#### OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC FOR AN ENERGY FACILITY PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

#### HP14-002

# PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF Matthew L Anderson

## STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)

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# **COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA)**

1	Matthew L Anderson, being first duly sworn on his/her oath, deposes and states as follows:
2	Please state your name and address.
3	Matthew L Anderson
4	25985 461 Ave
5	Hartford, SD 57033
6	How are you involved with the Dakota Access Pipeline project?
7	I am a landowner in Minnehaha County, South Dakota. The proposed Dakota Access
8	Pipeline will cross my land.
9	Please describe the history of your family's land ownership, and whether farming
10	will be continued by younger generations.
11	January 1992 Elwayne and Marjorie Berens, my grandparents, bought the south 40 acres
12	of my property from Robert and Lois O'Kane. In September, 1995, my grandparents
13	bought the north 40 acres from Robert and Lois O'Kane.
14	I lived on the south 40 acres with my mom and sister from 1992-1995.



37	on your property.
36	whether you plan to build any houses, outbuildings, shelter belts, or other structures
35	Please describe any special characteristics of your property and farmland, and/or
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33	being developed for potential future building.
32	Also, the route is even closer to a neighboring home and a neighboring shelter belt that is
31	The proposed route is within 1000 feet of our farm buildings and pond.
30	facilities (i.e., storage area, feedlot, grazing area, etc.)?
29	How close is the pipeline to any building, bin or pen, water source, or farming
28	some highly productive farm ground.
<b>27</b>	The proposed route is just to the west of our farm buildings and home. It would cross
26	Pipeline cross?
25	To the best your knowledge, what area(s) of your property will the Dakota Access
24	cropland.
23	very sensitive and has been in No-till or Conservation Minimum Till since converted to
22	proposed pipeline route is classified by the USDA as Highly Erodible Land. This land is
21	Currently our farm is primarily row crop production. Some of the land including the
20	Please describe your current farming operations.
19	We built a new home on the property in 2011.
18	As of January 2014, I and my wife own the 80 acres and live there with my daughter.
17	to their premature deaths due to cancer, my mother inherited the 80 acres in 2003.
16	farm located a mile west of my property. They had plans to retire on these 80 acres. Due
15	My grandparents rented out the property with the intentions to eventually sell the nome

Our property consists of a larger pond (lacre) in the front yard that was once used to water the cattle that my grandfather owned. The pond drains into a creek that runs around our entire farm site and through the middle of our crop ground. This creek then flows into our neighbors property and eventually leads to Skunk Creek. Our house is only 5 years old. We have a healthy shelter belt to protect our farm. We have a large barn, a small building that house our dogs, two large machine sheds and a grain bin. We have plans to add another grain bin in the future. Any spill from the pipeline will harm all of this because the route for the pipeline is scheduled on the northwest hill of our property. Our home, buildings and trees are all down the hill. We have recently put drain tile around our farm land and any spill will go directly into the creek, pond, tile lines along with flow down toward our home and buildings.

Please describe which of your farming operations or other land uses will be impaired by the Dakota Access Pipeline and how they will be impaired.

Our no-till, conservation minimum till farming operation will be greatly impaired. The organic matter and soil structure that we have worked towards for many years will be destroyed and then the heat from the pipeline will never allow us to bring back the soil to its current state. Also because of the pipeline construction, rock will be brought up to the surface along with weed seeds. From talking with landowners that have had oil pipelines installed on their property, I believe contractors will not remove the rocks or return the land to its original state.

Has your farmland been improved with drain tile? If so, please describe whether you are concerned that pipeline construction may damage and impair the drain tile performance and investment.

We have improved the farmland with drain tile. The tile will be affected by construction. The proper slope of the pipe is critical. A change in slope of a fraction of an inch will have an effect on tile performance. Also I am concerned that the tile may be relocated or rerouted (Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan 6,f,e,4). Tile systems are specifically designed and any change to tile routing will affect tile line performance and what it was installed to do.

Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will pose a threat of serious injury to

the environment or the inhabitants within the siting area? If so, why?

Yes. 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.

Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will substantially impair the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the siting area? If so, why?

Yes, pipelines do leak. DAPL is putting a large burden on property owners and causing a great deal of expense because of it. Property owners that want to protect their land are forced to hire expensive lawyers and spend considerable time trying to protect their

homes. Since our pond and water ways are downhill from the proposed pipeline the oil can and will leak into our water and affect our health. We also have a well on our farm that the oil can get into. Several of our farm buildings and farm land are located in a valley and that will be at great risk of any leaks and spills.

Have you been sued by Dakota Access Pipeline to compel court ordered access to your land? If so, (1) Has Dakota Access Pipeline provided you any legal authority (i.e., state statute) supporting its claim that you have no right to exclude Dakota Access from your land at the time of said lawsuit? and (2) Have you incurred legal fees in defending against sais lawsuit?

Yes, my wife and I have been sued. DAPL has not proven any legal authority supporting its claim. Also we have incurred legal fees in defending our self against this lawsuit. This is a great example of Dakota Access Pipeline substantially impair the welfare of the

inhabitants of the siting area.

Has any representative of Dakota Access Pipeline made any statements to you or others that you believe are not true? If so, please explain.

Yes, they have made many statements that I feel are untrue. For example, Mr. Mahmoud stated at the January 22 meeting in Sioux Falls that "Once the pipe's in the ground, you typically don't know it's there." This is not true for grain farmers and ranchers. You will be able to see crop damage for many years. A lot longer than what Energy Transfer is paying farmers for damage. In some cases the land will never be back to its most productive state.

Please state any other concerns you have regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline.

108	According to Energy Transfer the oil would be destined for Texas refineries. This does
09	not make sense to transport the oil all the way to the south coast. There it will be refined
110	and put on the world market. Some of the refined oil may be sent back to the Midwest,
111	but this would just keep adding cost and increasing the risk of spills.
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113	Would you be available to present testimony and respond to questions during the
114	formal hearing scheduled for September 29 through October 8, 2015?
115	Yes, if need be.
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117	Does that conclude your testimony?
118 119 120 21	Yes.  Matthew Landuson
123 124 125 126 127 128	Subscribed and sworn before me this 20th day of July 2015.  Notary Public – South Dakota
129 130 131 132	My Commission Expires: 1-24-2020  SEAL MEGAN MARTYNA  NOTARY PUBLIC SEAL  SOUTH DAKOTA SEAL  MY Commission Expires: 1-24-2020

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PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF Ruth E. Arends, Allan C. Arends, Lorrie L. Bacon, and Sherrie K. Fines-Tracy

2	Please state your name and address.
3	Ruth E. Arends, 614 N. Willow, Pierre, SD 57501
4	Allan C. Arends, 192 W. Lake Drive, Arlington, SD 57212
5	Lorrie L. Bacon, 11 Woodland Drive, Humboldt, IA 50548
6	Sherrie K. Fines-Tracy, 614 N. Willow, Pierre, SD 57501
7	How are you involved with the Dakota Access Pipeline project?
8	We are landowners in Minnehaha County, South Dakota affected by the proposed Dakota
. 9	Access Pipeline.
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11	Please describe the history of your family's land ownership, and whether farming
12	will be continued by younger generations.
13	This is a family farm purchased in 1952. Continuously occupied until 2009. Farmland
14	leased since approximately 1985 with 58 crop acres, 24 pasture acres and 6 acres of
15	buildings.
16	One of the owners has future plans to move back and build a new home on the farmstead



18	Please describe your current farming operations.
19	Leased since the 1980's and the production of corn, soybeans and livestock is still
20	continuing today.
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22	To the best your knowledge, what area(s) of your property will the Dakota Access
23	Pipeline cross?
24	Originally 1/4 mile north to south of the west side, but we recently found out it cuts east to
25	west increasing to 3000 feet.
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27	How close is the pipeline to any building, bin or pen, water source, or farming
28	facilities (i.e., storage area, feedlot, grazing area, etc.)?
29	The current proposed location of the pipeline would be within 250 feet of the building
30	site. The proposed pipeline is also very close to a stock dam and crossing a natural
31	flowing creek and wetlands.
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33	Please describe any special characteristics of your property and farmland, and/or
34	whether you plan to build any houses, outbuildings, shelter belts, or other structures
35	on your property.
36	We have two (2) building eligibility's on the property one of which one of the current
.37	owner's has plans of building a new home in the future. In addition to the eligibility's,
38	the northwest corner of the property is prime for commercial development due to two
39	busy black tops intersecting on that corner.
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	impaired by the Dakota Access Pipeline and how they will be impaired.
	The highly productive land used for raising our crops will be greatly impaired by the
	pipeline. If the pipeline is built, our crops will never be the same. Disturbed soil from
	pipeline installation and the heat produced from the pipeline after installation will both
	have detrimental effects on crop land. It will never return to its highly productive state.
	In addition, when an oil spill occurs, it will leave our farmland and crops saturated. That
	land can no longer be farmed and is considered worthless. That was proven by the oil
	spills in both Benton, MI on September 16, 2014 and in Bismarck, ND on September 29,
	2013. We are also greatly concerned with stray voltage that may come from this
	pipeline. The soil, mineral and moisture content of the land, in addition to steel posts are
	all conductors of electricity. There is a well on the parcel of land. Our tenant runs
	livestock and there is a stock dam and a natural creek running though the property. If
	stray voltage were to occur, it could be hazardous and possibly deadly to the livestock.
	Has your farmland been improved with drain tile? If so, please describe whether
	you are concerned that pipeline construction may damage and impair the drain tile
	performance and investment.
	We are not aware of any.
	Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will pose a threat of serious injury to
	the environment or the inhabitants within the siting area? If so, why?
	Yes!! We are very concerned about an oil leak which would get into our water supply.
	In addition, the pipeline is proposed to run one-quarter mile to the west of Wall Lake,
	which is approximately one mile north of our property. Wall Lake is part of the aquifer

system to the city of Sioux Falls and the overflow is the natural creek through our property. It is the backup reservoir to our largest population city. An oil leak will have 66 67 devastating effects! 68 69 Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will substantially impair the health, 70 safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the siting area? If so, why? 71 Yes!! This proposed pipeline will be carrying HAZARDOUS MATERIAL! It is 72 extremely flammable. Bakken crude oil has a low flashpoint and may be more explosive 73 than conventional crude oil. It is also toxic!! The cancer-causing agent benzene, is 74 detected in the oil. Breathing benzene can cause drowsiness, dizziness, tachycardia 75 (rapid heart rate), headache, tremors, confusion, unconsciousness, and death. We are 76 very concerned for all the inhabitants in the sitting area. 77 78 Have you been sued by Dakota Access Pipeline to compel court ordered access to 79 your land? If so, (1) Has Dakota Access Pipeline provided you any legal authority 80 (i.e., state statute) supporting its claim that you have no right to exclude Dakota 81 Access from your land at the time of said lawsuit? and (2) Have you incurred legal 82 fees in defending against said lawsuit? 83 Yes, we have been served with a Summons and Complaint for Preliminary Injunction to 84 Provide Survey Access. No. Dakota Access has not provided us with any legal authority 85 supporting its claim. Yes, we have and will continue to incur legal fees. 86 87 Has Dakota Access Pipeline made any statements to you that it is a "carrier" under 88 South Dakota law? If so, please describe.

