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Chair Chris Nelson
Public Utilities Commission
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Thomas A. Pellette
Group President
Construction Industries

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Re: South Dakota Docket No. HP14-002

Dear Chair Nelson and Members of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission:

Caterpillar Inc. would like to express strong support for the Dakota Access Pipeline (Bakken Pipeline) project being proposed by Dakota Access, LLC.

The positive economic impact of the Bakken Pipeline on South Dakota's economy could be significant. The pipeline is expected to employ up to 12,000 people during the construction phase. The project will generate \$55 million in property taxes in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois.

From a Caterpillar perspective, we and our eight dealers in these four states employ nearly 25,000 people at about 80 locations. In South Dakota, we have two world-class dealers – Butler Machinery and Nebraska Machinery – with a combined employment of more than 300 people at five statewide locations in Aberdeen, Huron, Pierre, Rapid City and Sioux City. We also have a group of employees working on innovative research and development projects in conjunction with the South Dakota School of Mines. Caterpillar and dealer employees would benefit from the construction and ongoing maintenance of this pipeline.

Our suppliers – more than 40 in South Dakota – as well as the state's other manufacturers, businesses and consumers, rely on stable energy resources. The pipeline will also reduce transportation capacity constraints that oil and gas producers have experienced via rail and trucks.

As you may be aware, Caterpillar is the world's leading manufacturer of construction and mining equipment, diesel and natural gas engines, industrial gas turbines and diesel-electric locomotives. We have a fundamental interest in energy as a global energy consumer, global industrial manufacturer, and a major manufacturer of energy conversion and power generation products. Caterpillar is one of the world's leading technology suppliers to the diverse energy market, and leverages its technology and innovation to meet the world's growing energy needs.

Caterpillar supports balanced and comprehensive energy policies that include the responsible development and utilization of all energy resources, both traditional as well as alternative energy sources. Energy sources need to be developed and used in an environmentally sustainable manner and also delivered in a responsible way, such as through oil and gas pipelines like the Bakken pipeline project. Access to affordable and dependable energy resources is critical for energy security and economic prosperity.

I urge you to grant the permit to construct this pipeline.

Sincerely,

Tom Pellette
Construction Industries Group President

From: PUC

Sent: Monday, August 31, 2015 12:58 PM

To: 'Pellette_Tom_X@cat.com'

Subject: HP14-002

Dear Mr. Pellette:

Thank you for your message 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, correspondence is posted in the open, public docket so that the other commissioners and all parties to the case have access to it.

You may be interested in this Pipeline Siting Info Guide:

<http://puc.sd.gov/commission/Publication/pipelinesiting.pdf> and Dakota Access Pipeline FAQ:

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

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We were very happy by the recent decision made by Judge Brad Zell.

It was the people of our State who voted and put you into the office you now hold.

Eastern South Dakota is some of the most productive land in our state. The land value will go down and will never be as productive as it is now. Some of the land has been in the families for over 100 years.

Please stop the Dakota Access Pipeline from crossing our state

Thank You

Norman & Esther Kuper
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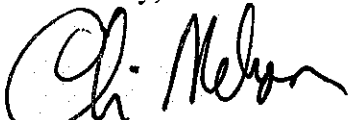
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Lennox, SD 57039

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Kuper:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline. It is posted in the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission's formal pipeline siting docket, HP14-002, under Comments and Responses.

The docket may be found online at www.puc.sd.gov by clicking on Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Hydrocarbon Pipeline Dockets, 2014 Hydrocarbon Pipeline Dockets, and then HP14-002. Since this is an open docket before the commission, correspondence is posted in the open, public docket so that the other commissioners and all parties to the case have access to it.

Sincerely,


Chris Nelson

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