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Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2015 3:48 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Keystone XL, HP14-001

Mr. Slattery:

This is in response to your letter that arrived in today's mail regarding tar sands oil and the Keystone XL Pipeline. The pipeline construction permit application request was filed by TransCanada on Sept. 15, 2014 is currently being processed by the commission. Since this is an open docket before the commission and commissioners serve in a quasi-judicial capacity on dockets, all communication with commissioners must take place in a public forum. Therefore, your letter and my response will be filed in the online docket so that all parties and interested individuals including other commissioners may read them.

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

Here is a link to a document which helps explain the commission's authority regarding pipeline applications:

<http://www.puc.sd.gov/commission/Publication/pipelinesiting.pdf> .

And here is a link to additional information regarding this project which may be of interest:

<http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/keystoneupdate.aspx> .

Given your interest, I encourage you to follow along as this docket is processed and new information is shared via documents filed online.

I appreciate receiving your comments and opinions about this proposed pipeline project. Questions and concerns such as these are the focus of the commission as we process the docket and conduct the hearing. Thank you for writing to share them with me.

Gary Hanson, Chairperson

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