

January 23, 2015

Public Utilities Commission
Attn: Chairman Chris Nelson
Capitol Building 1st Floor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RECEIVED
JAN 26 2015
SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION



RE: Dakota Access Pipeline – Case No: HP14-002

Dear Chairman Nelson:

I want to thank you for visiting with me last night at the PUC Hearing on the Dakota Access Pipeline. I think there were many positive comments and concerns towards the project. I want to take this opportunity to express my support for the Dakota Access Pipeline Project. I strongly urge the PUC to approve this project.

I am aware that the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has reviewed the design for the Dakota Access Pipeline and concluded that the additional precautions and conditions will make the Dakota Access Pipeline “as safe or safer” than other pipelines. I am aware of the significant benefits the pipeline stands to bring to the State of South Dakota.

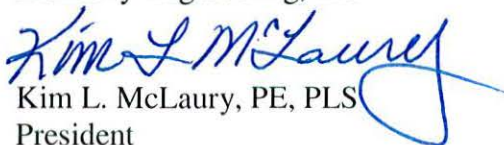
On a personal level, the project has already resulted in contract for this firm for a small amount engineering services. I would request that you also require the company to use local surveyors to complete the preliminary surveys. This will assure the most accurate information for the project. Only the local surveyors know South Dakota, the survey system we have here, the issues that change from county to county, and the log history of the survey system. Our past involvement with the Keystone Pipeline had all preliminary and property surveys completed by local surveyors. I would encourage you to make this requirement again, to protect the citizens of the state. I think this would be in the best interest of property owners, courthouses, register of deeds and on down the line.

From a national perspective, the project seeks to deliver from the Midwest a stable and secure source of oil from a US base domestic source.

Therefore, as a matter of public record and with respect, I express my strong support for the Dakota Access Pipeline Project. I urge you to move forward expeditiously to approve this project, and also require the company to use local surveyors for the preliminary topographical and all property surveying.

Best regards,

McLaury Engineering, Inc.


Kim L. McLaury, PE, PLS
President