

February 16, 2010

Dear Mr. Cable;

Thank you for sending your comments to the PUC regarding TransCanada's request to construct the Keystone XL hydrocarbon pipeline. In order for the Commissioners and others interested in the siting case to see your comments, they will be made part of the official docket. The docket and its filings are posted online at www.puc.sd.gov. Click on "Commission Actions," "Commission Dockets," "Hydrocarbon Dockets," "2009 Hydrocarbon Dockets," and "HP09-001." If you do not wish your comments made part of the docket, please respond to me and I will remove them. Since this is an open docket and Commissioners will need to make a decision on it after reviewing the files, communication with them regarding the docket must be available to the public.

Specifically, I understand you have concerns related to the EIS, or the Environmental Impact Study. The EIS is a study performed by the federal government to comply with NEPA, the National Environmental Policy Act. The EIS endeavors to study environmental impacts on a national scale. The PUC on the other hand has jurisdiction on a state level only. South Dakota siting regulations require a state specific environmental study. The applicant in this case completed the study in ample time for expert and commission review. I understand your concern and want to assure you an environmental study was done. The SD PUC studied a South Dakota specific environmental assessment.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write. The PUC Commissioners appreciate hearing from the affected consumers about issues before them.

Sincerely,

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From: Ed Cable
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2010 3:34:04 PM
To: PUC
Subject: Keystone XL
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This email is to confirm that the members of Save Union County LLC hereby strongly recommend that you either not take a vote as previously scheduled this next week or deny the approval on this very large project until all can review the full EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) which has not yet even been released by the DOS. It would appear to the public that you are not properly considering the possible impacts of such a project by approving it before you have had an opportunity to review all documents related to this project.

Ed Cable, Save Union County LLC