89 Not that we recall. 90 91 Has any representative of Dakota Access Pipeline made any statements to you or 92 others that you believe are not true? If so, please explain. 93 We don't recall any untrue statements, but there certainly has been a lack of 94 communication as we are absentee landowners. We were threatened by Collin Stephens 95 with a temporary restraining order if we did not sign the release to survey the property. 96 97 Please state any other concerns you have regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline. 98 Our family are absentee landowners. From the very beginning we have never 99 received a single piece of information from anyone at DAPL that we didn't first 100 initiate, and we have found some things that never have been shared pertaining to 101 our property. 102 Our first contact was when Peggy Hoogestraat told us it was going across our property in 103 early November 2014. Doug Bacon, husband of Lorrie, contacted Edwina Scroggins and 104 information was shared at that point. Our family decided to deny access for survey at 105 that time. 106 Our original papers were served to an Arnold Arends in Colton SD., no relation. At the 107 time of Doug's contact with Edwina in mid-November 2014 until the week of 108 February 15, 2015, there was no contact by DAPL. At this time a Collin Stephens from 109 DAPL was looking for Ruth to try and gain access for survey. They still had no clue 110 where any of us lived!! The bill for property taxes sure seems to arrive in Pierre where Ruth lives. 111

112	Doug Bacon, as the family spokesman, had several conversations phone as well as email
113	with Collin, the last being March 19, 2015. An email sent to Collin offering to rent them
114	access for survey for \$3 per running foot of pipeline to do their survey. No response.
115	We have just found out this week that on March 19, 2015 DAPL filed with PUC a change
116	on the pipeline route. Previously it crossed our property on the west side somewhat north
117	to south for approximately 1200 feet. The new proposal has it entering at the same
118	northwest location but now running all the way across our property to the east, going out
119	the southeast corner, approximately 3000 feet in length. NO NOTIFICATION!! We
120	only learned of this from the tenant and by going to the PUC website. There were many
121	names on the change filed but not ours?
122	We are very concerned about the lack of communication! As in NONE unless they want
123	to serve us papers! We are just curious, usually when someone wants something from
124	someone else they communicate and share what is happening. Not these people!!!
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126	Would you be available to present testimony and respond to questions during the
127	formal hearing scheduled for September 29 through October 8, 2015?
128	Mostly likely not, because of the distance and our employment status.
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130	Does that conclude your testimony?
131	Yes.
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PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF Delores (Andreessen) Assid

**EXHIBIT** 

	STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA) :SS
	COUNTY OF Lincoln )
1	Delores Assid, being first duly sworn on his/her oath, deposes and states as follows:
2	Please state your name and address.
3	Delores Assid
4	3009 South Holly
5	Sioux Falls, SD 57105
6	How are you involved with the Dakota Access Pipeline project?
7	I am a landowner in Lincoln County, South Dakota affected by the proposed Dakota
8	Access Pipeline.
9	Please describe the history of your family's land ownership, and whether farming
10	will be continued by younger generations.
11	My grandfather, Henry Andreessen, homesteaded this land in 1883. He filed on the land
12	(a half section - 320 acres) in 1882 and then moved onto it in 1883. Henry farmed it for
13	44 years. My parents, Martin and Elsie Andreessen, inherited the farm in 1927, when I
14	was one year old. They retired from farming in 1948, but continued to own the land. My

parents rented the land to a farmer, Richard Gores. My sisters, Devona Smith and

16	Margaret Hilt, and I inherited the farm in 1988, when my mother passed away. We
17	continue to rent the farmland to a farmer, Doug Vanderwerff, who grows corn and
18	soybeans on it. My two daughters and my two nephews will someday inherit the farm
19	from my sisters and me. They plan on continuing to own the land and rent it out. One
20	daughter, Laurie Kunzelman, has been thinking about building a home on the farm.
21	Please describe your current farming operations.
22	We rent out the farm for cash rent. The tenant farmer, Doug Vanderwerff, grows corn
23	and soybeans, and has a little hay land on the half section. This man has been farming
24	our land for about 30 years and plans to continue to do so.
25	To the best of your knowledge, what area(s) of your property will the Dakota Access
26	Pipeline cross?
27	The pipeline would cross the east quarter section (160 acres) of the farm from the
28	northwest corner to the southeast corner, effectively cutting that quarter section in half.
29	How close is the pipeline to any building, bin or pen, water source, or farming
30	facilities (i.e., storage area, feedlot, grazing area, etc.)?
31	The pipeline would run approximately 50 feet from the land surrounding the farm
32	buildings and the windmill, which provides water for the house.
33	Please describe any special characteristics of your property and farmland, and/or
34	whether you plan to build any houses, outbuildings, shelter belts, or other structures
35	on your property.
36	My land has cement tile going from a pond north of the house to the road ditch south of
37	the house. The proposed pipeline would cross this tile. There is also tile a short distance
38	west of this tile. I'm not sure if the pipeline would cross that tile or not.

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39	My daughter, Laurie Kunzelman, has been considering building a home on the southeast
40	corner of the farm, but the pipeline would prevent that. My sisters and I have also
41	considered selling one acreage on the northeast corner of the farm.
42	Please describe which of your farming operations or other land uses will be
43	impaired by the Dakota Access Pipeline and how they will be impaired.
44	Corn and soybeans are both grown yearly in alternating areas in that quarter section of
45	the farm. The pipeline would severely cut down on crop production of each of them.
46	The tenant would lose acres to plant, receive much less income from that quarter section,
47	and it would inconvenience him when trying to farm the land, with the pipeline cutting
48	that quarter section in half. Consequently, he would be unwilling to pay as much rent per
49	acre, so we would be losing income. No one else would be willing to farm it either, with
50	that pipeline running through there. Also, if we did try to sell any acreages, people would
51	not want to buy and build on the land with that pipeline under it. Dakota Access would
52	not allow any buildings on the easement, either.
53	Has your farmland been improved with drain tile? If so, please describe whether
54	you are concerned that pipeline construction may damage and impair the drain tile
55	performance and investment.
56	Yes, this quarter has two areas of drain tile. The pipeline would cross at least one of
57	them. The tile is cement and quite old. I am very much afraid that the tile would be
58	damaged. Then the water would not drain out of the low area and could reach the house
59	and other buildings. It would be very costly to replace the drain tiles if they were
60	damaged. I'm also afraid oil could get into the tiles and into the water if the tiles were
61	broken.

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Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will pose a threat of serious injury to the environment or the inhabitants within the siting area? If so, why?

Yes, I definitely believe the pipeline would pose a threat to the environment and the inhabitants of this farm. The oil could leak onto the land and into the water as it has often done in many other areas. The oil could flow into Little Beaver Creek which runs through the farm. Then it could get into Beaver Creek, and subsequently into the Sioux River and the aquifer. The oil in this pipeline is a highly volatile substance. Pipelines explode, rupture, and leak. Even with shut-off valves, a great deal of oil would escape into the environment. If the pipeline exploded, it could definitely hurt or kill people and animals in the area. Also, the oil could be poisonous and carcinogenic to the people and animals in contact with it. I have designated wetlands on my farm which could be threatened by the pipeline.

Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will substantially impair the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the siting area? If so, why?

Yes, it will most definitely impair the financial welfare of the tenant farmer and the landowners (us), due to the amount of land that will be dug up all the way across that quarter section. Crops will not be as good. This could happen again and again, anytime the pipeline company would decide to go back in and dig it up to put more pipes in, or to work on them for some reason. Yet the pipeline company is only offering a onetime lump sum payment. I am also concerned that stray voltage could affect the health, safety, and welfare of the tenant farmer, the residents, and anyone else near the pipeline. As I stated before, the oil itself could affect the health, safety, and welfare of everyone in the area because of the volatility of the oil and the chemicals that the oil contains. Dakota

- 85	Access cannot guarantee the safety of the pipeline. There have been more pipeline
86	accidents than train accidents involving oil.
87	Have you been sued by Dakota Access Pipeline to compel court ordered access to
88	your land? If so, (1) Has Dakota Access Pipeline provided you any legal authority
89	(i.e., state statute) supporting its claim that you have no right to exclude Dakota
90	Access from your land at the time of said lawsuit? and (2) Have you incurred legal
91	fees in defending against said lawsuit?
92	Yes, Dakota Access has filed a lawsuit against us to allow them to enter our farm to
93	survey it. I told them "No" two different times, that they could not enter our land.
94	Yes, we have hired a lawyer, Glenn Boomsma, to represent us in this matter. This is
95	costing us a great deal of money.
96	Has Dakota Access Pipeline made any statements to you that it is a "common
97	carrier" under South Dakota law? If so, please describe.
98	No, they did not.
99	Has any representative of Dakota Access Pipeline made any statements to you or
100	others that you believe are not true? If so, please explain.
101	Yes, first of all they told me that I should allow them on my land. If I don't, they will
102	just take it by eminent domain, anyway. However, they do not have the right of eminent
103	domain as of yet.
104	Secondly, they told Rhonda Nielsen, who lives in the house on that quarter section, that
105	my sisters and I had agreed to let Dakota Access enter my land, survey it, and build the
106	pipeline there. They also told her there was nothing she could do about it. Rhonda was
107	very upset that we would do this. We never gave them permission to enter our land,
108	survey it or build the nineline there

109	Please state any other concerns you have regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline.
10	South Dakota and Iowa both grow large amounts of corn. Ethanol producers in South
111	Dakota use much of this corn to produce ethanol, which greatly helps the economy of
112	South Dakota. The oil pipeline will benefit the economy of North Dakota and Texas, but
113	will be of only a small benefit to the economy of South Dakota. That oil is a non-
114	renewable source of fuel and produces greenhouse gases. Corn is a renewable source of
115	fuel. South Dakota should be putting all of its effort into increasing the supply and
116	demand for ethanol. This would be much more beneficial to the farmers and to the state.
117	Would you be available to present testimony and respond to questions during the
118	formal hearing scheduled for September 29 through October 8, 2015?
119	No. I am 89 years old and have recently had my left knee replaced. It is still giving me a
120	great deal of pain.
21	I give my permission for my daughter, Laurie Kunzelman, to speak on my behalf during
122	the formal hearing. Her address is 3604 East Woodsedge St., Sioux Falls, SD 57108.
123	Does that conclude your testimony?
124	Yes.
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130	Subscribed and sworn before me this // day of // , 2015.
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PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF
ORRIN GEIDE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)

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COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA)

Orrin Geide, being first duly sworn on his/her oath, deposes and states as follows:

Please state your name and address.

Orrin Geide

46134 263rd Street

Hartford, SD 57033

How are you involved with the Dakota Access Pipeline project?

I am a landowner in Minnehaha County, South Dakota affected by the proposed Dakota

Access Pipeline.

Please describe the history of your family's land ownership, and whether farming

will be continued by younger generations.

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My land is our families home place which was purchased by my father in 1950 and has been passed down to me so that the farming operation could continue. This land will be affected by the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline.

#### Please describe your current farming operations.

I grow corn, soybeans and livestock. We use conventional and no till operations.

To the best your knowledge, what area(s) of your property will the Dakota Access Pipeline cross?

It will cross through the east side of my quarter along the section line affecting crop ground and also my pasture which is contains my buffalo herd.

How close is the pipeline to any building, bin or pen, water source, or farming facilities (i.e., storage area, feedlot, grazing area, etc.)?

It will run right on top of my water source which I have three wells that I draw from.

Please describe any special characteristics of your property and farmland, and/or whether you plan to build any houses, outbuildings, shelter belts, or other structures on your property.

I have plans for planting a shelter belt where the proposed pipeline will run through.

Please describe which of your farming operations or other land uses will be impaired by the Dakota Access Pipeline and how they will be impaired.

The highly productive land used for raising our crops will be greatly impaired by the pipeline. If the pipeline is built, our crops will never be the same. Disturbed soil from pipeline installation and the heat produced from the pipeline after installation will both have detrimental effects on crop land. It will never return to it's highly productive state. In addition, when an oil spill occurs, it will leave our farmland and crops saturated. That land can no longer be farmed and is considered worthless. That was proven by the oil spills in both Benton, Mich. on Sept. 16, 2014 and in Bismarck, ND on Sept. 29, 2013. We are also greatly concerned with stray voltage that may come from this pipeline. The soil, mineral and moisture content of the land in addition to steel posts are all conductors of electricity. There are 3 wells on that section of land that our family runs livestock through. If stray voltage were to occur, it could be hazardous and possibly deadly to our livestock.

Has your farmland been improved with drain tile? If so, please describe whether you are concerned that pipeline construction may damage and impair the drain tile performance and investment.

I am waiting approval from the NRCS for drain tile installation in the fall of 2015.

Pipeline construction will greatly impair the drain tile performance and investment.

Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will pose a threat of serious injury to the environment or the inhabitants within the siting area? If so, why?

Yes! I are very concerned about an oil leak which would get into our water supply. In addition, the pipeline is proposed to run ¼ mile to the west of Wall Lake, which is approximately 2 ¼ miles from our land. Wall Lake is part of the aquifer system to the city of Sioux Falls. It is the backup reservoir to our highest populated city. An oil leak will have devastating effects!

Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will substantially impair the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the siting area? If so, why?

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Have you been sued by Dakota Access Pipeline to compel court ordered access to your land? If so, (1) Has Dakota Access Pipeline provided you any legal authority (i.e., state statute) supporting its claim that you have no right to exclude Dakota Access from your land at the time of said lawsuit? and (2) Have you incurred legal fees in defending against said lawsuit?

Yes, I have been served with a Summons and Complaint for Preliminary Injunction to Provide Survey Access. No, Dakota Access has not provided me with any legal authority supporting its claim. Yes, I have and continue to incur legal fees.

Has any representative of Dakota Access Pipeline made any statements to you or others that you believe are not true? If so, please explain.

