

To Commissioner Chris Nelson, Commissioner Gary Hanson, and Acting Commissioner Rich Sattgast:

Thank you for your consideration of my continued concerns after attending each day of the recent hearing. It was very apparent at the hearing that South Dakota leaders, citizens and various organizations have been misled in regards to the benefits proposed by Dakota Access, LLC. South Dakotans were given a false hope of:

Freeing up rail capacity for the transportation of agricultural commodities

Property tax numbers

Local jobs

Less dependence on foreign oil

Safety

Contributing to South Dakota's consumer demand

I could explain each of the above listed items for the benefit of the public, but I believe that you, the Commissioners, realize that the citizens were misled.

I heard a lot of words from the pipeline attorneys and their witnesses but I saw little proof behind their words- one example included the list of city leaders and planners of the Tea and Harrisburg area- not one of the city leaders testified at the hearing. I understood the burden of proof is to be on the applicant.

Has DAP provided proof that there is protection from a cyber attack? I only heard words at the hearing.

I would suggest that another worst case scenario be calculated using 600,000 BPD. In the project description, pg 3 of 15, SD PUC 3rd set of interrogatories/Request for Production of Documents it states "Ultimately, the pipeline system will be capable of transporting 600,000 BPD of crude oil".

One issue was completely avoided at the hearing. It involves an area just west of Wall Lake. The pipeline was planned to cross the Minnehaha Conservation District area which includes the Devik Learning Area. This is where water runoff is naturally filtered and feeds into Wall Lake. Earlier, the Minnehaha Conservation District and/or the people in charge addressed costly requirements, conditions and concerns in regards to the crossing. DAP simply moved the route a little further west onto private property, thus eliminating expensive protection for Wall Lake. The Minnehaha Conservation District was not notified of this change in a timely manner, thus, witnesses and testimony could not be presented at the hearing. The residents of Wall Lake are concerned. I suggest that you contact the Minnehaha Conservation District for a full report on the situation.

Why were there not many citizens at the hearing?

Misled by DAP, Lack of knowledge of the magnitude of the pipeline, Lack of funds and time, Afraid of retaliation by DAP, The process was very difficult

I was very disappointed in the hearing process as I heard DAP witnesses speak for hours while the landowner witnesses were rushed through. Many issues were not addressed through this whole process. I consider that a loss for South Dakotans, and you, the Commissioners. I believe evidence proves that there are few benefits for the South Dakota citizens and all gain for the Texas oil companies and their stockholders if this pipeline is allowed to cross our great state. I pray that you will very carefully review every issue at hand and make a firm decision to deny the permit while protecting those who live and work here now and in the future.

Thank you for your time and service.

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