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Public Utilities Commission  
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

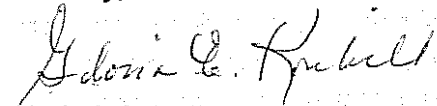
I was motivated to write after reading the slick advertisement for the TransCanada Pipeline that was an insert in the Argus Leader. The ad contained pictures of PUC members and gave the impression that it was sanctioned by the PUC. The headlines of "Good for South Dakota" and "Environmentally Acceptable" make it sound like a done deal even though it is only under study at the present time. The ad is full of dollar signs, but nothing about the dangers to the environment involved.

If you have not read Curt Hohn's Argus Leader (My Voice, November 21, 2007) article titled "TransCanada Pipeline Will Leak", please read it. Mr. Hohn is General Manager of the Water Development Association, Inc., and hopefully he will testify before the PUC. He states that the Computational Pipeline Monitoring System cannot detect leaks below the 1.5 to 2 percent level of pipeline flow rate. Underground leaks of 1.5 percent of pipe volume could take 90 days to be detected and verified. If the proposed 591,000 barrels of crude oil moves through South Dakota, 1.5 percent of the volume equals 372,300 gallons of oil per day that could leak and go undetected for up to 90 days. A 2 percent volume equals 496,444 gallons of oil per day. That is 45 to 62 semi tanker trucks per day or 33.5 million to 44.6 million gallons of crude oil over 90 days. That is enough oil to contaminate any aquifer in eastern South Dakota. The thin walled 30 inch high-pressure 1,440 psi pipe that TransCanada is proposing to use here could leak in five to seven years. These facts are all from the Hohn article. I believe the company cannot be trusted and urge the PUC to vote NO on TransCanada's permit application.

Another article in the Argus Leader (November 29, 2007) is headlined "Pipeline Fire Burns Out in Minnesota". Two pipeline workers were fixing the pipeline when fumes escaped and were ignited at Clearbrook, Minnesota. According to the article the pipeline had leaked a few weeks ago and was now being repaired. The two men were killed. "It appears as though one of the fittings may have failed and caused fumes to leak, and it caught fire," Chapin said. There wasn't an explosion, just a "big fire". People living near by were evacuated because of the thick black smoke (and heaven knows how many toxic chemicals were contained in it). This was in a sparsely settled area, and southeastern South Dakota is NOT a sparsely populated area.

These are probable dangers to South Dakota residents and are only from the pipeline and NOT the dreaded Hyperion refinery. Please vote to stop the pipeline.

Sincerely,



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