At the January 22, 2015 public meeting in Sioux Falls, I had asked the Dakota Access representatives numerous questions regarding the pipeline project. After I asked these questions and gave my concerns, Joey Mahmoud, Vice President - Engineering, stated that we have "already talked about most of these issues". That statement was simply not true. None of the questions that I asked have ever been personally addressed to me or to my family ~ not that night and not to this day.

Please state any other concerns you have regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline.

I am concerned with all of the proposed project "benefits" that Dakota Access is proposing. The estimated monetary benefits that the state receives in the short term does not compare to the <u>long term</u> monetary benefits that Dakota Access and the 'big oil' companies will be filling their pockets with 'indefinitely'. Alaska does not have income tax due to revenues that they receive off the pipelines. Do not approve a pipeline that will not benefit our state for the life of that pipeline.

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Would you be available to present testimony and respond to questions during the formal hearing scheduled for September 29 through October 8, 2015?

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Does that conclude your testimony?

Yes.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 2 day of Qule

MARLYS J. BARTMANN

Notary Public – South Dakota
My Commission Expires: 9-30 –

#### OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC FOR AN ENERGY FACILITY PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

## HP14-002

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF \_\_\_Linda Ann Goulet\_\_

	STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
	:SS COUNTY OF _Lincoln)
1	Linda Ann Goulet, being first duly sworn on his/her oath,
2	deposes and states as follows:
3	Please state your name and address.
4	Linda Ann Goulet
5	27332 Atkins Place
6	Tea, SD 57064
7	How are you involved with the Dakota Access Pipeline project?
8	I am a landowner in Lincoln County, South Dakota affected by the proposed Dakota
9	Access Pipeline.
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11	Please describe the history of your family's land ownership, and whether farming
12	will be continued by younger generations.
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14	4/23/1923 Sophia Nichel sold to Gilbert Schoffelman for \$ 18,000. \$112.50 per acre.

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15	8/1/1930 Upon Gilbert's death distribution to heirs in 1931 – Dora (wife) 1/3 and to
16	children remaining 3/2rds ( John, Hilda, Aldrich, Henry, Elmer, Laura and Esther)
17	6/11/1959 John Schoffelman purchased from his siblings and his mother for \$37,840.
18	236.50 per acre.
19	3/23/2004 John deeded to children – Janice Petterson, Mavis Parry, Linda Goulet,
20	Corliss Wiebers, Shirley Oltmanns, Marilyn Murray & Kevin Schoffelman w/John
21	having Life Estate.
22	4/13/2012 – Termination of John's Life Estate
23	The question of whether farming will be continued by future generations remains to
24	be determined.
25	Tillable acres will probably continue to be leased for row-crop farming. Pasture
26	acres and grasswater ways for cash rent for several years. However discussions
27	have taken place for development of the land starting with the 3 building eligibilities
28	it now holds.
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32	Please describe your current farming operations.
33	The tillable acres are farmed by Jerry and Bill Crevier and the pasture along with
34	the grass waterways is rented by Scott Daggett.
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38	To the best your knowledge, what area(s) of your property will the Dakota Access
39	Pipeline cross?
40	Based on the most recent maps by Dakota Access and flags placed in the road ditch,
41	the pipeline would enter the NW corner going to the SE corner cutting diagonally
42	across the entire farm. This area includes crop production land as well as pasture.
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46	How close is the pipeline to any building, bin or pen, water source, or farming
47	facilities (i.e., storage area, feedlot, grazing area, etc.)?
48	Approximately 300 yards to the nearest building and 340 yards to the well.
49	It is planned to go under the creek which drains the watershed NW of Tea and flows
50	into the Sioux River.
51	The pipeline would cross the easement held by South Lincoln Rural Water.
52	As stated previously it would cross the grazing area.
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56	Please describe any special characteristics of your property and farmland, and/or
57	whether you plan to build any houses, outbuildings, shelter belts, or other structures
58	on your property.
59	The land is drain tiled, some of which is clay.
60	Open Waterway ditch running south on east side of property.

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61	It has 3 housing eligibilities with potential for future development since State
62	Highway # 17 runs on the west side of the property.
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67	Please describe which of your farming operations or other land uses will be
68	impaired by the Dakota Access Pipeline and how they will be impaired.
69	Initially, no access for daily operations on cropland on south half of property.
70	Natural waterways blocked and would need to be reconstructed. The tillable acres
71	won't produce the same and the quality of the pasture will be impaired. Future
72	development potential diminished due to restrictions of building on pipeline and
73	lack of desire for homeowners to live near pipeline.
74	There is currently an existing housing development ½ mile NE of our farm, located
75	outside of the City of Tea; as well as a second development planned (zoning has been
76	changed to agricultural/residential) ½ mile north of our farm. These developments
77	are outside the City of Tea growth plan. Just because a particular city doesn't have
78	these affected areas in their growth plan, doesn't mean they won't be developed -
79	unless of course pipeline easements restrict the development.
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81	Has your farmland been improved with drain tile? If so, please describe whether
82	you are concerned that pipeline construction may damage and impair the drain tile
83	performance and investment.

84 Yes, it has been drain tiled and parts of it are clay tile. I am concerned that the tile 85 may crumble by excavating the ground near it, construction equipment going over it 86 or by additional underground pressure from settling afterwards. 87 88 89 90 91 Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will pose a threat of serious injury to 92 the environment or the inhabitants within the siting area? If so, why? 93 Yes, Ruptures, oil leaks, environmental damages in the future. 94 In February, the Wall Street Journal compared oil from 86 locations around the 95 world and found Bakken crude oil to be the most explosive. This was introduced December 11, 2014 in the Assembly Resolution No 191 State of New Jersey 216<sup>th</sup> 96 97 Legislature. 98 99 100 101 Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will substantially impair the health, 102 103 safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the siting area? If so, why? Yes, 104 Watershed damage as East Beaver Creek drains the Watershed North and West of 105 Tea and flows through our farm, eventually into the Bis Sioux River and then the

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wanting to reside near an oil pipeline.

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112	Have you been sued by Dakota Access Pipeline to compel court ordered access to
113	your land? If so, (1) Has Dakota Access Pipeline provided you any legal authority
114	(i.e., state statute) supporting its claim that you have no right to exclude Dakota
115	Access from your land at the time of said lawsuit? and (2) Have you incurred legal
116	fees in defending against sais lawsuit?
117	Yes – I have been sued.
118	No – Dakota Access has not provided any legal authority (state stature).
119	Yes – I have incurred legal fees.
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123	Has Dakota Access Pipeline made any statements to you that it is a "common
124	carrier" under South Dakota law? If so, please describe. No
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128	Has any representative of Dakota Access Pipeline made any statements to you or
129	others that you believe are not true? If so, please explain. Yes
130	They have stated they contacted all land owners once by letter and twice in person.

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131	My experience, letter delivered 12/24/2014. While I was out-of-state my neighbor
132	left message to call # 605-277-1223 an speak to a Chris Hobbs, supervisor for
133	Dakota Access which I did as requested. I have had no other contact with Dakota
134	Access.
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139	Please state any other concerns you have regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline.
140	Will devalue production ground and subsequent crop production.
141	Will eliminate opportunity for rural residential development.
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146	Would you be available to present testimony and respond to questions during the
147	formal hearing scheduled for September 29 through October 8, 2015?
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149	Does that conclude your testimony?
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#### OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC FOR AN ENERGY FACILITY PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)

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#### **HP14-002**

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF Margaret (Andreessen) Hilt

**EXHIBIT** 

	COUNTY OF Lincoln )
1	Margaret Hilt, being first duly sworn on his/her oath, deposes and states as follows:
2	Please state your name and address.
3	Margaret Hilt
4	17500 Co Rd SS
5	Wray, CO 80758
6	How are you involved with the Dakota Access Pipeline project?
7	I am a landowner in Lincoln County, South Dakota affected by the proposed Dakota
8	Access Pipeline.
9	Please describe the history of your family's land ownership, and whether farming
10	will be continued by younger generations.
11	My grandfather, Henry Andreessen, homesteaded this land in 1883. He filed on the land
12	(a half section – 320 acres) in 1882 and then moved onto it in 1883. Henry farmed it for
13	44 years. My parents, Martin and Elsie Andreessen, began farming in 1927, after
14	inheriting the land. They retired from farming in 1948, but continued to own the land.

My parents rented the land to a farmer, Richard Gores. My sisters, Devona Smith and

Delores Assid, and I inherited the farm in 1988, when my mother passed away. We
continue to rent the farmland to a farmer, Doug Vanderwerff, who grows corn and
soybeans on it. My two sons and my two nieces will someday inherit the farm from my
sisters and me. They plan on continuing to own the land and rent it out.
Please describe your current farming operations.
We rent out the farm for cash rent. The tenant farmer, Doug Vanderwerff, grows corn
and soybeans, and has a little hay land on the half section. This man has been farming
our land for about 30 years and plans to continue to do so.
To the best of your knowledge, what area(s) of your property will the Dakota Access
Pipeline cross?
The pipeline would cross the southeast quarter section (160 acres) of the farm from the
northwest corner to the southeast corner, effectively cutting that quarter section in half.
How close is the pipeline to any building, bin or pen, water source, or farming
facilities (i.e., storage area, feedlot, grazing area, etc.)?
The pipeline would run approximately 50 feet from the land surrounding the farm
buildings and the windmill, which provides water for the house.
Please describe any special characteristics of your property and farmland, and/or
whether you plan to build any houses, outbuildings, shelter belts, or other structures
on your property.
My land has cement tile going from a pond north of the house to the road ditch south of
the house. The proposed pipeline would cross this tile. There is also tile a short distance
west of this tile. I'm not sure if the pipeline would cross that tile or not. My sisters and I
have also considered selling one acreage on the northeast corner of the farm.

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39 Please describe which of your farming operations or other land uses will be 40 impaired by the Dakota Access Pipeline and how they will be impaired. 41 Corn and soybeans are both grown yearly in alternating areas in that quarter section of 42 the farm. The pipeline would severely cut down on crop production of each of them. 43 The tenant would lose acres to plant, receive much less income from that quarter section, 44 and it would inconvenience him when trying to farm the land, with the pipeline cutting 45 that quarter section in half. Consequently, he would be unwilling to pay as much rent per 46 acre, so we would be losing income. No one else would be willing to farm it either, with 47 that pipeline running through there. Also, if we did try to sell any acreages, people would 48 not want to buy and build on the land with that pipeline under it. Dakota Access would 49 not allow any buildings on the easement, either. 50 Has your farmland been improved with drain tile? If so, please describe whether 51 you are concerned that pipeline construction may damage and impair the drain tile 52 performance and investment. 53 Yes, this quarter has two areas of drain tile. The pipeline would cross at least one of 54 them. The tile is cement and quite old. I am very much afraid that the tile would be 55 damaged. Then the water would not drain out of the low area and could reach the house 56 and other buildings. It would be very costly to replace the drain tiles if they were 57 damaged. I'm also afraid oil could get into the tiles and into the water if the tiles were 58 broken. 59 Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will pose a threat of serious injury to 60 the environment or the inhabitants within the siting area? If so, why? 61 Yes, I definitely believe the pipeline would pose a threat to the environment and the 62 inhabitants of this farm. The oil could leak onto the land and into the water as it has often

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done in many other areas. The oil could flow into Little Beaver Creek which runs through the farm. Then it could get into Beaver Creek, and subsequently into the Sioux River and the aquifer. The oil in this pipeline is a highly volatile substance. Pipelines explode, rupture, and leak. Even with shut-off valves, a great deal of oil would escape into the environment. If the pipeline exploded, it could definitely hurt or kill people and animals in the area. Also, the oil could be poisonous and carcinogenic to the people and animals in contact with it. I have designated wetlands on my farm which could be threatened by the pipeline.

Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will substantially impair the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the siting area? If so, why?

Yes, it will most definitely impair the financial welfare of the tenant farmer and the landowners (us), due to the amount of land that will be dug up all the way across that quarter section. Crops will not be as good. This could happen again and again, anytime the pipeline company would decide to go back in and dig it up to put more pipes in, or to work on them for some reason. Yet the pipeline company is only offering a onetime lump sum payment. I am also concerned that stray voltage could affect the health, safety, and welfare of the tenant farmer, the residents, and anyone else near the pipeline. As I stated before, the oil itself could affect the health, safety, and welfare of everyone in the area because of the volatility of the oil and the chemicals that the oil contains. Dakota Access cannot guarantee the safety of the pipeline. There have been more pipeline accidents than train accidents involving oil.

