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Dear Mr. Mollet:

Thank you for your letter regarding my vote on the Dakota Access Pipeline during the Public Utilities Commission's meeting on Nov. 30, 2015. A pipeline siting docket such as this is a year-long arduous process involving a great deal of careful analysis, questioning, legal research, listening, and internal debate. I am certain it was not a simple process for any commissioner to reach a decision. The intricacies of the applications of law and complexities of these dockets rest differently on each of us.

The drafting of the final order formalizing the commission's decision is in the works and thus, this docket is still open before the commission. Therefore, your letter and my response will be filed under Comments and Responses in this docket, available to the other commissioners and all parties to access via the commission's website, www.puc.sd.gov. The docket is HP14-002. Since you referenced the Keystone XL Pipeline docket, HP14-001, and it is still open, these will be posted in that docket also.

Enclosed are some documents that may interest you: Dakota Access Pipeline Frequently Asked Questions, Keystone XL Pipeline Updates, and Pipeline Siting Info Guide. All are available on the commission's website.

Sincerely,

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