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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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Dear Commissioners Hanson, Kolbeck and Johnson:

As a concerned citizen and BDM rural water patron, I am concerned about the proposed route of the TransCanada Pipeline. While I realize that the growing need for energy exists, we must also protect one of our most valuable natural resources---our water.

I believe that the surface aquifer present in Marshall County is at risk from the proposed pipeline route. While a leak could permanently damage this valuable aquifer, other dangers present themselves, too. I don't mean to be an alarmist, but what better target for a terrorist group than to be able to cripple our energy and water sources in one attack? In this age of terrorist activity, all possibilities must be considered. With the measures being taken at our airports, public buildings and even our schools to protect against and prepare for terrorist attacks, this is not an unrealistic concern.

In this semi-arid, but highly productive portion of our country, we must protect our valuable water resource. As a concerned citizen and voter, I appeal to you to reroute the TransCanada pipeline to a more appropriate area.

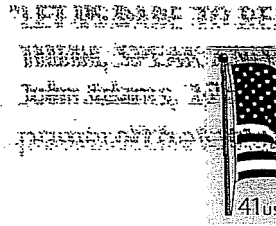
Sincerely,



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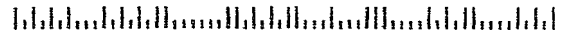
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Dear BDM Water User:

As you may know, TransCanada has proposed a path for their pipeline right though an area in Marshall County that is the surface aquifer which flows directly into BDM's water source aquifer. Experts testified at the recent PUC hearing that this is dangerous and places our BDM water source at risk. WE THE PEOPLE must inform the PUC commissioners that this is unacceptable and that there must be a pipeline reroute around this sensitive water intake area. I have enclosed a preaddressed / stamped envelope along with a sheet of paper you may use to jot down your request to the PUC commissioners to order a route around our sensitive water area. Time is very very short.

Thank You,

Kent Moeckly
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