## DEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE

APPLICATION BY TRANSCANADA HP 14-001

KEYSTONE PIPELINE, LP FOR A :

PERMIT UNDER THE SOUTH DAKOTA

ENERGY CONVERSION AND :

TRANSMISSION FACILITIES ACT TO

CONSTRUCT THE KEYSTONE XL

PROJECT

KEYSTONE'S RESPONSE TO APPLICATION OF PARTY STATUS OF THE ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE - TRIBAL UTILITY

COMMISSION

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe–Tribal Utility Commission filed an application for party status on September 29, 2014. TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP ("Keystone") offers the following response.

It appears from the Law & Order Code of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe that the proper party may be the Tribe, not the Tribal Utility Commission. According to § 20-3-101 of the Tribal Code, the Tribal Utility Commission is a ". . . subordinate subdivision of the Tribe." As the body politic chartered under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. section 476 *et seq.*, as amended, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe would be the proper entity to seek party status under SDCL § 49-41B-17(3) as "any person residing in the area where the facility is proposed to be sited." *See also* SDCL § 49-41B-2(9) (defining "person" to include any public entity, however organized). The Tribe has separately filed its own application for party status.

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Whether the intervening party is the Tribe or the Tribal Utility Commission, however, it is clear that neither has jurisdiction over Keystone or the Keystone XL Pipeline. Under § 20-4-101(2) of the Tribal Code, the Tribal Utility Commission has certain enumerated powers. The Code states that the Tribal Utility Commission may thereby "assume regulatory authority over one, or more classes of utilities within the Reservation." (Id. (emphasis added).) The Code section cited in the application for party status, § 20-1-101(8), similarly states that the Rosebud Sioux Tribe has the sovereign power to regulate every utility "which enters and operates within the reservation" and which provides services, operates facilities, or constructs and erects pipelines "upon and across Reservation lands." (Id. (emphasis added).) Keystone will not operate within the Rosebud Indian Reservation, the Keystone XL Pipeline will not be constructed or operated on Reservation lands, and to the knowledge of Keystone does not cross and will not be operated on land owned by or held in trust for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. Notably, neither the Rosebud Sioux Tribe nor the Tribal Utility Commission were parties to the underlying docket, HP09-001.

Therefore, Keystone does not object to the Rosebud Sioux Tribe being granted party status, but disputes that Keystone and/or the Keystone XL Pipeline is subject to the jurisdiction of either the Rosebud Sioux Tribe or the Tribal Utility Commission.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.

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