

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC FOR AN ENERGY)
FACILITY PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE)
DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE)

ORDER FOR AND NOTICE OF
MOTIONS HEARING

HP14-002

On December 15, 2014, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an energy facility permit application (Application) from Dakota Access, LLC (Dakota Access) pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-4 to construct the South Dakota portion of the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline (Pipeline). The Pipeline will begin in North Dakota and terminate in Patoka, Illinois, traversing 13 counties in South Dakota. The proposed 12- to 30-inch diameter pipeline will have an initial capacity of 450,000 barrels of oil per day with a total potential of up to 570,000 barrels per day. The proposed route will enter South Dakota in Campbell County at the North Dakota/South Dakota border and will extend in a southeasterly direction, exiting the state at the South Dakota/Iowa border in Lincoln County. The length of the Pipeline through South Dakota is approximately 272.3 miles. The Pipeline also would include one pump station in South Dakota located in Spink County. Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-24, the Commission had one year from the date of application to render a decision on the Application.

On January 8, 2015, Commissioner Fiegen filed a letter delivered to Governor Dennis Daugaard advising of a conflict of interest under SDCL 49-1-9 after learning of family ownership of land on the proposed Pipeline route. On January 14, 2015, Governor Daugaard filed a letter to Secretary of State Shantel Krebs appointing State Treasurer Rich Sattgast to serve as Acting Commissioner in place of Commissioner Fiegen pursuant to SDCL 49-1-9.

On December 14, 2015, the Commission issued its Final Decision and Order granting the permit, subject to conditions. The permit conditions require Dakota Access to file with the Commission its proposed public liaison officer's credentials and third-party monitor's credentials for approval by the Commission prior to the commencement of construction. On January 27, 2015, Dakota Access filed a Motion for Approval of Public Liaison Officer pursuant to Permit Condition, No. 6. On February 12, 2016, Dakota Access filed a Motion to Withdraw its Motion for Approval of Public Liaison Officer. On February 18, 2016, Dakota Access filed a Motion for Approval of Public Liaison Officer and a Motion for Approval of Third Party Compliance Monitor.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that a hearing on the above-listed motions will be held by the Commission in connection with its regular meeting on March 15, 2016, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in Room 413, Capitol Building, Pierre, SD. It is further

ORDERED, that responses to the motions shall be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 9, 2016.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 1st day of March, 2016.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.

By: Lauren West

Date: 3-1-16

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Richard L. Sattgast
RICHARD L. SATTGAST, Acting Commissioner