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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Dear PUC:

By adoption of the attached Resolution, the Beadle County Commission is expressing its strong support for the Keystone XL Pipeline Project.

The original Keystone Pipeline passes through a portion of Beadle County. In addition to the pipeline, a pumping station and a substation were also constructed in Beadle County. Weather conditions during construction were less than favorable (extremely wet conditions) and impacts on certain local roads were immense. However, TransCanada made repairs that restored the roads to preconstruction conditions. In some instances, the roads were "improved" during the restoration. The Commission was very impressed with TransCanada's willingness to work with us in making necessary repairs to the roads.

We look forward to the day when the Keystone XL Pipeline is completed.

Sincerely,



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**RESOLUTION 04-06-15
"LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE PROJECT"**

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%;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Beadle 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.

Rick Benson, Chair of Board

ATTEST:

Jill Hanson, Beadle County Auditor

