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South Dakota Public Commission
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 E. Capitol Ave
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RE: Docket HP09-001 to Construct the Keystone XL Pipeline

I am writing to inform you that I am in opposition to the construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline Project across South Dakota. My reasons are as follows: Our President has not issued a permit to TransCanada. TransCanada is NOT a good partner for the people of the United States. Canada is not a good neighbor.

TransCanada has engaged in false and misleading dealings with us - Nebraska landowners, whose land they seek to cross with easement deeds. Their employees are rude, arrogant, and bullies - who have threatened Nebraska landowners. The surveying crews have trespassed onto our land, lied to us - when they had no legal right to be there - when we have not signed an easement or had any contact with TransCanada. The proposed pipeline route crosses 1.2 miles (diagonally) of our land, which has been in our family for over 70 years. Our land is of sandy soil - which still shows evidence from the "Dust Bowl" years. The property lies on the east edge of the Sandhills in Holt county - Nebraska. The beginning of the north branch of the Eagle Creek starts on our property - due to the fact that the Ogallala Aquifer lies underneath.

The Keystone XL proposed route will come within 1 mile of 2398 water wells & 281 bodies of water - just in Nebraska - Keystone I - had 14 leaks within it's 1st year of service.

We are fighting to protect our land and water. We are standing beside our South Dakota families, friends, and allies - fighting to protect our mother earth.

Thank you.

Diana L Steskal

