

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

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC FOR AN  
ENERGY FACILITY PERMIT TO  
CONSTRUCT THE DAKOTA ACCESS  
PIPELINE** )  
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**APPLICATION FOR PARTY  
STATUS  
HP14-002**

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10:22:40 Bret Merkle  
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(Name of Applicant)

petitions the Public Utilities Commission to be granted party status in the above-referenced facility permit proceeding.

Briefly explain your interest in this permit proceeding. Form is limited to 1000 characters.

I own land in 8-99-50 Lincoln County where the pipeline is proposed, and I am legal counsel for several landowners in the area whose land will be affected either directly or indirectly by the pipeline.



Signature of Applicant

**Bret Merkle**

Print or Type Name

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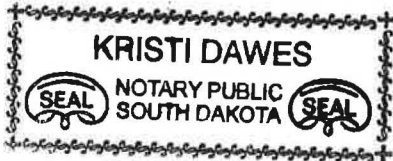
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Pente Farms, LLC  
Name of Organization if filing on behalf of organization

February 2, 2015  
Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of February, 2015.

  
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 3/25/2019

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**NOTE:**

The petition was filed Dec. 15, 2014, consistent with SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10:22:40. This Application for Party Status form must be filed in the Commission's offices on or before Feb. 13, 2015.

Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
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