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Re: Docket: HP 14--002

Commissioners of the South Dakota PUC


I am writing you today to express my disapproval of the Dakota Access pipeline. There will be a serious economic and environmental condition that will negatively affect South Dakota. The proposed route will stop growth in some of the fastest growing areas of South Dakota. Land values will be negatively affected for those with the pipeline on their property, and for landowners near the pipeline. With less development and lower property values, this will reduce state and local tax revenues permanently. Dakota Access has stated that the pipeline will be depreciated over time and South Dakota will end up with no tax revenue after a few years. Dakota Access won't be paying tax on what goes through the pipe and landowners won't be fairly compensated from a company running a business on their land.

The proposed route will damage many acres of farm land and drain tile. In many cases the land will never be back to its most productive state. You will be able to see crop damage many years after the pipeline is installed. Crop damage will continue long after the crop payments have ended.

The Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan for the pipeline leaves many exceptions for Dakota Access not to repair drainage tile back to its original condition. As a farmer this is very concerning to me. I feel this proposed project does not serve or benefit South Dakota. Please deny the permit to build the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Sincerely,

Matthew Anderson


Hartford, SD 57033

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February 11, 2015

Matthew Anderson
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Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for your letter noting specific concerns regarding your property and the Dakota Access Pipeline construction permit application. Your letter will be added to the Dakota Access docket, HP14-002, along with this response.

You will find the docket online at www.puc.sd.gov by clicking on Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Hydrocarbon Pipeline Dockets, 2014 Hydrocarbon Pipeline Dockets, and HP14-002. Because commissioners have a decision-making role in docket matters, any discussion with a commissioner about an open docket must take place in an open, public forum. By adding your letter in the docket file under Comments and Responses, the other commissioners and interested parties will have access to your comments for consideration.

I am also enclosing a document titled Pipeline Siting Info Guide and a Dakota Access Pipeline Frequently Asked Questions document, both from the commission's website which may be helpful.

Sincerely,

Chris Nelson

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Re: Docket: HP 14--002

January 31, 2015

Dear Commissioners of the P.U.C.,

My name is Kristi Anderson and the Dakota Access Pipeline is scheduled to go through our land at the top of the hill about 1000 feet from our home, along with many acres of farmable ground that we rent. I expressed at the meeting in Sioux Falls that it's not "if" the oil pipe leaks, but "when", which is a great concern to me. When it leaks, the only direction it will go is down our hill, running toward our house, ruining everything on its way. We have a pond on our land that is located at the bottom of the hill near our house as well, that collects water from fields in many directions and the outflow of it runs down the creek and right through the town of Hartford, which leads right to the River that flows through Sioux Falls.

As P.U.C. Commissioners, have you taken time to drive the proposed route? Dakota Access Pipeline has now place stakes along the proposed route. It is sickening to see all the wonderful, rich farmland it will ruin. It brought tears to my eyes at how close it will run by so many homes and even schools. Why? Is it necessary? Our farmers and homeowners and schools should take a higher rank than a pipeline business in this state, right?

If I could remind you, that the Montana oil spill that happened in January 2015, spilled over 60,000 gallons of oil in less than sixty minutes out of a 12 inch pipeline. The proposed pipeline is going to have a pipe that is 30 inches wide. Can you imagine how much oil will spill onto so much of our state and its land when this pipe leaks or bursts? The entire eastern portion of our beloved state is going to experience devastating loss in multiple ways. Our homes, waterways, and farmland that bring in a large portion of our states revenue are just a few to be named.

The proposed pipeline route is not in the best interest of the most populated area of South Dakota. This pipeline is not designed to help South Dakotans at all. Some may call it selfish, but I feel that allowing this pipeline will not only put my family and neighbors at risk, but *it will* put many communities in economic distress. Hartford, Sioux Falls, Tea and Harrisburg are just a few that will be greatly affected. Any chance of growing housing developments or businesses is going to be put to a stop. There will be no more chance of gaining more residents in those areas that would bring in revenue for the communities, schools, etc. Also, this would stop future increase of tax revenue due to development because of the pipeline. The tax benefits from the pipeline are very short term and I feel it won't be as much as they claim it would be due to depreciation.

In the past, things like telephone poles and natural gas lines were put in place *to help* better the lives of every South Dakotan. After listening to the Dakota Access Pipeline presentations and doing research on them, I am certain that this pipeline is not going to better the lives of the South Dakotan's. It is designed to help just the Dakota Access Pipeline business, as very little of their money will be shared with our state and the people affected will see little to none over a one-time payment. Sure the construction companies and welders will walk

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away with a paycheck and a smile at the end of their temporary job, but I have to live on the property I own and see the long-term damage and risk that has been created for the rest of my life. No amount of money will compensate that or bring a smile to my face. I am asking you, the P.U.C. members to think of the hundreds of thousands that it will be affected in a negative way for the rest of their existence on this beautiful earth.

