

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
APPLICATION OF DAKOTA)
ACCESS, LLC FOR AN ENERGY)
FACILITY PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT)
THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE)
PROJECT)

HP14-002

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

TODD STAMM

ON BEHALF OF

DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC

DAKOTA ACCESS EXHIBIT 8

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1 **Q. Please state your name and business address for the record.**

2 Answer: My name is Todd Stamm. I am the Vice President – Pipeline Operations of
3 Sunoco Logistics L.P. My business address is One Fluor Daniel Drive, Building A,
4 Level 3, Sugar Land, TX, 77478-5095.
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6 **Q. Can you briefly describe your education and experience?**

7 Answer: I have over 20 years of experience with Sunoco Logistics, L.P. I have held
8 various roles throughout the company, with a focus on operations, engineering and
9 construction, project management and crude trucking. I hold a B.S. in Civil
10 Engineering and Architectural Engineering from Drexel University and a MBA in
11 Management from Wayne State University.
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14 **Q. Which sections, or portions of sections, of the application are you responsible for?**

15 Answer: Section 23.1, 23.4, 23.7, 38.0 and 38.3 as well as all operational oversight.
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17 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**
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19 ANSWER: I will describe how the Dakota Access pipeline will be operated and
20 managed from a safety standpoint. This will include information regarding the
21 operations control center for the Dakota Access pipeline, and the maintenance,
22 surveillance and inspection procedures for the pipeline. I will also describe the public
23 awareness and safety initiatives planned for the pipeline.
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25 **Q. Please described the operations control center.**
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27 ANSWER: The operations control center (“OCC”) is a state of the art control center
28 which coordinates all operations throughout the system, including flow rate, pressure, and
29 opening and closing of valves. The operations control center also monitors devices that
30 alert operators to changes in operating parameters, providing a detection mechanism for
31 response to emergency conditions. Satellite and telecommunications links connect the
32 operations control center with facilities along the pipeline to ensure rapid response and
33 constant monitoring of pipeline conditions.
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36 **Q. Will the operations control center be operated 24/7?**
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38 ANSWER: Yes, the operations control center for the Dakota Access pipeline will be
39 manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
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41 **Q. What kind of data will be collected and transmitted to the operations control
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ANSWER: A wide variety of data necessary and useful to monitoring the pipeline's operations will be collected and transmitted to the operations control center. The advanced Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition ("SCADA") systems will be utilized to constantly monitor sensing devices placed along the pipeline to track the pressure, temperature, density, and flow of liquid petroleum under transport, and display each movement's status to operators at the control center. Through these systems the pipeline's operators can maintain the pipeline within established operating parameters and can remotely shut down pump stations and isolate pipeline segments when they observe abnormal conditions or if safety parameters are exceeded.

A subsystem of the SCADA system, known as the Computational Pipeline Monitoring system ("CPM"), has the ability to analyze deviations in the flow of liquids to the pipeline, thus improving the operator's ability to identify leaks and other abnormal operating conditions. The CPM system will be used on the Dakota Access pipeline as one of several leak detection capabilities.

Q. Will operating procedures be established to govern the operation and control of the pipeline through the operations control center?

ANSWER: Yes. Strict operations procedures will be prepared and used to direct the OCC operator's actions in both normal and abnormal operations to reduce the risk of release. Such systems and procedures are part of Energy Transfer's extensive efforts to maintain safe operations.

Q. In addition to remote monitoring and control of the pipeline's operations through the operation's control center, will local operation of the pipeline be possible?

ANSWER: Yes. In addition to remote control operations, local automated control operations and manual overrides will be in place to control or operate the pipeline should remote communications fail. Field operations personnel will be located in close proximity to facilities that are controlled remotely from the control center. Field personnel will be trained to respond to abnormal conditions and manually oversee equipment or systems as needed. In the event the pipeline cannot be safely operated manually through remote operations with the control center, the pipeline will be shut down until satisfactory control can be re-established.

Q. Please describe the procedures that will be employed for periodic inspections, surveillance, and maintenance of the Dakota Access pipeline.