Have you been sued by Dakota Access Pipeline to compel court ordered access to your land? If so, (1) Has Dakota Access Pipeline provided you any legal authority (i.e., state statute) supporting its claim that you have no right to exclude Dakota

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87 Access from your land at the time of said lawsuit? and (2) Have you incurred legal 88 fees in defending against said lawsuit? 89 Yes, Dakota Access has filed a lawsuit against us to allow them to enter our farm to 90 survey it. They have been told "No" two different times, that they could not enter our 91 land. Yes, we have hired a lawyer, Glenn Boomsma, to represent us in this matter. This 92 is costing us a great deal of money. 93 Has Dakota Access Pipeline made any statements to you that it is a "common 94 carrier" under South Dakota law? If so, please describe. 95 No, they did not. 96 Has any representative of Dakota Access Pipeline made any statements to you or 97 others that you believe are not true? If so, please explain. 98 Yes, first of all they told us we should allow them on my land. If we don't, they will just 99 take it by eminent domain, anyway. However, they do not have the right of eminent 100 domain as of yet. 101 Secondly, they told Rhonda Nielsen, who lives in the house on that quarter section, that 102 my sisters and I had agreed to let Dakota Access enter my land, survey it, and build the 103 pipeline there. They also told her there was nothing she could do about it. Rhonda was 104 very upset that we would do this. We never gave them permission to enter our land, 105 survey it, or build the pipeline there. 106 Please state any other concerns you have regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline. 107 South Dakota and Iowa both grow large amounts of corn. Ethanol producers in South 108 Dakota use much of this corn to produce ethanol, which greatly helps the economy of 109 South Dakota. The oil pipeline will benefit the economy of North Dakota and Texas, but 110 will be of only a small benefit to the economy of South Dakota. That oil is a non-

111	renewable source of fuel and produces greenhouse gases. Corn is a renewable source of
112	fuel. South Dakota should be putting all of its effort into increasing the supply and
113	demand for ethanol. This would be much more beneficial to the farmers and to the state.
114	Would you be available to present testimony and respond to questions during the
115	formal hearing scheduled for September 29 through October 8, 2015?
116	No. I am 83 years old and live in Colorado and have no way to get their as it is a great
117	distance to travel.
118	I also gave my permission for, Laurie Kunzelman, to speak on my behalf during the
119	formal hearing. Her address is 3604 East Woodsedge St., Sioux Falls, SD 57108.
120	Does that conclude your testimony?
121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136	Yes.  Margaret Hilt  Subscribed and sworn before me this 19th day of June, 2015.  Eucha Weck  Notary Public – Kansas  My Commission Expires: 12-31-17 <seal></seal>
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#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

#### OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC FOR AN ENERGY FACILITY PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

HP14-002

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF ROD & JOY HOHN\_\_\_\_

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
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COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA)

Rod & Joy Hohn, being first duly sworn on his/her oath, deposes and states as follows:

Please state your name and address.

Rod & Joy Hohn

46178 263rd Street

Hartford, SD 57033

rinchohn@gmail.com

How are you involved with the Dakota Access Pipeline project?

I am a landowner in Minnehaha County, South Dakota affected by the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline.

Please describe the history of your family's land ownership, and whether farming will be continued by younger generations.

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Our land is adjacent to Joy's brothers land, which is where she was raised. That home place was purchased by her father in 1950 and has been passed down to her brother so that the farming operation could continue. Joy's brothers land will also be affected by the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline. We had purchased our adjacent land to the home place to build upon our families farming operation with her brother. Since Joy's brother has no children that would continue the farming operation, our children (ages 12 and 10) have been very active and show great interest in this operation. They have helped with planting & harvest (our 12 year old drove the tractor pulling the grain cart for last fall's harvest), taking care of the cattle (including pulling calves from their mothers) and general upkeep of our farm places (mowing lawn, planting the garden, etc.).

Please describe your current farming operations.

We grow corn, soybeans and livestock. We use conventional and no till operations.

To the best your knowledge, what area(s) of your property will the Dakota Access Pipeline cross?

It will cross through our west quarter along the section line.

How close is the pipeline to any building, bin or pen, water source, or farming facilities (i.e., storage area, feedlot, grazing area, etc.)?

Approximately 1/4 of a mile

Please describe any special characteristics of your property and farmland, and/or whether you plan to build any houses, outbuildings, shelter belts, or other structures on your property.

We have two (2) building eligibility's on that section of land and have plans for future development.

Please describe which of your farming operations or other land uses will be impaired by the Dakota Access Pipeline and how they will be impaired.

The highly productive land used for raising our crops will be greatly impaired by the pipeline. If the pipeline is built, our crops will never be the same. Disturbed soil from pipeline installation and the heat produced from the pipeline after installation will both have detrimental effects on crop land. It will never return to it's highly productive state. In addition, when an oil spill occurs, it will leave our farmland and crops saturated. That land can no longer be farmed and is considered worthless. That was proven by the oil spills in both Benton, Mich. on Sept. 16, 2014 and in Bismarck, ND on Sept. 29, 2013. We are also greatly concerned with stray voltage that may come from this pipeline. The soil, mineral and moisture content of the land in addition to steel posts are all conductors of electricity. There are 3 wells on that section of land that our family runs livestock through. If stray voltage were to occur, it could be hazardous and possibly deadly to our livestock.

Has your farmland been improved with drain tile? If so, please describe whether you are concerned that pipeline construction may damage and impair the drain tile performance and investment.

We do not have drain tile that we are aware of.

Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will pose a threat of serious injury to the environment or the inhabitants within the siting area? If so, why?

Yes! We are very concerned about an oil leak which would get into our water supply. In addition, the pipeline is proposed to run ¼ mile to the west of Wall Lake, which is approximately 2 ¼ miles from our land. Wall Lake is part of the aquifer system to the city of Sioux Falls. It is the backup reservoir to our highest populated city. An oil leak will have devastating effects!

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Has any representative of Dakota Access Pipeline made any statements to you or others that you believe are not true? If so, please explain.

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Another GREAT concern is that there is no state agency/inspectors/etc that will enforce permit conditions, easement agreements or "police" the pipeline. That is very FRIGHTENING to us and our family. They are just given a free pass to do as they please on the land that we have worked so hard to take care of!!

Would you be available to present testimony and respond to questions during the formal hearing scheduled for September 29 through October 8, 2015?

Yes, but only Joy would be available.

# Does that conclude your testimony?

Yes.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

PAUL REHKEN

Notary Public – South Dakota

My Commission Expires: 6-7-17

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Subscribed and sworn before me this 29 day of fine, 2015.



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HP14-002

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF PEGGY HOOGESTRAAT

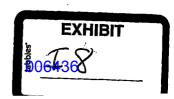
Almost a year ago, SD PUC Chairman Gary Hanson stated officials there first learned about the Dakota Access Pipeline project from landowners three to four weeks before being contacted by company officials. Hanson said "We didn't hear about it originally from the company itself, which is unusual."

For Energy Transfer, this was not unusual but it was a normal tactic to reach landowners before they could even knew what was about to be presented. The only information available at that time came from the land agents who appeared at the landowners' doors. Landowners were told their property was chosen to be crossed by a pipeline to be installed through the Midwest. They were told they had no choice but to allow a survey on their property and later an easement agreement would be presented.

This situation was not unusual-it was planned. That is how Energy Transfer gets their foot in the door before the state knows what is coming. Personally, I have received phone calls and letters from landowners across the state who are opposed to the installation of the pipeline. Many of them believed they had no choice but to sign an agreement. One landowner never gave permission for a survey but it was done anyway. The fear of repercussions from Energy Transfer if they speak up has kept landowners from voicing their opinion to the PUC. They feel they have been let down by the system within our state. They feel their land has been handed over to an out- of- state private business for the benefit of the business and its stockholders.

Energy Transfer has done its homework. It has formed yet another limited liability company to go forward with its intentions. It has hired South Dakotans who are familiar with the political and economic leverage in the state. Energy Transfer has focused on issues of concern within the state. Some of those issues include teacher salaries, lack of rail cars, and road repairs. Energy Transfers solutions to each of these issues have been overrated. Tax monies received from the taxation of the pipelines for schools and counties and townships will be actually be received and allocated by the state. No state official has claimed that the tax numbers provided by Energy Transfer are accurate. In regards to railroads, the lack of rail cars in the past is not due to the transportation of oil as much as Energy Transfer claims.

Energy Transfer's claim of providing jobs in South Dakota has not been so convincing because of South Dakota's low employment rate. Over and over, job opportunities already filled for the proposed pipeline have been enjoyed by out- of -state employees. One of the examples involves the unloading of pipes from a railcar west of Aberdeen. This has been done by employees of T.G. Mercer, a pipe unloading company from Aledo, Texas. The pipes are marked "Made in Canada".



When Dakota Access has been asked a question in the interrogatories about how the share of Bakken oil production that Dakota Access plans to transport by pipeline is currently being transported, the answer is "the request is irrelevant". The question is very relevant because the pipeline is not a necessity to transport the oil. The pipeline will merely provide a cheaper and more flexible opportunity for its shippers to reach multiple markets. All interested parties interested in receiving copies of the open season agreement, including deficiency agreements and proposed tariffs, have to sign a confidentiality agreement. If the proposed pipeline is supposed to be for the benefit of South Dakota and the public, why are there so many secrets? Why are landowners told they cannot disclose easement agreement information after the easements are signed? To add to South Dakota landowners' concern, the crude oil shipped through the proposed pipeline is not guaranteed to stay within the United States.

As a South Dakota landowner myself, I am concerned about the significant lack of protecting rural South Dakota compared to water areas and high populated areas. South Dakota's prime farmland is just as important to the state, nation and the world. Also, requirements set by the regulatory agencies allow opportunities for spills or leaks to not be reported. (See exhibit 1) Property owners are very concerned about the liability issues.

Property owners have questioned the need for surveys prior to the granting of the permit. Surveys already completed are lacking a large amount of information needed to determine the safe crossing or avoidance of sensitive areas, historic areas, or special archaeological areas.

It is a fact that the Bakken oil has been there for many years. It was not until the EPA rules were changed and then the oil began flowing. The rush was on. It appears that Energy Transfer is attempting to make some quick profits. The South Dakota government and leaders across the state have fallen short to: (1) inform landowners and citizens of their rights, (2) explain the process of application by Dakota Access Pipeline, and (3) share the facts and truth of what is to come if this (or any) pipeline is installed.

Large oil companies and agricultural businesses are at war. I ask that sacrificing landowners not be the target of this whole process.

Another concern in regards to the crude oil is the exposure to the carcinogen contained in the oil. The carcinogens are agents directly involved in causing cancer. It makes no sense to ship this dangerous product in a 30 inch pipeline through a highly populated area of South Dakota. (see exhibit 2)

Andrea Thronton of Natural Resource Group has included in her testimony issues including highly erodible soils. Counties, townships and landowners across South Dakota have worked together to prevent erosion. Consideration of this matter by the contractors hastily installing the proposed pipeline is a very serious concern. Reclamation of cropland and pastures is a great concern in regards to each and every farmer. Many farmers fear the land will be damaged and never as productive as it is today. The lack of controlling the spread of noxious weeds after the installation of the pipeline will become a hardship for landowners.

Another hardship for landowners across South Dakota has been the need to hire attorneys to protect their property and their interests. Landowners directly or indirectly affected by the proposed pipeline should be reimbursed for all attorney fees accumulated through the entire process.

Many South Dakotans believe that succession is about honoring the past, profiting today and securing tomorrow. If the pipeline permit is granted, the pipeline will interfere with the orderly development of the region, thus, dishonoring the past. The pipeline will impair the wealth of the inhabitants and the profits of today. Tomorrow will not be secure as the pipeline will pose a threat of serious injury to the environment and the future inhabitants. Please do not stop the succession that South Dakotans are experiencing. Please deny the pipeline permit.

Attached hereto and incorporated herewith are the following documents to support my testimony;

Exhibit 1: Pages 1, 2, and 3 from the DAPL North Facility Response Plan dated June 2015

Exhibit 2: Minnehaha County Residential Distribution map dated June 15, 2015

This concludes my testimony.

Peggy Hoogestraat

Subscribed and sworn before me this  $\cancel{13^{+1}}$  day of August, 2015.

