With all the major concerns the project was built and the state has benefited from this project beyond our wildest dreams. Keystone does not consume homesteads or prime farmland but like every project comes with some amount of risk, however, I believe their track record speaks for itself and they have proven themselves to be a safe and strong business. Let's approve this pipeline.

Sincerely,



Lynn Peterson

Yankton, SD, 57078

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From: PUC

Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 12:57 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: HP14-001

Mr. Peterson:

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From: Sierra Club on behalf of Jenny Whetzel[SMTP:SIERRA@SIERRACLUB.ORG]

Sent: Friday, July 03, 2015 11:48:15 AM

To: PUC

Subject: Please reject the recertification of Keystone XL (Docket HP14-001) Auto forwarded by a Rule

Jul 3, 2015

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.

TransCanada has yet to reveal an emergency response plan showing that they can even respond to a major oil spill. 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, have 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 long-term interest of South Dakota and reject the recertification of the Keystone XL pipeline.

I used to think it was a good idea. But now, I don't want to risk our beautiful lands to a tar/oil spill.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jenny Whetzel

[REDACTED]

Sioux Falls, SD 57108-5719

From: Snow, Benjamin[SMTP:BSNOW@RAPIDDEVELOPMENT.COM]

Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 2:42:26 PM

To: PUC

Cc: Snow, Benjamin; Shawn Gab; Reichert, Loni

Subject: Docket number HP14-001: Keystone XL Letter of Support

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Commissioners,

I have an unavoidable scheduling conflict and am unable to travel to Pierre this evening to deliver testimony in person. However, please find the attached letter of support. The letter is also found in text format below.

July 6, 2015

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Sent Via Email to: puc@state.sd.us

Docket Number: HP14-001

Subject: TransCanada Reapplication for Keystone XL Pipeline construction permit

PUC Commissioners,

On behalf of the Rapid City Economic Development Partnership, please accept this letter of support for the reissuance of a construction permit to TransCanada to build the South Dakota portion of the Keystone XL pipeline. Unfortunately, the previous permit expired due to unnecessary project delays in the federal approval process.

Granting a new permit means that once the Keystone XL Pipeline project is federally approved, construction on 316 miles of pipeline in South Dakota can begin, bringing hundreds of millions of dollars in economic growth and thousands of jobs to our state.

We strongly add our voice to the many other entities and stakeholders who support the Keystone XL Pipeline for the following reasons:

Jobs

Construction of Keystone XL will create thousands of good, high-paying jobs for American men and women. The U.S. Department of State estimates that construction alone will bring between 3000-4000 direct and indirect jobs to South Dakota, representing over \$100 million in payroll. From construction jobs for welders, pipefitters and laborers to spin-off jobs at local hotels, restaurants and gas stations; thousands of South Dakotans stand to benefit from Keystone XL.

Property Taxes

Once Keystone XL is operational, South Dakota communities will collect over \$20 million in annual property and other taxes helping to reduce the tax burden on South Dakotan families. According to the U.S. State Department's Final Supplemental Impact Statement (FSEIS), seven out of nine counties in South Dakota will see their property tax base increase by more than 10 per cent. In some counties, those increases would be close to 100 percent. These taxes will help address local infrastructure needs like roads, bridges, schools and other facilities that improve the standard of living for South Dakotans.

Positive History in Our State

TransCanada has a positive history in the State of South Dakota. The first Keystone Pipeline, built in 2008, passed through twelve of South Dakota's counties and brought considerable economic benefits to the region. It has brought with it some 9,000 direct jobs for American men and women – many of those in South Dakota and other parts of the Midwest. Since the Keystone Pipeline was constructed it has paid out millions of dollars in property taxes. That is money that state and local governments can invest directly in things like roads, hospitals and schools to make the quality of life for South Dakotans so much better. Keystone XL will have the same positive impact.

Keystone XL is good for South Dakota and America

Not only will Keystone XL be the safest pipeline ever constructed on American soil due to 59 additional safety conditions put in place by the federal pipeline regulator, but it will have minimal impact on the environment, reduce reliance on crude oil transport by rail and bolster U.S. energy security as a whole reducing U.S. reliance on oil from less stable countries in the Middle East and Venezuela.

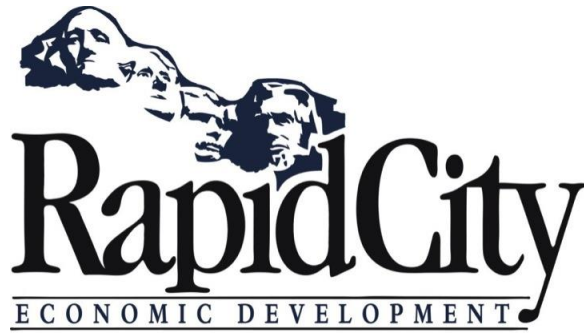
The vast majority of Americans and South Dakotans support this project and look forward to the day when Keystone XL is built so they can fuel their lives with a safe, secure source of energy that is in the national interest.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin L. Snow
President

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Benjamin L. Snow
President

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Chris Nelson, Chairman
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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From: David Dahle[S [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 5:03:04 PM
To: PUC
Subject: Keystone XL "public input" hearing / HP14-001 Auto forwarded by a Rule

Given -

That the KXL pipeline is essentially a done deal in spite of opposition by Native Americans, affected landowners, and people rightfully concerned about the impact to water sources when (not if) the pipeline springs a leak,

That Keystone and the Koch Brothers are being quiet about the fact the 'tar sands' oil is 'dilbit' crude, and which is a far lower quality product than the 'light sweet' crude available from other sources around the world, whether from the Middle East, Alaska, or the Bakken,

That the Republican Party national leadership is pushing for getting this pipeline built as a favor to the Koch Brothers in order to assure they continue to give money to reelection campaigns of corrupt career politicians that are wrecking our once-great country,

So -

I respectfully ask the SD PUC deny the KXL application in whole - in spite of the fact I know it's a done deal and this "public input" session is merely for show.

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From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 9:57 AM

To: [REDACTED]

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Mr. Dahle:

Thank you for your message regarding the Keystone XL pipeline certification docket. It 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>

I assure you that this docket is not a done deal with regard to the commission. The interested parties in this docket as well as PUC commissioners and staff have done a lot of work on this requested construction permit and we have a lot more work ahead of us before any decision is rendered by commissioners.

Here are links to two document found on the PUC's home page online. The first is titled Pipeline Siting Info Guide and the second is 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.

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

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

Chris Nelson, Chairman

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