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**To:** PUC

**Subject:** Statement for the Public Comment Hearing today

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I am in New York and not able to attend today's hearing.

It is my hope that the attached remarks can be admitted into the record.

Many thanks,

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Please consider my comments as an official part of the Public Comment Hearing July 6, 2015, in the matter of the application of TransCanada for a new permit through South Dakota for the Keystone XL Pipeline.

As children we are taught that honoring our agreements is important. We are taught that if we keep our promises, we can expect others to keep their promises to us. This is foundational learning, and the bedrock of the social, legal, political, ethical and moral compacts we have been led to believe are critical ingredients in a just society.

Something has gone wrong, however, when certain groups who have made agreements they believed to be dependable find themselves potentially on the receiving end of abrogation of those agreements—sovereign Indian Nations, for instance.

The signatories of the Fort Laramie Treaties of 1851 and 1868 believed that they had agreements with the United States; concessions were offered, rights declared and retained, negotiations conducted in service of these legal and binding treaties, sovereign to sovereign, which still carry the force of law.

Now, however, a foreign corporation is attempting to ignore provisions and treaties protected by the Constitution of the United States, and the apparatus of an artful legal strategy threatens to silence the voices of the four Tribal Nations, other Tribal entities, organizations and individual intervenors who oppose the award of another permit to TransCanada for the Keystone Pipeline.

As the saying goes, history will judge our actions and inactions. In the end, the rule of law must prevail, and it is my hope that the Public Utilities Commission will set aside a bias that appears to me to privilege TransCanada, study the legal and historic facts of the binding Fort Laramie treaties and deny the permit application of TransCanada.

All any one of us ever has is our honor, and we back up that honor with our word. Our children will be studying what we have done, looking to our behaviors and reading or recalling our words, as they search for answers to questions we never imagined we might have to ask.

Please send TransCanada back to Alberta, and act in the best interests of the citizens and Tribal Nations of South Dakota; indeed the best interests of our nation. There is a right side of history waiting for the PUC, and a wrong one, and a greater Judge awaiting us all.

Respectfully submitted,

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As an intervenor, I am requesting that all of the comments offered tonight, July 6, 2015, during the Public Comment Hearing on HP 14-001, the application of TransCanada for a new Keystone XL Pipeline permit, be admitted as part of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's official record of this very important public event leading to an historic decision on your part.

If the Commission desires to be viewed in the eyes of the rest of the world as transparent and fair and non-judgmental, there should be no fear and no downside to making the comments of all the individuals, both pro-pipeline and anti-pipeline, part of the official record that will support your seminal decision.

I know all of the Commissioners are trying to arrive at a fair and well-considered judgment. Please resist the patented and predictable words of corporate America, because I do not believe these people represent the future of South Dakota or the pulse of the amazingly diverse population that is South Dakota. These anti-pipeline people are speaking to the life of our planet, and unlike some of the speakers tonight, they have no fiduciary interest in the outcome of your decision.

Thank you for including this, my additional comment, in the official record of the July 6, 2015 Public Comment Hearing on HP 14-001, the application by TransCanada for a re-permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline.

Respectfully submitted,

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**From:** Edwards, Kristen  
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**Subject:** RE: Additional Comment for the July 6 PUC hearing HP 14-001

Ms. Bardaglio:

Thank you for your message regarding the Keystone XL pipeline permit certification docket. It will be posted in the electronic public record so commissioners and other parties in this docket can read it.

All written comments provided at the July 6, 2015 public input meeting on this docket are posted in the docket, as is commission practice with its official public input meetings. The meeting was also audio recorded and that recording is linked in the docket. These documents and recordings are added to dockets for such commission meetings regardless of the viewpoints presented by individuals.

Here is a link to the Keystone XL Pipeline docket, HP14-001:  
<http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/2014/hp14-001.aspx>.

If you wish to make a request that verbal and written comments from the commission's July 6 public input meeting be treated differently from this practice, you may certainly do so via a formal motion made before the commission. If you do wish to make such a motion, please do so as soon as possible so it may be added to the Commission's agenda for consideration in the near future.

Best regards,

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