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To: PUC

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

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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.

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 am a Native South Dakotan and A Native American. My Late and Great Father, Frederick P. Whiteface fought in World War II. His Brother, and Our Wonderful Uncle Clifford Whiteface fought in WW II, THE KOREAN CONFLICT AND THE VIETNAM WAR too. I do not think that I should have to live in a Country where People other than We The People get to decide what kind of items and chemicals go into Our lands! This does not benefit South Dakota in the long run and can

and most likely will contaminate Our Water and Other Precious Resources. These Precious Resources maybe PERMANENTLY RUINED AND CONTAMINATED! All so People that We don't Know or live Here in Our State can become RICH!! It WON'T CONTAMINATE THEIR WATER AND LANDS! WHY SHOULD WE LET THIS HAPPEN?! WE DON'T WANT IT AND PLEASE, REJECT IT, Now!

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.

Sincerely,

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