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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you concerning the TransCanada Pipeline. This pipeline does not cross my property so I have no direct financial concern. I am half a mile away. My concerns are these:

1. The PUC should take a closer look at the route. It should be easy to find a safer route than across sandy land over an aquifer.
2. The PUC should require that the line not be built at subquality standards.
3. The PUC should require frequent tests of water quality from each quarter section of land that it crosses. It should also require flow and pressure monitoring. All this is cheap and if I were building a line I would certainly do so.
4. It seems obvious that everytime a powerline or pipeline is built no one ever says "I hope it crosses my land." The reason for this is of course that the land owners know that they will not be adequately compensated.
6. The PUC should consider why if the line is safe, a large company with deep pockets is not financially responsible for damages. Not even insurance.
5. The builders make clear that they offer tax money as the cheapest method of getting their way.
7. This is not a public utility or road. It is just a private business. And a Canadian private business at that, dealing with private South Dakota citizens.

Well, if there is a leak into a aquifer it will cause Katrina like damages. And the builders say that there will be a leak.

Yours sincerely,

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