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Kristen N. Edwards  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

**Re:   *Dakota Access Pipeline, LLC***  
**Peggy Hoogenstraet Property**

Dear Ms. Edwards,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL). We understand that Ms. Peggy Hoogenstraet represented to your office that the DAPL “leaked” or had an incident of some kind on her property. The purpose of this letter is to respond to such representation.

As an initial matter, please know that the DAPL has not had a single incident or release on its mainline in any of the 4 states it traverses. This includes the segment in South Dakota and more specifically, that portion crossing Ms. Hoogenstraet’s property.

We believe Ms. Hoogenstraet may have misunderstood the purpose of our routine maintenance activity, which took place on her property on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, under Dakota Access’ pipeline easement. On those dates, Dakota Access performed routine maintenance excavation on Ms. Hogenstraet’s property to confirm the pipeline’s existing pipe and coating conditions. No abnormal conditions were identified during that inspection. The locations of the maintenance excavation were fully remediated.

While Ms. Hoogenstraet’s report to your office highlights the need for us to better explain the purpose of our maintenance activity, Dakota Access can confirm, again, that there has been no release or incident of any kind on her property.

Should you have any additional questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keegan Pieper'.

Keegan Pieper