

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

RE: Comment for HP-14-200 Dakota Access Pipeline

Dear Commissioners,

As a former teacher at Canton High School, I know how critical is it for schools to find the revenues we need to provide our youth with a quality education. That's why I am providing these comments in favor of the Dakota Access Pipeline and its route through South Dakota.

We are fortunate that energy companies have found crude oil deposits in North Dakota and that Energy Transfer Partners wants to invest billions to transport oil through pipelines for processing. These pipelines are the most efficient and safest way to move the oil. This is not disputed – federal statistics are clear on this point. If you accept that we need energy to keep our economy afloat, then the clear best option is pipeline transport.

The states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois could receive as much as \$129 million a year in property and income taxes from this project. Our schools, quite frankly, need this kind of influx of revenue. So do our fire departments, police stations, and other public services.

Projects like this one – if completed safely and with our community's best interest in mind – represent the type of growth that keep our schools sound and funded, and help us to provide the education that our children deserve.

I urge you to realize the importance of these new revenues to our schools and communities. Please support the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Sincerely,



Jim Bolin

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Canton, SD 57013

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**From:** PUC

**Sent:** Friday, February 27, 2015 1:31 PM

**Subject:** DAKOTA ACCESS, HP14-002

Representative Bolin:

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. Here is a link to the docket:

<http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/2014/hp14-002.aspx> 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.

You may find this document helpful, which explains the processing of a pipeline siting docket such as this:

<http://www.puc.sd.gov/commission/Publication/pipelinesiting.pdf>

This document is also posted on our home page which answers many of the questions we are receiving from South Dakotans on this pipeline project: <http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/2014/hp14-002faq.aspx>

Chairman Chris Nelson  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
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[REDACTED]  
Harrisburg, SD 57032  
January 22, 2015

To Whom It May Concern at May Adam:

RE: Public Hearing convened by the SD PUC Docket EL13-020  
in the matter of the application of Dakota Access, LLC  
for a permit to construct the Dakota Access Pipeline Project

#### Concern

Considering that the runoff waters from the city of Sioux Falls ~~has~~ <sup>have</sup> caused flooding downstream several times and considerably devalued housing property southeast of the city, an oil pipeline break upstream from the city of Sioux Falls could potentially inundate the largest city in the state of South Dakota and the surrounding area in a matter of time with billions of barrels of crude oil, thus causing not only incalculable destruction in the city of Sioux Falls, but also cause major loss of life and pollute the entire Sioux River, which circles the city, downstream from Sioux Falls.

Such a catastrophe is not unthinkable considering that an earth fault-line runs north of Kansas City, only a few hundred miles south of Sioux Falls.

#### Questions

With a pumping station proposed seven miles southeast of Redfield in Spink county, what shut-off valve system is planned upstream near the city of Sioux Falls?

Could the pipeline contain the extra pressure of crude oil being pumped into it perchance the pipeline shut-off valve were to be activated?

What would happen at the source of the crude oil input?

Would such a closure of the pipeline cause the entire drilling operation to be shutdown?

Would there be sufficient storage for the quantity of oil being pumped to contain the flow of crude oil until the entire drilling operation could be shut down should a closure of the pipeline be necessitated?

#### Proposal

With a proposal to construct a pipeline from Canada to cross the western part of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas to the Gulf of Mexico already in debate in Congress due to its crossing the Ogallala aquifer

and

another proposal to construct a pipeline across the eastern part of North Dakota and South Dakota to a proposed refinery near Elk Point, South Dakota having already been discussed to refine incoming oil from Canada,

I hereby **propose** building a refinery in North Dakota to refine the oil from all three sources, two in Canada and the Bakken oilfield in North Dakota, for the following reasons:

1. merging all three pipelines into one large pipeline to run to a destination in Illinois, after crossing Iowa, to join an existing pipeline could overburden that pipeline, and
2. due to a glut, the oil industry “bubble” has already burst, causing oil prices to plummet more than half-price recently to such a level that the proposed pipeline could lie useless and vacant in a matter of years, or possibly never even be used, perchance the pumping were to be shut down due to unprofitability of pumping, which could cause major bankruptcies in the pumping industry. In the 1950’s, I saw a 6 inch vacant pipeline, which crossed my parents’ farm in central Kansas, being dug up. The digging and closure of the trench caused a deplorable upset for many years in farming operations for many farmers for hundreds of miles.

Respectfully submitted,

*Donald R. Klassen*

Donald R. Klassen, citizen  
of Lincoln County



Chris Nelson, Chairperson  
Kristie Fiegen, Vice Chairperson  
Gary Hanson, Commissioner

*South Dakota*

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March 2, 2015

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Dear Mr. Klassen:

Thank you for your letter noting your concerns, questions and proposals regarding 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](http://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 specific points 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