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Commissioner

To the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission:

I am writing to tell you I strongly oppose the certification of the Keystone XL pipeline permit in South Dakota, and I am asking you to vote no.

TransCanada has shown time and time again they are unwilling - or unable - to adequately protect South Dakota's land and water. Six years after building Keystone I, they still have land that has not been reclaimed, and many landowners did the reclamation themselves because they were fed up with dealing with TransCanada. That's not a way for a company to act in our state, particularly when they now want to build Keystone XL over hundreds of miles of pristine grassland - exactly the kind of land they have a problem reclaiming.

Additionally, TransCanada has no emergency response plan for Keystone XL. Their permit was granted five years ago. There is no excuse to not have an emergency response plan in place. Our land, water, and especially our people should be protected. Pipeline ruptures or leaks can have devastating effects on water and nearby land, as evidenced by the Enbridge pipeline company oil leak in a fish and wildlife reserve in 2010 in Michigan, the oil pipeline leak into the Yellowstone River this spring and the massive salt water pipeline spill that eventually reached the Missouri River near Bismarck, N.D. in January 2015. Sooner or later, all pipelines are prone to rupture or leak.

TransCanada will not be able to meet the conditions of their permit. I feel it is common sense. Deny the permit certification, and protect South Dakota's land, water, and people.

And even if you granted the permits, there are many landowners and Native American tribes who do not want the pipeline crossing their land and will continue to fight against the use of eminent domain.

Plus, there's no guarantee Keystone would hire even one South Dakotan to build the pipeline, as they will likely hire the necessary skilled labor at the point the pipeline begins and maintain that crew all the way to Houston, rather than hiring other people along the way or state-specific.

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