CHARLENE RITTER

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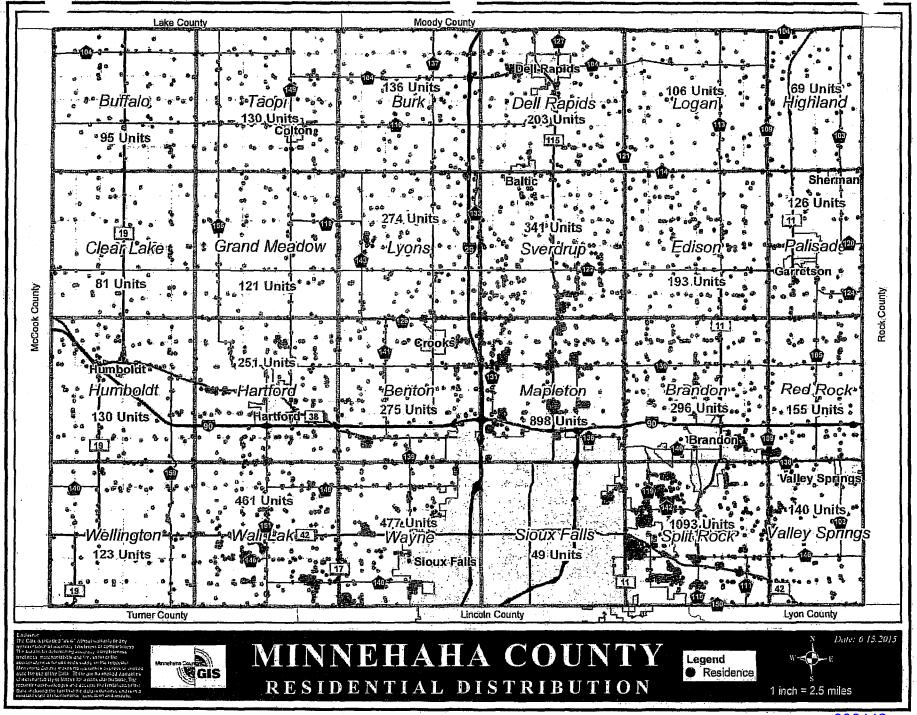
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Agency	Phone Number	Reporting Requirements
Federal Agencies	<b>经产生</b> 的基础。	
National Response Center (NRC)	(800)424-8802 or (202) 267-2675	Any spill on water.
NRC will contact all other federal agencies including USDOT/PHMSA and EPA		Telephonic notification is required within 1 hour following the discovery of a release that resulted in any discharge to water
U.S. Department of Transportation/Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)	(800)424-8802 or (202) 267-2675	Telephonic Notification At the earliest practicable moment following discovery of a release of the hazardous liquid resulting in an aevent described above, the operator shall give notice of any failure that:  Catised a death or a personal injury requiring hospitalization Resulted in either a fire or explosion not intentionally set by the operator Caused estimated property damage, including cost of clean-up and recovery, value of lost product, and damage to the property of the operator or others, or both, exceeding \$50,000 Resulted in pollution of any stream, river, lake, reservoir, or other similar body of water that violated applicable water quality standards, caused a discoloration of the surface of the water or adjoining shoreline, or deposited a sludge or emulsion beneath the surface of the water or upon adjoining shorelines or In the judgment of the operator was significant even though it did not meet the criteria of any of the above.  Written Reporting A 7000-1 report is required within 30 days after discovery of the accident
		for each failure in a pipeline system regulated by DOT 195 in which there is a release of the hazardous liquid transported resulting in any of the following:

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U.S. Department of Transportation/Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Continued		<ul> <li>Explosion or fire not intentionally set by the operator</li> <li>Release of 5 gallons or more of hazardous liquid except that no report is required for a release of less than 5 barrels resulting from a pipeline maintenance activity if the release is:         <ul> <li>Not otherwise reportable under this section</li> <li>Not on water</li> <li>Confined to company property or pipeline right-ofway and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
		Cleaned up promptly Death of any person Personal injury necessitating hospitalization  Estimated property damage, including cost of clean-up and recovery, value of lost product, and damage to the property of the operator or others, or both, exceeding \$50,000.  A supplemental report shall be filed within 30 days of receiving any changes in the information reported or additions to the original DOT 7000-1 report.
State Agencies		
North Dakota  North Dakota Department of	<u>.                                    </u>	
Environment Health	(701) 328-5210 1-800-472-2121 (24 hour hotline)	Any spill or discharge of liquid or solid waste which may cause pollution of waters of the state must be reported immediately. The owner,
State Emergency Response Committee  Counties: Mountrail, Williams, McKenzie, Dunn, Mercer, Morton, Emmons	(701)-328-8100	operator, or person responsible for a spill or discharge must notify the department or the North Dakota hazardous materials emergency assistance and spill reporting number as soon as possible and provide all relevant information about the spill.

South Dakota		
	Main Line	A release or spill of a regulated
South Dakota Department of	1-605-773-3296	substance must be reported to DENR
Environment and Natural Resources	After Hours	immediately if the release or spill
(DENR)	1- 605-773-3231	threatens the waters of the state, causes an immediate danger to
	Main Line	human health or safety, exceeds 25
State Emergency Response	800-433-2288	gallons, causes a sheen on surface
Committee	j	waters, contains any substance that
	After Hours	exceeds the ground water quality
	605-773-3231	standards of ARSD chapter 74: 54:
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		exceeds the surface water quality
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Edmunds, Faulk, Spink, Beadle,	400	101 harms or threatens to harm
Kingsbury, Miner, Lake, McCook,	1	wildlife or aquatic life, or contains
Minnehaha, Turner, Lincoln		crude oil in field activities under
		SDCL chapter 45-9 is greater than 1
		barrel,



## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

### OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC FOR AN ENERGY FACILITY PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)

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# PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF PEGGY HOOGESTRAAT

# COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA ) 1 Peggy Hoogestraat, being first duly sworn on her oath, deposes and states as follows: 2 Please state your name and address. Peggy Ann Hoogestraat 3 27575 462<sup>nd</sup> Avenue 5 Chancellor, SD 57015 6 7 How are you involved with the Dakota Access Pipeline project? I am a landowner in Minnehaha County, South Dakota affected by the proposed Dakota 8 9 Access Pipeline. 10 11 Please describe the history of your family's land ownership, and whether farming 12 will be continued by younger generations.

Peggy's parents, Elwayne and Marjorie Berens, purchased 320 acres in Humboldt

Township from Roger Cronn and Velma Cronn in February, 1970. Elwayne and

Marjorie, along with their two daughters, Peggy and Pamela, then moved there from 15 Parker, South Dakota. 16 In March, 1979 Elwayne and Marjorie purchased 120.24 acres adjoining to the north of 17 18 their 320 acres. This was purchased from Willard Heiden and Donna Heiden with a 19 contract for deed. The contract was paid in full by May 6, 1989. The north 102.24 acres had a railroad line (Chicago and Northwestern Transportation Co) 20 21 along the north edge of the property. In 1983, the Berens' purchased the railroad right-22 of-way along that north edge due to the abandoning of the railroad line. 23 Due to the premature deaths of their parents, sisters Peggy and Pamela inherited the above described property. With the distribution of all property, Peggy received the north 24 25 160 acres as well as the 120.24 acres purchased in 1979. 26 Peggy has rented the cropland and pasture to Robert Person (Pamela's husband) and 27 Matthew Anderson (Peggy's son). 28 Because of the close proximity to Sioux Falls and Hartford, some of the property is more 29 desirable. Peggy has received inquiries into the purchase of the Humboldt Township 30 property. One party was interested in the entire property (see Exhibit 1 hereto) while 31 others desired the property along the northern edge which is bordered by Highway 38 32 (see Exhibit 2 hereto). After four inquiries, Peggy stopped keeping track of the number 33 of inquiries. Peggy's intentions are to possibly build a home for herself along Highway 34 38, or if that is not accomplished, to pass the property on to the grandchildren. There are 35 seven eligibilities listed for the 280.24 acres owned by Peggy. The Peggy A. Revocable Trust is set up to allow Peggy's children to receive income from 36 37 the land trust as specified in the trust. The residual cash assets and principal upon

Anderson has a lease option to rent all agricultural land held in the Family Trust.

Easements on the property include a Right of Way agreement on March 31, 1896 with Northwestern Telephone Exchange for construction, operation and maintenance of its telephone and telegraph lines.

Another Right of Way Easement agreement was signed by Peggy with the Minnehaha Community Water, Corp. on February 16, 2006 (see Exhibit 3 hereto). This easement area runs along the North boundary of the Northeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 102 North, Range 52 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Minnehaha County, South

Dakota.

# Please describe your current farming operations.

My son, Matthew Anderson, farms the cropland. He works on improving the soil for better crop production through humus left behind, proper tillage and fertilizer. He assists me in fencing and the installation of agricultural tiles. This not only improves the production of the land but it helps improve downstream water quality. Brother-in-law, Robert Person, rents the pasture. He assists with the fencing as well as controls the weeds and fertilizes the pasture as needed.

Because Matthew Anderson and Robert Person have always been good stewards of the land, I have allowed a very reasonable rental rate through the years.

To the best your knowledge, what area(s) of your property will the Dakota Access Pipeline cross?

The pipeline will enter my property from the north along Highway 38. It will cross where the only entrance along Highway 38 is located. The pipeline will cut through 47 acres of cropland. In 2013 and 2014, this field was tiled and the abandoned railroad bed was leveled. The pipeline will then cross a new fence that was installed in 2014. The pipeline will enter my pasture ground and cross a wetland area that includes a tributary of Skunk Creek. There are several springs in the pasture including a spring just to the east of the construction site. There are two cattle stock dams (dug outs) along the pipeline area (see Exhibit 4 hereto). An overflow of waters from Beaver Lake goes through this area as well. Ag tiles located to the south and west drain into the pasture. The pipeline would cross highly erodible hills. The pipeline will continue south and east. It will exit my property by crossing another new fence installed in 2014. The pipeline will then cross a minimum maintenance road. This road has been improved by landowners who have needed this road for transportation of farm vehicles and equipment. This road is not desirable for heavy traffic.

How close is the pipeline to any building, bin or pen, water source, or farming facilities (i.e., storage area, feedlot, grazing area, etc.)?

The pipeline will run within feet of the stock dams located in the pasture. One of the dams may even be destroyed by the path. The pipeline would cross a Skunk Creek tributary. It would also be within yards of a spring on the east. It will be crossing a large portion of the pasture.

Please describe any special characteristics of your property and farmland, and/or whether you plan to build any houses, outbuildings, shelter belts, or other structures on your property.

The north 120.24 acres has both tillable land and pasture land (see Exhibit 5 hereto). The topography is gently rolling to very rolling. The stock dam was recently cleaned out.

The pasture has a new fence on the east and north sides. The pasture has a creek that runs through it and has never been farmed. A spring on the east side of the pasture keeps the ground saturated. This tract also had tiling done (completed in 2014) and has a minimum maintenance road on the east boundary (dirt road). The tillable land is clean and productive and the pasture has been well kept-managed as well. The land as it is today is in its highest and best use. As there is an interest in new home sites along Highway 38, some acres with building eligibilities could be sold. As mentioned earlier, I could have sold property along Highway 38 many times but I wanted to keep it for myself or future generations-specifically my grandchildren of whom I have three at this time. I actually have seven eligibilities with the 280.24 acres that I own and I would need to work with Minnehaha County to be able to use all of the eligibilities. Some of the eligibilities are considered "conditional" because of the location within the property.

The south 160 acres has a mixture of tillable crop land and pasture. The topography is gently rolling to rolling and is a clean, well farmed-managed tract. This pasture also has a good recently cleaned out stock dam which includes about 8 acres in a grass waterway. There is a minimal maintained road on the east side for access. There is a new fence on the pasture on the east side.

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Please describe which of your farming operations or other land uses will be impaired by the Dakota Access Pipeline and how they will be impaired.

Improvements on the land discussed have been a process for generations. Since 2012, I have made over \$50,000.00 worth of improvements in the area that the pipeline would cross. That does not include my own personal labor. Cleaning out the stock dams for a water source for cattle cost \$4,196.44. Disturbance of soil in the area of the dams will probably change the flow of water which kept the dams full. Construction will probably destroy the south stock dam. A fresh water source for cattle in the pasture would be impaired.

Agricultural tiles in the pipeline area were improved in the years 2013 and 2014 at a **cost** of approximately \$24,578.67 (see Exhibit 6 hereto). These tiles will be directly affected by the pipeline and will no longer serve their purpose. Most of those tiles will be destroyed in the process. If tiles are replaced, as settling occurs, those tiles will also fail. An easement agreement and cost would prohibit me from future agricultural tile replacement.

