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My name is Paul Seamans and I live at 27893 244th Street Draper, SD. The Keystone XL pipeline crosses 1½ miles of my land south of Draper. I have registered as an intervenor in the permitting process and have decided to register my concerns at tonight's meeting. I have reservations whether my concerns will be adequately address^{ed} in this^{Permitting} process.

One of my major concerns with Keystone XL is what happens after the pipeline is abandoned? If the pipeline is not removed it will rust, sinkholes will develop and it will be a hazard to vehicles, livestock and especially, to people. Although TransCanada has stated they will follow the laws in place at the time of abandonment, I would rather see a fund established by TransCanada to pay for removal of the pipeline when the time comes. I would ask that you as commissioners, require establishment of a bond for the removal of the pipeline as a condition of this permit.

I also have a problem with TransCanada wanting a perpetual easement. I don't feel I should commit all future owners of my land to an easement with TransCanada or their successors. The easement should only be in force until such time as the pipeline is abandoned. Perhaps the South Dakota Legislature should establish a maximum easement length for pipelines of 99 years rather than allowing perpetual easements.

On the subject of taxes to be paid by TransCanada to the counties I feel TransCanada has been less than forthcoming. They are promising the affected counties large sums of tax money but will not reveal how they arrive at these figures. Even the South Dakota Department of Revenue is reduced to making assumptions in order to figure the amount of taxes paid ^{to} TransCanada.

Being interested in history, I would like to see a walking cultural resources survey conducted by an independent party and paid for by TransCanada. This would be to mark, and protect, old trails, homesteads and Native American sites. Also there should be a walking survey done by qualified biologists as I have seen the somewhat rare burrowing beetles along the pipeline route south of Draper.

In summary I would like to express my appreciation to the PUC for the opportunity to make this statement. Thank you.