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**Subject:** Stop Dakota Access HP14-002  
**Reply-To:** [REDACTED]

Commissioner

Docket Number: HP14-002

I oppose the construction of the proposed Dakota Access crude oil pipeline because it will pose a threat of serious injury to the environment and current or future inhabitants. The pipeline will substantially impair the health, safety and welfare of South Dakota communities. The pipeline will destroy natural resources that are needed to sustain South Dakota as a leader in agriculture and tourism. Also, South Dakota does not have state inspectors or funds to protect citizens from pipeline accidents.

The Dakota Access Pipeline would not serve the good of the public. It is all risk and no reward for South Dakota and its residents. The pipeline would be a negative legacy for all South Dakotans.

The potential impact of an oil spill or leak to water and land quality for both private and public lands would be devastating and costly to South Dakota's communities.

The remedy that I seek is to outright deny a permit to construct the Dakota Access crude oil pipeline in South Dakota.

I am a South Dakota landowner affected by this pipeline. The affected land has been in our family for many years and I feel it is totally wrong to allow a profit making company to permanently take land through the eminent domain process.

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**From:** DENNIS HAUGEN[S] [REDACTED]  
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**To:** PUC  
**Subject:** RE: Pipeline  
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The Dakota Access docket HP 14-002

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Address of the proposed pipe line is

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This my mother and brother.

Thank You.

To whom this might help hard working farmers.

I am writng in behave of my family farm that is this pipline wants to run through the pasture land that my decesed father had worked for years and years to pay off by farming/milking cows and working a full time job. Just so he could own his dream. And now some big shots with fancy lawyers/threating phone calls/threating letters and bullys showing up on the farm place want to take away.

I know we are living in a world of "progress" but they way they want to bully their way into taking away the "family farm" and during harvest when everyone is beyond busy dealing with breakdowns/flat tires/ rain and now having "bully's in suits" showing up telling them lies and forcing there way on to property that is not theirs.

I hope you consider how you would feel if you have worked your whole life for something and any body can just take it from you.

I am guessing you will dismiss this letter as another whining farm owner but we live in South Dakota a great place where we pride ourselves in ownership and hard work. I hope you never have YOUR LAND taken away like this. It is cause for sleepless nights and heartache.

Thank You for your time.

Patty Haugen

Proud daughter/sister of hard working farmers.

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**From:** PUC  
**Sent:** Monday, November 09, 2015 1:41 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** HP14-002

Ms. Haugen:

This is in response to your email regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline permit request, docket HP14-002. The Public Utilities Commission must follow state law which requires us to complete an investigation and make a decision within one year following Dakota Access Pipeline's filing of the permit application request. Therefore, the commission will issue a decision by Dec. 15, 2015.

A synopsis of the permit application review process is provided in a Pipeline Siting Guide available online at <http://www.puc.sd.gov/commission/Publication/pipelinesiting.pdf> Here is an excerpt from that document:  
*-The PUC is not involved in the easement acquisition process that occurs between applicants and landowners. Likewise, the PUC does not have a role in the eminent domain process, which is handled in the circuit court system. Landowners with concerns about these issues should seek advice from their personal attorney.*

You may find this Dakota Access Pipeline Frequently-Asked-Questions document helpful as well:  
<http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/2014/hp14-002faq.aspx>

Thank you for writing. I appreciate your frustration on behalf of your family as landowners along the proposed project route. Your message and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the formal docket so the applicant and all parties to the open, public docket have access to them:  
<http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/2014/hp14-002.aspx>

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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Dear PUC

I am writing to you regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline.

I am encouraging the PUC to deny the permit to build this pipeline across S.D. One of many reasons to deny the permit is the fact that pipelines leak sooner or later. This is an environmental disaster! The amount of land that will be tore up thru productive farmland is mind boggling. I know, the PUC is for this project as they claim "Economic Development." Economic Development at whose cost?? This is private property, at least I thought it was. The pipeline is more than happy to give the Eminent Domain threat, as well as the threat to try to stop their people from trespassing on the land.

I believe you have had a lot of reason's given to you by the interveners against this project. Please do not choose to ignore the facts.

This pipeline is all about big money for the oil company's. If North Dakota wants to move oil - there is a refinery in Laurel, Montana. Common sense should tell you there is no reason to pipe it way south then push it North.

By allowing this pipeline to cross at an angle the parcels of land it devalues is Huge. This is a TOXIC pipeline. Oil and plant growth do not go together. The pipeline boys lie. It was mentioned

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at the Bowdle meeting about the heat from the pipe would dry out the ground above it. The pipeline boys denied it and the PUC just sat there. It is called friction - at 1400 PSI. If you don't believe this, just put a garden hose on snow and run water thru it. The hose will melt thru the snow. Now add pressure to it and create more heat.

It was mentioned that the "farmers" maybe the ones that find the leaks. Why, may I ask, are we to keep checking for leaks? Are we to baby sit this when we don't want it? Seems to me a preventative move would be NO Pipeline

Why is it that we as landowners are having to try to protect the ground that we have worked so hard to buy and take care of?? Now we are told by the pipeline that they will go thru the farm with or without permission and the PUC just sits there and does nothing!

Unfortunately the farmers/ranchers do not have the money to fight the pipeline in court and the PUC stands on the sidelines only to give permission as was the case in another pipeline that goes across S.D.

Please do some research on pipeline leaks. There are a lot of them in N.D. They are on the internet, but that of course is something the pipeline people and PUC like to not admit to.

In closing, the "economic development" drum beat does NOT ~~justify~~ justify the damage to private property.

Please deny the permit as you have plenty of documented reasons that it is bad for the environment. Plus they can not guarantee that there will not be a leak disaster.

We get waterlines from W&B, power lines from F&M, and Phone lines from Venture going across this farm but none of those will contaminate the ground if there is a break.

To Subject Virgin ground to a toxic pipeline makes as much sense as injecting a small group of people (landowners) with the cancer gene. Look at the "economic's" of it. More work for Doctors, Hospitals, Nurses, Hospice care and Funeral Homes.

Sincerely  
Mel Beyers

P.S. a Landowner, Taxpayer, VOTER

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