Many South Dakota citizens are well aware of the fact that this pipeline will not benefit any of the landowners it affects long term. The value of our land is in jeopardy. We have worked so hard to make the farmland productive and keep the homestead in great condition for our children in the future. The pipeline is not looking out for the future generations that will live on and own any of the land the route will be on. The land is not protected under a new landowner's name. From what I understand, any leak or spill that occurs for the people that take over in the future is their responsibility. How is that looking out for the citizens of our land and state? Why would they even want to continue on and take over the family farming business with all the risk running through it?

This entire proposal leaves me feeling violated as an American citizen. I am thankful daily for the many freedoms we have in our nation. Yet I'm left wondering at the end of the day what has happened to my rights as a land owner. What happened to "no" meaning "no"? No, I don't want someone else's business running through my property at no benefit to us. No, eminent domain shouldn't be an option for an out of state business that isn't taking full responsibility for spills that will devastate our land or pay royalties for that matter. NO, I do not want the pipeline going through any of my land, or my family's land, neighbor's land, or anyone else that doesn't feel it is right. That should stand for something, right?


As a teacher, I teach my students the importance of being upstanding, law abiding, voting citizens. I teach them to fight for what they feel is right in the correct manner. Vote for people who will use their voice correctly for the betterment of our society. I teach them to stand up for what they feel is right and protect what they work hard for. You, the members of the P.U.C, are the voted-in voice that will help protect the people, communities and land for the future generations of our state that this pipeline will affect.

Please deny the pipeline and the terrible proposed route.

Thank you for all of your time and devotion in listening to the people of South Dakota.

Sincerely,

Kristi Anderson


Hartford, SD 57033



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Kristi Anderson

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Hartford SD 57033

Dear Ms. Anderson:

Thank you for your letter with concerns regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline construction permit application filed with the commission on Dec. 15, 2014 by Energy Transfer Partners, L.P. Your letter will be added to the Dakota Access Pipeline docket, HP14-002, along with this response.

You will find the docket online at www.puc.sd.gov by clicking on Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Hydrocarbon Pipeline Dockets, 2014 Hydrocarbon Pipeline Dockets, and HP14-002. I encourage you to access the docket to read the documents filed there, and do so regularly to see new documents and information as they are added. The commission has a limit of one year during which to analyze the permit application and request additional information, and ultimately render a decision. Therefore, we have much work and many questions to answer before that point is reached. While commissioners are reviewing and questioning, a team of commission staff members assigned to the docket and their consultants as needed are doing the same independently, along with any intervenors as other parties in the case. Because commissioners have a decision-making role in docket matters, any discussion with a commissioner about an open docket must take place in an open, public forum. By placing your letter in the docket, the other commissioners and interested parties will have access to your comments for consideration.

Enclosed is a document from the home page of the commission's web site titled Pipeline Siting Info Guide which explains the processing of pipeline siting permit requests which may be helpful to you. I have also enclosed a Dakota Access Pipeline Frequently Asked Questions document from the site which may be of interest.

Sincerely,

Chris Nelson

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 3:37:05 PM
To: PUC Docket Filings
Subject: Existing Docket Filing
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Docket Number: HP 14-002 Last Name: Peterson First Name: John Company: n/a Address: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] City: Canton State: SD Zip: 57013 Phone: [REDACTED] Fax: [REDACTED] Email:
[REDACTED] Comments:

Dakota Access Pipeline

I am a landowner in Lincoln County, South Dakota. Our family property through which the Dakota Access Pipeline is proposed to run is legally described as: Dayton Township SW ¼ Section 32, Township 99W, Range 48 W. As I have discussed with the contact person from Dakota Access, one of our several concerns are the underground springs that exist at and near where they wish to put the pipeline. There are many underground springs as well as above ground waterways. The pipeline crosses one of these surface drainages on our property as well. These springs and drainages also run into the nearby slough and creek which are within a matter of yards of the proposed pipeline. The creek runs into the river within about one mile. These springs do make this somewhat of a cool water and clear water creek and slough. I have seined and trapped fish in this creek and slough that I do not see in other waterways. In addition the area is well populated with waterfowl, furbearers and reptilians. I don't pretend to be an expert on fish and have not attempted to catalog all species I have netted, but they do include red bellied dace and sticklebacks. I have many pictures of river otters in this creek-slough system as well. This is most definitely an environmentally sensitive area. The disruption from installing and operating and potential leaks of this very large pipeline concern us.

The recent leak of a much smaller pipeline into the Yellowstone was noted in the local paper. I think a leak in this much larger pipeline would be devastating. It is in reality located within this waterway. Dakota Access noted that they document these concerns and make sure an open discussion is had concerning such concerns. They also indicated that they have an environmental team check these things out. I doubt that can be done very well in the winter. Dakota Access has commented that this property is in a flood plain and they deal with that on many projects. I am visiting with them concerning a preliminary survey.

From: PUC

Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 6:37 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: DAKOTA ACCESS, HP14-002

Mr. Peterson:

Thank you for your message to my fellow commissioners and me regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline. It will be posted in the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's formal pipeline siting docket, HP14-002, under Comments and Responses. Since this is an open docket before the commission, any correspondence involving a commissioner must be posted in the open, public docket so that other commissioners and all parties to the case have access to it.

Chairman Chris Nelson

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