Public Utilities Commission Capitol Building, 1st Floor 500 East Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Commissioners:

As a President of the Britton Economic Development Corporation I want to relay my thoughts as to the proposed pipeline route chosen that the Transcanada Pipeline will impact. As I understand it and as experts have acknowledged this area contains the surface aquifer that provides the water for the BDM aquifer which supplies Britton and a host of other people in this part of northeast South Dakota.

While I am very much pro development, I am also mindful of what our future generations will have to put up with if we are not careful and prudent in our development efforts. While I understand the risk of a leak may be small, I believe that there must be a safer route around this aquifer that would not impact our quality drinking water. I realize that this may delay Transcanada's plans, but I would rather delay them now than cause a massive problem later that many years would not fix. Please consider this as you deliberate the proposed route in South Dakota.

Very Sincerely yours,

President Britton Economic Development Corporation

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