

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC FOR AN ENERGY)	INTERVENTION
FACILITY PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE)	
DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE)	
)	HP14-002

On December 15, 2014, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an energy facility permit application (Application) from Dakota Access, LLC (Dakota Access) pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-4 to construct the South Dakota portion of the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline (Pipeline). The Pipeline will begin in North Dakota and terminate in Patoka, Illinois, traversing 13 counties in South Dakota. The proposed 12- to 30-inch diameter pipeline will have an initial capacity of 450,000 barrels of oil per day with a total potential of up to 570,000 barrels per day. The proposed route will enter South Dakota in Campbell County at the North Dakota/South Dakota border and will extend in a southeasterly direction, exiting the state at the South Dakota/Iowa border in Lincoln County. The length of the Pipeline through South Dakota is approximately 272.3 miles. The Pipeline also would include one pump station in South Dakota located in Spink County. Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-24, the Commission has one year from the date of application to render a decision on the Application. On December 16, 2014, the Commission issued a Notice of Application; Order for and Notice of Public Input Hearings; Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Party Status (Notice). Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:22:40, the Notice set February 13, 2015, as the deadline for filing an Application for Party Status. On December 17, 2014, Dakota Access filed a Motion for Waiver of ARSD 20:10:22:39.

On December 18, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted the Notice to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv and filed the Application with the County Auditor of each county wholly or partially within the Project area. On December 18 and 19, 2014, the Notice was served on the County Auditors of each of the thirteen counties on the proposed Pipeline route and upon the governing bodies of each county and municipality wholly or partially within the area of the proposed Pipeline. Notice of the Application and opportunity to apply for party status was also published in newspapers of general circulation in each county wholly or partially within the area of the proposed Pipeline route. On December 23, 2014, Dakota Access filed a revised Application and revised Exhibits A and C.

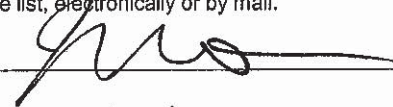
The Commission previously granted invention to numerous parties that timely filed for intervention and party status. On April 20, 2015, the Commission received South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems, Inc. Petition for Intervention (Petition).

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-17, and ARSD Chapter 20:10:22.

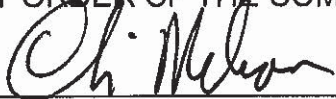
At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 30, 2015, the Commission considered the Petition. Finding that good cause existed to grant late intervention in this limited circumstance, the Commission voted unanimously to grant intervention to the South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems, Inc. It is therefore


ORDERED, that intervention is granted to the South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems, Inc.

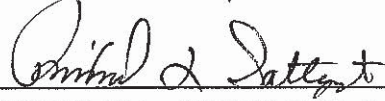
Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of May, 2015.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.
By: <u></u>
Date: <u>5/4/15</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


CHRIS NELSON, Chairman


GARY HANSON, Commissioner


RICHARD L. SATTGAST, Acting
Commissioner