NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY TRANSCANADA KEYSTONE PIPELINE LP FOR A PERMIT UNDER THE SOUTH DAKOTA ENERGY CONVERSION AND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES ACT TO CONSTRUCT THE KEYSTONE PIPELINE PROJECT DOCKET HP07-001

WHEN/WHERE:

Monday, June 25, 2007: 11:00 a.m. CDT at Yankton City Commission Chambers, 416 Walnut, Yankton, SD

Monday, June 25, 2007: 7:00 p.m. CDT at Joe's Café, 1150 Spruce, Alexandria, SD

Tuesday, June 26, 2007 7:00 p.m. CDT at Clark Community Center, 120 N. Commercial St, Clark, SD

Wednesday, June 27, 2007 Noon at Marshall County Community Building, 909 South Main, Britton, SD

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15 and 49-41B-16, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) will hold a public input hearing at the above time and place on an application filed by TransCanada Keystone Pipeline LP (TransCanada) seeking approval of its proposed crude oil pipeline. On April 27, 2007, TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP, (Keystone) filed a siting permit application for the South Dakota portion of the Keystone Pipeline Project (Project). The Project will transport crude oil starting in Hardisty, Alberta, Canada and ending in Patoka, Illinois. The proposed 30 inch diameter pipeline will have a nominal capacity of 435,000 barrels of oil per day (bpd) with a possible expansion to 591,000 bpd. The proposed route will enter South Dakota at the North Dakota/South Dakota border in Marshall County and extend in a southerly direction, exiting the state at the South Dakota/Nebraska border in Yankton County. The length of the pipeline in South Dakota will be approximately 220 miles and it will cross the counties of Marshall, Day, Clark, Beadle, Kingsbury, Miner, Hanson, McCook, Hutchinson and Yankton. The Project also includes four pump stations in South Dakota located in Day, Beadle, Miner and Hutchinson counties along with 15 mainline valves with an average spacing of 15 miles between valves.

At the hearing, interested persons may appear and present their questions, views and comments regarding the application. Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15(5), the application is on file in the following County Auditor Offices: Marshall County, Day County, Clark County, Beadle County, Kingsbury County, Miner County, Hanson County, McCook County, Hutchinson County, Yankton County. The application is also on file in the Commission's office in the Capitol Building in Pierre, and the application and all other documents in the case may also be accessed on the Commission's web site at www.puc.sd.gov under "Commission Actions," "Commission Dockets," "2007 Hydrocarbon Pipeline Dockets," "HP07-001."

The parties to this proceeding are currently TransCanada and the Commission. Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17, any person residing in the area of the project, each municipality, county, and governmental agency in the project area, any non-profit organization formed in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health or other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interests, to represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the project area, or any interested person, may be granted formal party status in this proceeding by making written application to the Commission as provided in ARSD 20:10:22:40 on or before June 26, 2007. Application forms for party status will be available at all public input hearings listed above.

For approval, TransCanada must show that the proposed energy conversion facility will comply with all applicable laws and rules, will not pose a threat of serious injury to the environment nor to the social and economic condition of inhabitants or expected inhabitants in the siting area, will not substantially impair the health, safety or welfare of the inhabitants, and will not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region with due consideration having been given to the views of governing bodies of affected local units of government. Based upon these factors, the Commission will decide whether the permit should be granted, denied or granted upon such terms, conditions or modifications of the construction, operation or maintenance as the Commission finds are appropriate.

The parties will have the right to appeal the final decision in this case to the appropriate Circuit Court by serving and filing a notice of appeal of the decision in accordance with SDCL 1-26-31, within thirty (30) days after the date of service of the notice of entry of decision in this case.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Please contact the Commission at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you. The Commission's contact information is: ph (800) 332-1782; fax (866)757-6031; www.puc.sd.gov; 500 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501.