Drainage of additional tiles from the south and west of the installation area will be affected if the end of their drain system is damaged. Production of crops would be greatly impaired by improper drainage and improper replacement of the soil. Production records for the 47 acre field by Highway 38 show that in 2013 soybean yields were up because of the installation of the tiles (see Exhibit 7 hereto). The 2014 corn records show a yield increase (see Exhibit 8 hereto). Notice that more acres were planted in that field in 2014 because of the dirt work done to remove the railroad bed (see Exhibit 9 hereto). Dirt work was done to level the abandoned railroad bed at a cost of \$3,581.64 (see Exhibit 10 hereto). The crop production will be reduced in the area because of a hasty

installation of a pipeline. The buildup of humus and nutrients will not be regained within 132 three years. 133 A wetland determination costing \$848.20 was done to determine what and where tiling 134 could be done (see Exhibit 11 hereto). All of the work done by county and local authorities will have been in vain. Hills, slopes and water areas will be changed forever. 135 136 Heat release from the oil pipes will dry out the soil and affect the productivity of the 137 cropland and pastures. 138 Rocks brought to the surface in the cropland and the pasture will need to be removed. I 139 am concerned the contractor will not do that adequately. 140 The pipeline will cross two areas of new fences installed just last year at the cost of 141 \$17,132.00 (see Exhibit 12 hereto). Wires cut to allow construction machinery through 142 will weaken the whole system of fencing along the route. .43 Weed seeds that have sat vacant for years will be brought to the surface and will cost 144 additional money to control. 145 Continuing to feed the same number of cattle will not be possible during construction or 146 even for years as the grass grows back (see Exhibit 13 hereto). Grass seed purchased in 147 other states will not have the same variety traits needed to produce properly in South Dakota soils and conditions. This will impair the operations of my brother-in-law (not to 148 149 mention other farmers and ranchers across the state). 150 The water sources for the cattle will be cut off during the construction of the pipeline. 151 The water sources are on the far east side of the pastures. 152 Because of highly erodible conditions throughout much of the pasture, damage will result 153 because of constant erosion until the ground cover returns.

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I am not able to purchase liability insurance to cover expenses involved with a Dakota Access Pipeline spill, leak or explosion on my property. My farm policy excludes coverage for "Pollutant." I could be sued by a neighbor or others if damage is done to neighboring land. I do not want to pass that liability on to my grandchildren.

Because of liability issues, lending institutions could choose not to allow or continue loans connected with the property.

The only north driveway will be compromised for months as the installation process proceeds.

In recent years, neighbors and myself worked on improving the safety of the minimum maintenance road along the east side of my property, specifically along the side of the 160 acre property. The road is needed to continue farm operations such as planting and harvesting as well as hauling cattle. The destruction of this fragile road system is at risk.

Has your farmland been improved with drain tile? If so, please describe whether you are concerned that pipeline construction may damage and impair the drain tile performance and investment.

The surrounding landowners will be impaired if the road is not returned to its prior

Tiling has been done on this property even before my parents owned the land. My parents continued to improve the tiling system during their ownership. In 2013 and 2014, I completed additional tiling on the north 120.24 acres, as mentioned in a previous answer (see Exhibit 14 hereto). The process could not be completed in 2013 because of wet conditions. At the same time, the railroad bed was leveled and tiling was installed in that area as well. These tiles were placed approximately 3.5 to 3.75 feet deep. In some

parts where a hill was crossed, the tiles may be up to 3.5 to 6 feet deep. All of this was

completed according to the rules and regulations of the Minnehaha Conservation District.

Tiling is also located on the southwest portion of my property. This continues through
the pasture and releases the water in the proposed construction area. Another area of
tiling is located on the south edge of the pasture, very near the last segment of the
pipeline.

Tiling removes only excess water. It does not reduce the amount of plant-available water. Well-drained soil encourages deep and healthy root systems. Tiling systems to the north and south of my property have worked together for years to provide effective management practices of erosion, water runoff, and quality water.

I believe that most South Dakota tiles in the area of the pipeline construction will be destroyed with the installation of the pipeline. The remaining tile will not function properly because of the disturbance of the whole system. This will not only impair my farming operation but the quality of life for families in the surrounding area.

Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will pose a threat of serious injury to the environment or the inhabitants within the siting area? If so, why?

At the January 13, 2015 meeting with the Minnehaha County Commission, Lincoln County Commission, and the Sioux Falls City Council, Joey Mahmoud explained that the Dakota Access Pipeline will be a large pipeline that will be used to ship about one-third of the Bakken crude oil produced today. He also explained that if problems arise, it would take several minutes to shut down the valves on the 30" pipe. Any leak, spill or explosion would involve a large amount of volatile crude oil before the entire flow would stop. At that meeting, Joey and other Dakota Acess employees did not answer the

question as to how far apart the valves are along the pipeline. They explained that valves were placed before and after certain water bodies to decrease the amount of damage.

A decrease in the amount of damage is not reassuring to me when it is near a private well, a tributary, creek, lake, river or anywhere.

Because of the large amount of crude oil passing through the pipeline each day, there is a threat of serious injury to the environment and the inhabitants within the siting area. The present state and local governments are powerless to protect citizens at this time.

Recent projects to improve water quality on the Big Sioux River and Skunk Creek will be in vain because of future leaks or spills and because of the destruction of connected agricultural tiles throughout southeastern South Dakota during the installation process.

Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will substantially impair the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the siting area? If so, why?

Erosion in the siting area will cause injury to the environment.

Previous pipeline accidents have shown there is no doubt that the health and safety of people and animals will be impaired when accidents occur. Pipeline accidents are not rare. I do not claim to be an expert on the complications involved but the dangers are obvious. There are deer, fox, geese, ducks, coyote, gophers and various birds in the area of my property.

The welfare of inhabitants of the siting area will be greatly impaired as well.

Landowners involved with the pipeline installation, as well as surrounding neighbors, will experience a loss in value of their property. Who will want to live around such a large pipeline carrying a dangerous product? Just because it will be out of sight doesn't mean it won't be a problem. Local counties, townships and schools will receive less

property tax from citizens of the area. Claims are made that the values will not go down but that is because that has not been tested yet. We now have a big test to face in the future. Claims are made that schools, townships and counties will benefit from the taxes paid on personal property owned by Dakota Access in the state of South Dakota. That personal property will depreciate through the years, thus decreasing the amount of taxes received within the state considerably. This appears to be a "Robin Hood" activity-taking from the landowners and giving to the schools, townships and counties. Meanwhile, a Texas company will profit from the use of the landowner's property. Southeastern farmers have invested a lot in agricultural tiles in recent years. Crop farmers will receive less income once their fields are disturbed. In our lifetime, the soil will not be back to its present state of productivity. Farmers need to meet the needs of a hungry world. The disturbed tile lines will not drain properly. Some land areas will become new wetlands because the present agricultural tiles will no longer work together. Grasslands will also be less productive, resulting in a hardship for those who rely on that source for the herds of cattle, sheep or bison that they have worked so hard to build up. The welfare of the farmers of South Dakota will be affected if farmland is handed over to Dakota Access/Energy Transfer for their profit. Farmers would receive more benefits if the land was used for crops including corn for ethanol. Ethanol saves consumers money while offering an opportunity for farmers to sell their corn locally. That not only relieves the congestion of rail cars but it keeps the price of corn at profitable margin. Support of ethanol keeps land values and farm income from going down. Support of ethanol keeps the jobs in South Dakota. Most of the jobs created by the proposed pipeline will be done by out of state employees. Refer to the comments sent to the PUC throughout the

250 process. Many of the comments have come from out of state employees wanting a job in 251 South Dakota. The economic opportunities of out of state employees seem to have 252 priority over the South Dakota citizens. 253 254 Have you been sued by Dakota Access Pipeline to compel court ordered access to 255 your land? If so, (1) Has Dakota Access Pipeline provided you any legal authority 256 (i.e., state statute) supporting its claim that you have no right to exclude Dakota 257 Access from your land at the time of said lawsuit? and (2) Have you incurred legal 258 fees in defending against sais lawsuit? 259 Yes 260 (1) No 261 (2) Yes ∠62 Has Dakota Access Pipeline made any statements to you that it is a "common 263 carrier" under South Dakota law? If so, please describe. 264 265 I have only heard statements about that in public meetings or have seen it written in some 266 papers. 267 268 Has any representative of Dakota Access Pipeline made any statements to you or 269 others that you believe are not true? If so, please explain. 270 I have heard from Joey Mahmoud, Edwina Scroggins (land agent), and a select few 271 landowners that Dakota Access Pipeline will do everything it can to accommodate the 272 landowners. Edwina was told by me that I have plans for future homes along Highway 38. She was also told about the recently installed agricultural tiles (see Exhibit 15

hereto). She offered a revised map showing the pipeline moved over a short distance (see Exhibit 16 hereto). When it came time for the installation, the revision would not have made any difference.

The Stofferahn family north of my property will have their business development plans extremely altered due to the lack of accommodation by Dakota Access Pipeline.

Widows are going to experience less income from their farmland which will be crossed by the pipeline. No one is accommodating them. Families with plans of development for future homes, buildings or shelter belts have been told their plans cannot be accommodated. Only a select few landowners have actually been "accommodated". I wonder how you get on that list of landowners.

Another comment made is that the pipeline route was reviewed and researched before the actual route was determined. It appears that a line was drawn across the Midwest states and then Dakota Access began the process of applying for a permit. Out dated maps were used in the permit process. One map used still showed a railroad that had been abandoned in the 1980's. Research would have shown that the route would cross:

- 1. Highly populated areas
- 2. Growth areas of towns in South Dakota
- 3. Highly productive farm ground in all states involved
- 4. Agricultural tiles connected throughout all of the states involved

  Dakota Access has purposely kept landowners uninformed. Difficulty in finding
  information in the process has caused a lot of confusion and frustration. More complete
  information about the process was not available until after the application for a permit
  was presented to the PUC in December, 2014. Many landowners had already been
  approached. Maps found online are not only outdated but are difficult to read.

An Energy Transfer handout given at the January 13, 2015 joint meeting of the Minnehaha County Commission, Lincoln County Commission, and the Sioux Falls City Council was different than the handout given at the January 22, 2015. That caused a problem in the presentation given by Joy Hohn at the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Most landowners have had to keep up with their jobs and have not had the time needed to research the whole project. To add to the disappointments, the State of South Dakota is very incomplete in informing the landowners.

It should not be assumed that all citizens subscribe to newspapers or know how to use a computer. Many misaddressed certified letters (to notify of upcoming public meetings) for landowners directly affected by the pipeline and surrounding landowners were not delivered in a timely manner (see Exhibit 17 hereto). At that time, I had to convince a nearby landowner that, in fact, the pipeline was crossing his property. Despite the fact that he was never asked for survey permission, he believes surveying has been completed on his land. Another landowner was told to sign the easement or he would get less money later, especially if he fights the pipeline.

# Please state any other concerns you have regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline.

My greatest concern is that if the PUC grants, with conditions, the permit to install the Dakota Access Pipeline, conditions placed by the PUC will not necessarily be met. The PUC does not police the installation or have state inspectors on the job to make sure the conditions are met. Easement agreements will not be enforced. We have thus given an out of state business the opportunity to use our land and resources as it so chooses. There will be no turning back. There are additional pipelines already planned.

321 January handouts from Energy Transfer state a project objective-"Interconnect with thirdparties for redelivery of crude oil to processing facilities and refineries located in the *5*22 323 Midwest and Gulf Coast for production of motor fuels and other crude oil derivatives that 324 support the U.S. economy" (see Exhibits 18 and 19 hereto). It has been understood that 325 the crude oil would go to the Gulf Coast and later could be available as fuel for any 326 country. Energy Transfer sometimes changes the story-for example-some North 327 Dakotans have been told that the oil will be going to Illinois for distribution to refineries in the eastern states. This was read in a May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 article that I cannot copy because 328 329 of copyright laws. My concern is that Energy Transfer changes the story to cover the possibility of the crude oil crossing the United States only to be used eventually by a 330 331 foreign country. We have no guarantee that the oil will stay in the United States. 332 I am concerned that the proposed pipeline's capacity may be increased beyond 570,000 J33 barrels per day by adding additional pump stations at closer intervals along the pipeline 334 route and by injecting higher levels of drag reducing agents. 335 I am concerned of the possibility of additional pipes installed within the easement in the 336 future as well as other types of fluid transported throughout the pipes. 337 The state of South Dakota does not have funds to cover future oil spills, leaks, or 338 explosions. 339 There is no safe way to transport crude oil. The United States, in coordination with 340 Canada, has developed new regulations that govern the transportation of crude oil, 341 ethanol and other flammable liquids by rail. The rule focuses on safety improvements 342 designed to prevent accidents, mitigate consequences in the event of an accident and 343 support emergency response.

