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From: Mohr, Leah On Behalf Of Johnson, Dustin (PUC)  
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2010 7:39 AM  
To: Ann Rinke  
Subject: RE: Please Wait on the Vote on Keystone XL

Thanks for taking the time to email your personal thoughts on the Keystone XL project to me and my colleagues Commissioners Kolbeck and Hanson.

You ask for us to conduct a thorough evaluation of this project, and I can assure you we have for all areas under the Commission jurisdiction. Since 2007 the Commission has reviewed thousands and thousands of pages of information and heard testimony from more than two dozen witnesses on the siting of interstate hydrocarbon pipelines. On the Keystone XL pipeline specifically, five Commission staffers, three Commissioners, and a number of outside expert consultants have spent months reviewing the project. Our environmental review has been conducted independently from any EIS and is not dependent upon the completion of an EIS. Our process reviewed hydrology, wildlife, plants and vegetation, erosion, soil types, noise, and many other areas of concern.

Have you taken an opportunity to review the Commission's order on the Keystone I pipeline (<http://puc.sd.gov/commission/orders/HydrocarbonPipeline/2008/hp07-001.pdf>)? I do not know if the Commission's decision on Keystone XL will be similar, but reading the Keystone I order will provide you some context for the due diligence that is conducted for projects of this type, and for the many conditions the Commission can place upon them. For those interested in hydrocarbon pipelines, I think reading the Keystone I order is well worth the time.

Many thanks,  
Dusty

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From: Sierra Club Membership Services On Behalf Of Ann Rinke Sandberg  
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 12:24 PM  
To: Johnson, Dustin (PUC)  
Subject: Please Wait on the Vote on Keystone XL

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Commissioner Dustin Johnson

Dear Commissioner Johnson,

In consideration of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline permit, I remind you that it is your job to conduct a thorough evaluation of the proposal. This includes a complete examination of a detailed environmental impact statement, an emergency response plan, and an assessment of the project's overall worthiness for our state. Please, do not make a decision regarding the Keystone XL pipeline permit until you meet the burden of due process. That is your responsibility to me and all of the citizens of South Dakota. You accepted the positions of PUC Commissioners, now you need to do your

job. Protect our state from unnecessary environmental damage and undue economic burden by doing your homework, and making informed decisions. This proposed project is NOT a candidate for "fast-tracking". Hence, you must insist that TransCanada live up to their end of the proposal by providing the necessary documentation embodied in the environmental impact statement and emergency response plan. Only then will you be able to focus your skills on a complete evaluation. Use

your resources, talk to citizens and technical experts, and think about it with the care it deserves. South Dakota has been stuck with the bill of environmental damage because of lax oversight before. I implore you to perform the duties of your position with integrity and don't let it happen again.

Sincerely,

Ms. Ann Rinke Sandberg  
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