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To: Nelson, Chris; Hanson, Gary (PUC); Sattgast, Rich

Subject: Dakota Access Pipeline-Case No: HP14-002, Motion for Approval of Third Party Compliance Monitor

Dear Commissioners and Acting Commissioner:

First of all I want to thank you for listening to the concerns of South Dakotans in regards to the Dakota Access Pipeline. I appreciate that some conditions were put in place to protect landowners during the construction and reclamation process. Negotiating with Dakota Access continues to be a long and expensive process for many landowners.

I continue to have a major concern if the PUC approves Ryan Coleman as the Project's Third Party Compliance Monitor. I am thankful that a third party monitor is going to be available, however, I believe that Mr. Coleman's understanding and knowledge of the South Dakota land, people, and communities is very minimal. Does he have the communication skills involved with listening to concerns and questions that will be presented by South Dakota landowners? Will he understand the passion that South Dakotans have in the farming sector-the hard work that brought each farmer to where he is today?

I do recognize that Mr. Coleman is very knowledgeable in the regulatory process, the area of ecological, biological and water quality monitoring, and damage-related issues in the Southern states. Mr. Coleman may be a very good choice for

Energy Transfer but is he a good choice for South Dakota? To me, that is a very important question. Will Mr. Coleman be able to understand the connections between the land, the owners, and the communities, including the townships and counties? Will he be able to listen to concerns and questions with an open mind? Will Mr. Coleman remain neutral and honest in his correspondence or will he be faithful to the energy company that has provided him a job many years in the past?

Approving a Third Party Monitor with neutral involvement with this process seems more logical. I realize that South Dakotans are not familiar with this process but I do think the whole process will be a lot smoother if a neutral monitor is chosen.

Expecting landowners to hire further legal assistance in the request to NOT approve the Motion for Approval of Third Party Compliance Monitor (Ryan Coleman) continues to put a financial burden on the landowners. I ask that you at least consider my request and, if necessary, include this as a comment in the pipeline process. Please consider what is best for South Dakota and its citizens.

Sincerely,

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