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I am concerned about the outdoor storage of pipe shipped in for the use of the proposed pipeline. Premature aging and deterioration due to the elements will be experienced before all of the pipe will be installed. South Dakota may not experience problems with the pipeline while "on our watch" but the problems will come. I hold the PUC very responsible for the future of South Dakota. I am concerned that Dakota Access has convinced many landowners that there is no need for concern. Landowners have been told that they have no choice in the process and that their land will be taken by eminent domain anyway. My concern is that, eventually, we will have tourists coming to South Dakota to view the oil spills, leaks and explosions rather than going to see Mount Rushmore. I favor sales tax paid by tourists rather than property tax paid by a Texas company. I am concerned for the Dewey C. Gevik Outdoor Conservation Learning Area in Minnehaha County. The Gevik Learning Area makes possible an interpretive educational experience that is open to the public, featuring several conservation practices such as the restoration of a wetland, grassed waterway with a rock weir structure, rock crossings, shelterbelts, native grass plantings, and hiking trails. Located just one-half mile west of Wall Lake, the Learning Area showcases natural resources at their finest while also filtering the water flowing into Wall Lake. Three walking trails offer access to all the diverse environments, and ninety-four species of birds have been documented by bird watching clubs. Observation decks have been constructed so people can relax as they enjoy watching wildlife in their natural habitat. The proposed Dakota Access Pipeline will cross through the area just described. Neighboring landowners have no rights in regards to the pipeline. It is alarming how close many already established homes will be to the pipeline. In the past, I have had to

368 get permission from the neighbors downstream before I could install agricultural tile. Now they have no rights, even if this pipeline is within feet of their property or home. *3*69 370 These neighbors will receive no compensation for the loss of property value or loss of 371 safety. The land agent told me there would be inspectors on the site. Dakota Access or the 372 contractor will provide the inspectors-the land agent stated that she was an inspector for 373 374 her own husband's construction company (one of the companies hired by Dakota 375 Access). I did not have comfort in knowing the connection between the husband and 376 wife. At the January 13<sup>th</sup> joint meeting, Joey Mahmoud stated that possibly not all contractors 377 378 will do everything right. This was said as questions were asked about roads and a 379 possible negative impact. There will be many construction companies involved. Joey 790 mentioned that he could deduct from their (the contractors) pay if the job was not done 381 right. Joey stated that Dakota Access would make it right. My concern is that the 382 damage cannot be reversed. This could include improper procedures done on the roads, 383 across water or electrical lines, or with the landowner. 384 I am concerned that most easement agreements are one-sided and are similar to a 385 permanent land take-over. 386 Additional concerns have been addressed in each question presented in the 387 Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents to Dakota Access LLC. 388

Why have you become involved with this process so extensively?

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Because I care about others as I have been taught. My example of farm ownership and management is not much different than many South Dakotans. I am just a steward of the

land. God has given me this land to use as a tool in life.

I have lived in eastern South Dakota all of my life. I have watched farm families that have made plans for their future and the future generations-it is called a transition process. Those families have spent their savings, time and energy to improve and pass the land on to the next generation or to sell the property for their retirement. They have considered changes will come because of death, illness, or even undesirable weather conditions. One change they did not expect was their plans would be stopped because of an out of state business wanting to do business through their land. Dakota Access and Energy Transfer have thrown money at the issues and claim they have fairly reimbursed the farmers for the inconvenience.

I am concerned that the installation of the Dakota Access Pipeline will, in fact, deter the progress that generations of South Dakotans have accomplished. I am concerned that the proposed large capacity pipeline will move a dangerous and explosive product across the highly populated eastern South Dakota.

South Dakota has a responsibility to use its resources to produce food. We must wisely use our natural resources for agriculture and tourism. South Dakota has experienced an orderly development of this region. Today's decisions could set a precedent for additional pipelines coming to South Dakota.

We can hope there is no oil spill, but hope is not a plan.

Are you able to provide any documentation to support your testimony above.

Yes. Attached hereto and incorporated herewith are the following documents;

414	Exhibit 1: May 4, 2015 letter to Robert Person;
415	Exhibit 2: May 4, 2015 letter to Dave Benning;
416	Exhibit 3: February 16, 2006 Right Of Way Easement;
417	Exhibit 4: Tributary of Skunk Creek;
418	Exhibit 5: The North 120.24 acres of both tillable and pasture land;
419	Exhibit 6: Invoice #1223 dated June 5, 2013 from Kaffar Tiling & Ditching in
420	the amount of \$24,578.67
421	Exhibit 7: Production records from Farm Credit Services of America for the 47
422	acre field by Highway 38 show that in 2013 soybean yields were up
423	because of the installation of the tiles;
424	Exhibit 8: The 2014 corn records from Farm Credit Services of America;
425	Exhibit 9: 2014 cornfield "Mom's Hwy 38";
,26	Exhibit 10: Invoice #1224 dated June 5, 2013 from Kaffar Tiling & Ditching I
427	the amount of \$3,581.64;
428	Exhibit 11: Invoice #13222 dated June 11, 2013 from Minnehaha Conservation
429	District in the amount of \$848.20;
430	<b>Exhibit 12:</b> Invoice #273 dated April 18, 2014 in the amount of \$17,132.70;
431	Exhibit 13: United States Dept. of Agriculture Seeding Plan and Record for late
432	spring 5/15 to 6/15;
433	Exhibit 14: North 120.24 acres;
434	Exhibit 15: Proposed Route – DAPL;
435	Exhibit 16: Revised map showing the pipeline moved over a short distance;
436	Exhibit 17: Misaddressed certified letter;
37	Exhibit 18: Handout from Energy Transfer (Asset Overview);

438	Exhibit 19: Handout from Energy Transfer (Project Overview)
439	These documents were referenced in my testimony on the prior pages.
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441	Would you be available to present testimony and respond to questions during the
442	formal hearing scheduled for September 29 through October 8, 2015?
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445	Does that conclude your testimony?
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452	Subscribed and sworn before me this U day of June, 2015.
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456	Notary Public - South Dakota
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5/4/15

Robert Person 25875 Skunk Creek Ave Hartford, SD 57033-6348

Dear Robert,

I am in the process of gathering historical information connected with property that I own west of 460<sup>th</sup> Avenue along Highway 38 west of Hartford. This information is needed because of a proposed pipeline to be installed across the property.

In the past, I have had four or more inquiries to purchase the property listed above. At one time, you asked if the land was available for sale as well as all land south to the property owned by Pamela Person. Land prices-were not discussed as I had no intention of selling at that time but discussed the fact that you would be contacted if that changed.

I need a note (with your signature) from you stating that you in fact did inquire about the purchase of the land west of Hartford. This does not legally bind you to anything other than contributing to the historical information.

A brief note and your signature at the bottom of this letter would be sufficient.

Thank you for your time in consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Regard Hoogestracit

Peggy Hoogestraat 27575 462<sup>nd</sup> Ave Chancellor, SD 57015 605-214-0623

I have talked to Pessy in the Past about Intrest in buying the Land above from hex.

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Dave Benning The Gold Mine, Inc. 3505 E 10<sup>th</sup> St Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Dear Dave,

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In the past, I have had four or more inquiries to purchase the property listed above. At one time, you asked if the land was available for sale to build a storage building there. Land prices were not discussed as I had no intention of selling at that time but I kept your contact information.

I need a note (with your signature) from you stating that you in fact did inquire about the purchase of the land west of Hartford. This does not legally bind you to anything other than contributing to the historical information.

A brief note and your signature at the bottom of this letter would be sufficient.

Thank you for your time in consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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I Dovid Benoning inquired about purchasing Peoply thoogestraat land along Highway 38 west of Hartford about 8 years ago. I wanted to put storage units on it.

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**EXHIBIT** 

Document prepared by Patty McElhaney Minnehaha Community Water, Corp. 47381 248<sup>th</sup> St, Dell Rapids, SD 57022-5305 Phone: 605-529-5799

#### RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT

In consideration of the mutual benefits to be derived, the undersigned Grantor does hereby grant, sell, and convey to the MINNEHAHA COMMUNITY WATER, CORP. a perpetual easement with the right to construct, install use, operate, inspect, maintain, replace and remove water lines and appurtenant facilities over, under and upon the herein described real property together with the rights of ingress and egress thereto.

This easement shall be occupied only by mainline distribution pipe, together with its appurtenances, which shall be located within an area 40 feet in width, running immediately adjacent to the public right-of-way line along the entire North boundary of the Northeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 102 North, Range 52 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Minnehaha County, South Dakota.

The consideration herein recited shall be a single payment of a Land Disturbance Fee of 10¢ per linear foot of main pipeline for any and all damages incurred by Grantor by reason of the installation, operation, and maintenance of the above improvements. Grantee agrees that it will, at no expense to Grantor, following installation or maintenance of the pipeline return the premises to its former condition as is reasonably possible. Grantee agrees to maintain the easement in good repair so that no unreasonable damage will result therefrom to Grantor.

This easement shall run with the land for the benefit of grantee, its successors and assigns and all provisions hereof shall be binding on Grantor, her heirs, personal representatives, successors, or assigns.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF South Dakoty

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On this 16th day of February

Notary Public, in and for the county and state aforesaid, came PEGGY ANN HOOGESTRAAT, who is personally known to me to be the same person who executed the attached Right Of Way Easement for Minnehaha Community Water, Corp., and such person duly acknowledged execution of the same for the purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written

Notary Public

(NOTARY SEAL)

