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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
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Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Dear Commissioners:

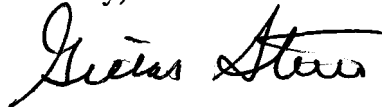
In re: TransCanada XL Line

As a resident of, business man in and County Commissioner of Hutchinson County, I have observed firsthand the construction of the Keystone Pipeline. TransCanada and its construction contractors have placed needed infrastructure in place which will provide significant property tax to Hutchinson County and the school districts of the County.

TransCanada and its contractors have been respectful of the rights and concerns of the property owners of Hutchinson County and have worked hard to meet the expectations of the County on the repair of roads impacted by construction. When the County has a concern relative to road damage, TransCanada's response has been prompt and their response has been appropriate when all circumstances are considered.

The contractors for TransCanada have supported local businesses and were good business partners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gillas Stern", written in a cursive style.

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