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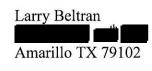


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Dear Mr. Beltran:

This is in response to your letter regarding the Keystone XL pipeline certification docket. Your letter and my response will be posted in the electronic public record so my fellow commissioners and other parties can read them.

You can find the complete docket, HP14-001, on the PUC's website at www.puc.sd.gov. Click on Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Hydrocarbon Pipeline Dockets, 2014 Hydrocarbon Pipeline Dockets, and then the docket number. By reading information filed in the docket, you will learn about protections for waterways to be crossed by the pipeline and about tribal government involvement in the permit consideration process.

There are links to more information on the pipeline via the PUC's home page online. Click on the link titled Keystone XL Pipeline Updates. You will find a document explaining the most-often-heard questions about the project and the permit consideration process and the answers.

The PUC issued a permit to TransCanada for the Keystone XL Pipeline on March 12, 2010. The PUC approved TransCanada's certification that the company can still comply with the 2010 permit conditions on January 21, 2016. You may reference the online docket to read the conditions required of TransCanada as part of the permit issued by this commission.

Sincerely,

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