ANSWER: During installation and commissioning, the line will be subjected to careful inspection and testing to verify its integrity and compliance with all regulatory standards and contract specifications. Testing will include checking coating integrity; examining by non-destructive testing 100% of field welds (which is well above the 10% required by federal regulation); internally inspecting the entire length of the line by using an inline

89 inspection tool; and hydrostatically testing the pipeline.
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91 Detailed maintenance procedures will be established which will include regular
92 inspections and surveillance of the pipeline which will include detailed analysis of
93 navigable waterways as required by regulations of the U.S. Department of
94 Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA), at 49
95 Code of Federal Regulations Part 195.
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97 The pipeline right of way will be patrolled and inspected by air every ten days, weather
98 permitting, but at least every three weeks and not less than 26 times per year, to check for
99 abnormal conditions or dangerous activities, such as unauthorized excavation along the
100 pipeline route.
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102 **Q. Will maintenance and emergency response personnel be stationed along the route of**
103 **the pipeline?**
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105 ANSWER: Yes. Upon completion of the project, in addition to the remote control
106 capabilities of the operations control center described above, personnel will be
107 strategically placed along the route of the pipeline. The pipeline operator and qualified
108 contractors will maintain emergency response equipment and personnel at strategic points
109 along the route and will train personnel to respond to pipeline emergencies. Additionally,
110 contracts will be in place with oil spill response companies that have the capability to
111 mobilize to support cleanup and remediation efforts in the event of a pipeline release.
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113 **Q. Where will the emergency response equipment be located?**
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115 ANSWER: Current plans are for the Redfield Pump Station and in close proximity to
116 Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
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118 **Q. Where will the personnel with Dakota Access who are trained in emergencies**
119 **responses be located?**
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121 ANSWER: All personnel employed on the DAPL system will be trained in emergency
122 response as well as the NIMS ICS (National Incident Management System) (Incident
123 Command System) system of managing an emergency response. Personnel will be
124 staffed at the regional office at the Redfield Pump Station as well as several positioned
125 along the main pipeline corridor.
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128 **Q. Will an emergency response plan be prepared for the Dakota Access pipeline?**
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130 ANSWER: Yes. An emergency response plan for the Dakota Access pipeline, as
131 required by federal regulations 49 CFR 194 and approved by PHMSA, is being prepared
132 and will be in place prior to commencing transportation of crude oil. The plan is
133 currently in draft form.
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135 In addition, the operator will coordinate with local emergency responders and trained
136 local authorities in preventing and responding to any pipeline related problems. These
137 activities will include conducting and hosting, over a period of time, emergency response
138 drills with both employees and local emergency responders along the pipeline route.
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141 **Q. What kind of programs and procedures will be implemented to support public**
142 **awareness and public safety?**

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144 ANSWER: For all of its pipelines, Energy Transfer conducts extensive public education
145 outreach programs, including damage prevention programs, that meet or exceed industry
146 (American Petroleum Institute Recommended Practice 1162) and Federal requirements
147 (49 CFR 195.440) concerning public awareness of pipelines and pipeline safety matters.
148 These programs will be implemented for the Dakota Access pipeline.
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152 **Q. Will signage be installed to alert the public to the location of the pipeline?**

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154 ANSWER: Yes. The Dakota Access pipeline will be marked with signage and warnings
155 pursuant to federal regulations at road and highway crossings, navigable rivers, and other
156 locations; to alert the public to the presence of underground lines and to provide
157 information, contact numbers, and emergency data.

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159 **Q. Will Dakota Access utilize the one-call system?**

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161 ANSWER: Yes. The Dakota Access pipeline will utilize the 811 one-call system, which
162 is a nationally recognized system to prevent third party damage to underground facilities.
163 When a person or contractor plans to excavate, they place a call to the 811 one-call center
164 and operators identify the location of where the excavation will be and then notify all
165 affected utilities in the area. Upon notification, the pipeline company will dispatch
166 personnel to mark the locations of the pipe and provide specific guidance to the caller if
167 additional company oversight is needed during excavation.

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169 **Q. Will a fusion bonded epoxy coating be applied to the pipeline?**

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171 ANSWER: Yes.

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173 **Q. Please describe the fusion bonded epoxy coating that will be applied and its purpose.**

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175 ANSWER: Fusion Bonded Epoxy (FBE) coating consists of resin and hardener
176 components in a powder form. When the powder is sprayed onto the heated pipe surface,
177 the powder components combine to form a bond to the steel surface and provide a
178 coating barrier between the steel pipe surface and corrosive environments, such as soil or
179 water, preventing corrosion of the underlying steel pipeline surface.

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Q. Will a cathodic protection system be installed on the pipeline?

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ANSWER: Yes.

Q. Please describe the cathodic protection system and how it works.

ANSWER: The cathodic protection system will be an impressed current system. It will consist of multiple transformer/rectifier units and anode installations along the pipeline route. The transformer/rectifier units convert AC current to DC current. The DC current is injected into the earth from the anode installations and the DC current flows from the anodes to the pipeline surface through earth. The interaction between the applied DC current from the transformer/rectifier anode installations and the corrosion current at the pipe surface where the FBE coating may have been damaged mitigates corrosion of the pipeline steel surface.

Q. If the Dakota Access pipeline is constructed, installed, and operated as described in the application and at this hearing, do you believe the pipeline can be safely operated?

ANSWER: Yes