

From: Adam [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 8:31 PM
To: Hanson, Gary (PUC)
Subject: Dakota Access Pipeline

Dear Mr. Hanson

I am writing this letter in regards to the Dakota Access Pipeline. I have friends and fellow farmers who will be greatly affected by you and your fellow commissioners decisions. As a farmer, I think about how will the company hired to install said pipeline will treat the land that many farmers have tended to and worked their entire lives and in many cases for generations. If this pipeline were going through my land I would want topsoil dug out first and piled separately and then the subsoil dug out next and piled in a different pile. When it comes time to back fill the pipeline trench the subsoil should be filled in first and then the topsoil. If this is not done correctly and topsoil is mixed in altogether with the subsoil you will be able to see the path of this pipeline for years to come. As you know it takes many many years to build black topsoil and to bury it 6 feet under would be a disservice and disrespectful to landowners. (For example in the Hartford area you can still see today where the Lewis and Clark water pipeline was dug in..... because they did not do as mentioned above.

Another concern I have is for all the drain tile that this company will cut and destroy during installation. The company should be held responsible for repairing all tile and making sure tile works correctly up to 3 years later in the areas they have wrecked. As we know it will take many years for the dirt to resettle, and tile that is spliced in unstable soil will bulge and sometimes break, therefore defeating the purpose of the whole drainage system. (I have installed over 300,000 feet of tile on our own ground and understand the investment and the benefits of these systems.)

Lastly I question the route that this company has proposed. It seems foolish to come near some of the fastest growing communities in South Dakota. The Tea/Harrisburg areas have added alot of value to this state! I would recommend them to use existing PUC right of ways and stay away from the greater Sioux Falls area! Dakota Accesses first decision to travel through the 85th st I-229 area shows their lack of sight and planing in their route altogether. With the wide open spaces South Dakota has you would think one could stay miles away from towns and at least a 1/4 of a mile away from residences.

In closing I do think this pipeline would be beneficial to North Dakota and the United States as a whole. But I do not see long lasting benefits for South Dakota, so I ask that the PUC look out for this state and it's property owners! We all know the environmental track record in the Bakken region has not been very good, and many landowners rights have been trampled on. I hope the same does not happen here.

Thank you for your service to this great state and I trust that you and you fellow commissioners will watch out for all of us!

- Adam VanZanten Colton, SD

From: PUC

Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 8:00 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: DAKOTA ACCESS, HP14-002

Mr. VanZanten:

Thank you for contacting the PUC regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline docket that is currently before the commission for consideration. The three-plus points that you made are very appropriate concerns. We heard similar views expressed by citizens during each of the four South Dakota public informational meetings conducted by the PUC last week in Bowdle, Redfield, Iroquois, and Sioux Falls. The tile issue and the proposed location of the route were top concerns of many persons who spoke during the meetings.

You will find it interesting to examine the Dakota Access docket, HP14-002, at the PUC web site at <http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/2014/hp14-002.aspx>. This will allow you to view a PowerPoint presentation by the pipeline company. Note page 14 that relays how the company proposes to deal with the top soil and subsoil issue. You will be able to view the application, minutes of meetings, orders by the commission, correspondence, and other information regarding the Dakota Access docket and follow along as the docket is processed and new information is added.

The PUC's web site is www.puc.sd.gov and on the home page, you will find a Dakota Access Frequently Asked Questions document and a Pipeline Siting Information Guide. From this page you can navigate through every docket and all of the PUC public hearings' archives. The Dakota Access docket can be found by clicking on Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Hydrocarbon Pipeline Dockets, 2014 Hydrocarbon Pipeline Dockets, and HP14-002.

Thank you for writing to express your concerns. The commission values input from the public and comments can be received throughout the proceeding. Because this communication regards an open docket before the commission, your message and my reply will be posted in the docket.

Gary Hanson, Commissioner
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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UTILITIES COMMISSION

HP14-002 - In the Matter of the Application of Dakota Access, LLC for an Energy Facility
Permit to Construct the Dakota Access Pipeline

Dear Commissioners,

When I look at the Dakota Access Pipeline project, I am gratified to see the attention to details that Energy Transfer is committed to. This project is a long-term partnership with landowners that will provide a large, private investment for our region.

The company will bury the pipeline deep enough that it will not threaten farmland, rivers and lakes. In fact, Energy Transfer is committed to being a long-term partner to the landowners in South Dakota and the other states through which the pipeline will pass. It will take responsibility for any damage from the beginning and for years thereafter.

The reclamation processes that will be utilized – and the commitment to restoring our lands and roads – is an important consideration for road contractors, like myself. It is good to see a company that wants to invest billions in compliance with laws and meet the needs of landowners.

As a contractor myself, I know from experience that such good practices are far from a given, and growing rarer each day. I'm glad that this project is being advanced by a company that knows how to get the job done right. And I'm glad, for our community, that we have the opportunity to be a part of a project that will carry a real economic impact here at home while also helping to make our nation more secure from an energy standpoint.

I urge you to approve this application. It will be good for South Dakota and for the region.

Sincerely,



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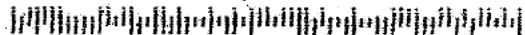
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