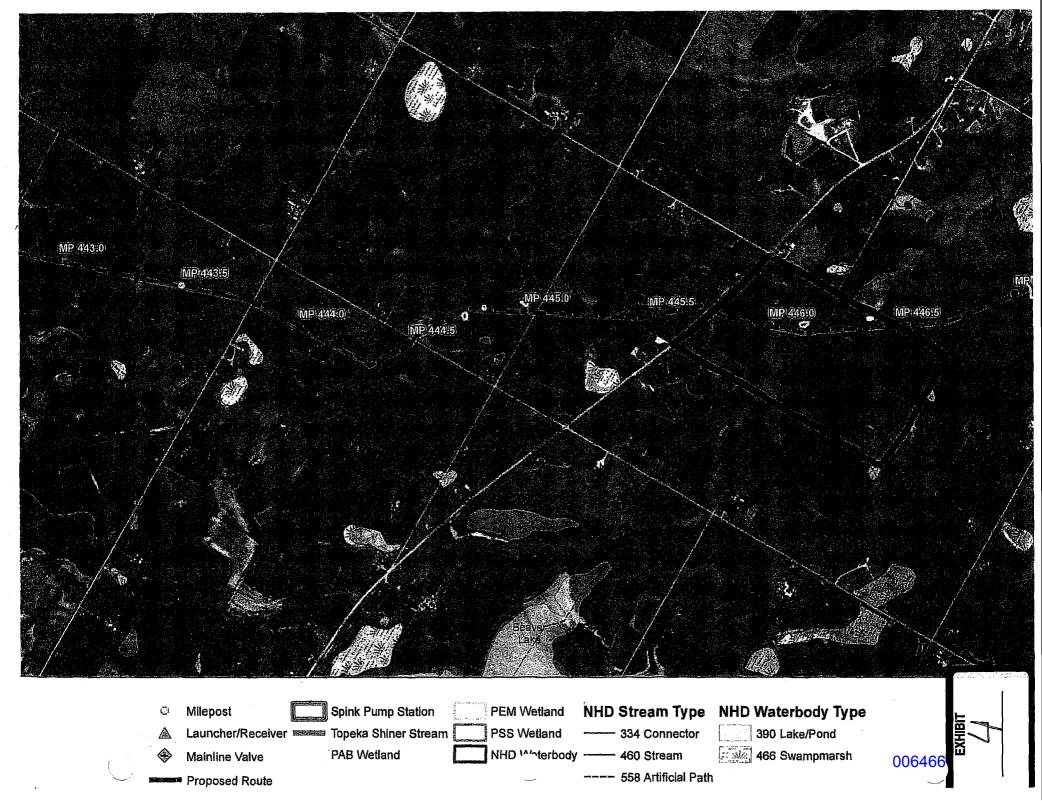
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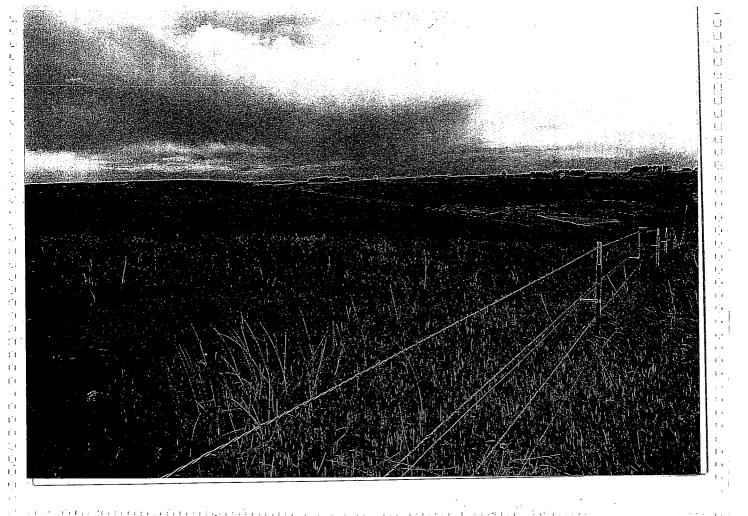
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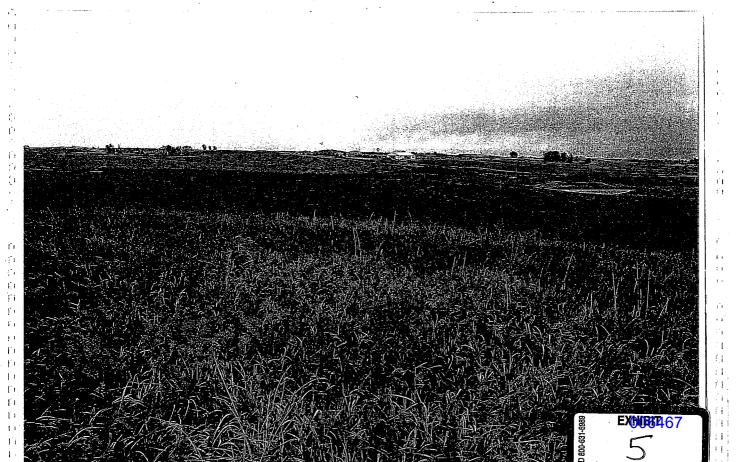
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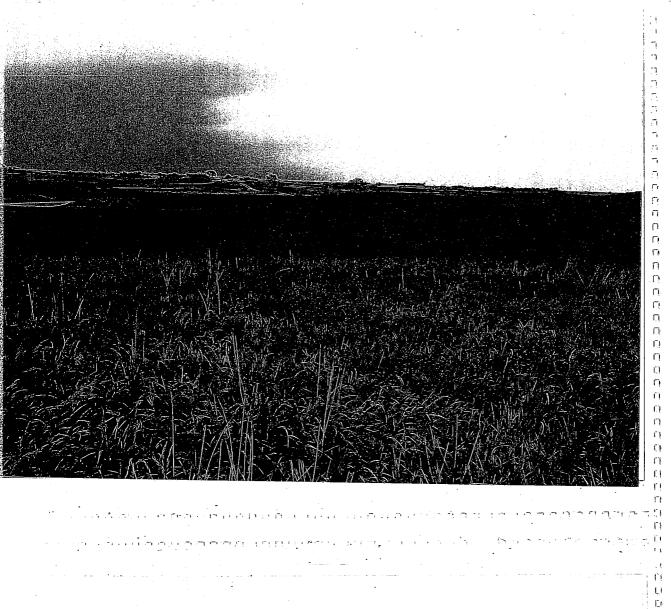
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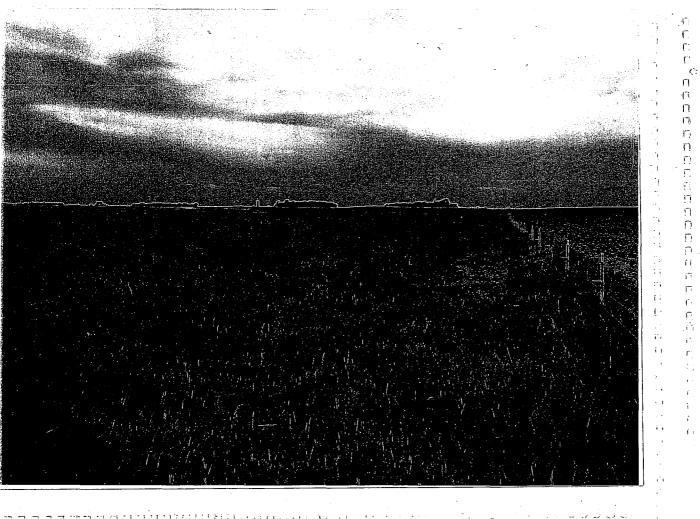
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10	Tile Junction	30.00	300.00
11	5" internal endplug	2.00	22.00
5	6" rodent guard	5.75	28.75
5	4" internal endplug	1.75	8.75
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As mandated by the State of South Dakota, a 2.041% Excise Tax must be paid.

It's been a pleasure working with you!

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# Kaffar Tiling & Ditching

512 S. Main Humboldt, SD 57035 (605) 941-7320

Bill To		

As mandated by the State of South Dakota, a 2.041% Excise Tax must be paid.

It's been a pleasure working with you!

# <u>Invoice</u>

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CX#3410 7-8-13

Subtotal

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Excise Tax (2.041%)

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\$3,510.00

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# **Minnehaha Conservation District**

2408 E. Benson Road Sioux Falls, SD 57104

# **BILL TO**

Matthew Anderson 25985 461st Ave. Hartford, SD 57033

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**INVOICE#** 

6/11/2013

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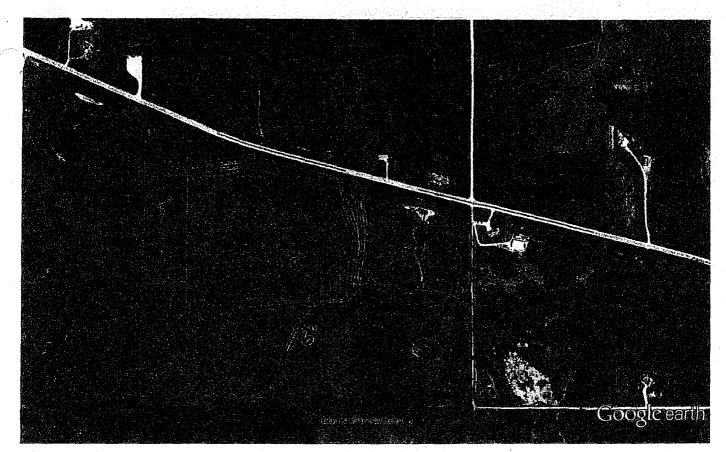
CEDAR REMOVAL, FENCING, CONTINUOUS FENCE, GATES, TUBS AND ALLEYS AVAILABLE

PLEASE REMIT PAYMENT TO: BOE COLEMAN boemancoleman@yahoo.com \* 308-520-5534 \* 51506 872 Rd. \* Orchard, NE 68764

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# **SEEDING PLAN AND RECORD**

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Peggy Hoogestraat <gardengalpeggy@gmail.com>

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Edwina Scroggins <scrogginsedwina@yahoo.com>
To: "gardengalpeggy@gmail.com" <gardengalpeggy@gmail.com>

Fri, Nov 14, 2014 at 4:59 PM

Here is the second proposed route, this is the best they could do. Hope this will help. Just let me know.

Thanks, Edwina Scroggins

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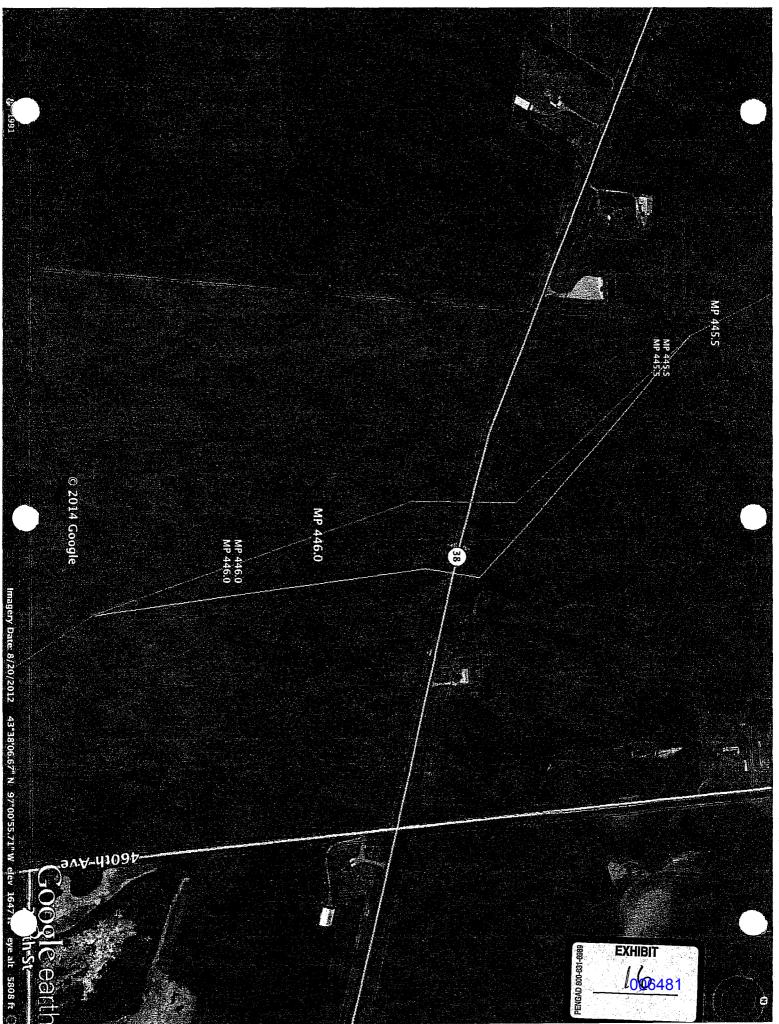
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Thanks: Marlon Scroggins
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Dakota Access Pipeline Project
4401 S. Technology Dr. South Suite
Sioux Falls, SD.
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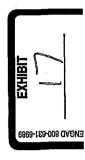


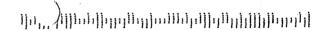
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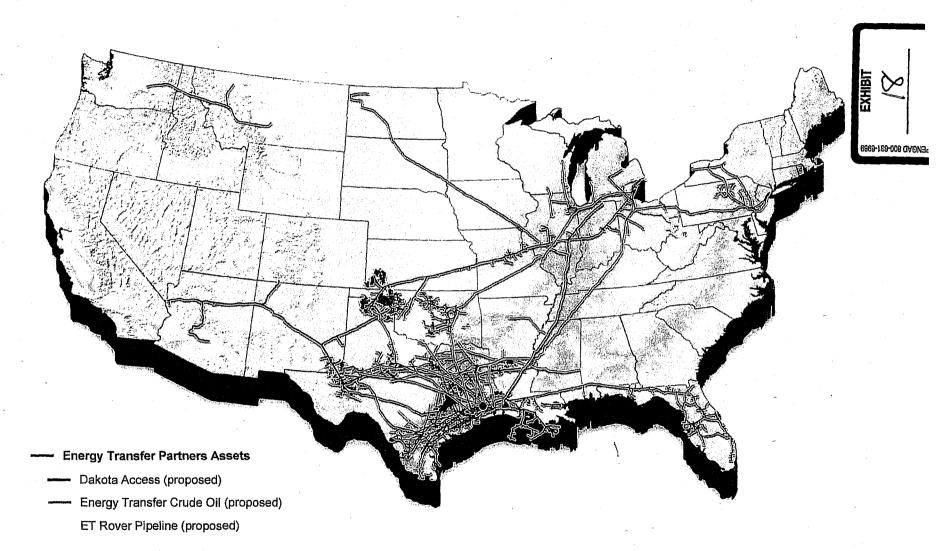


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# **Energy Transfer Partners - Asset Overview**



- --- Regency Energy Partners Assets
- --- Sunoco Logistics Assets



# **Project Overview**

- Dakota Access, LLC has secured long-term binding contractual commitments to:
  - ➤ Transport approximately 450,000 barrels per day of crude oil starting Q4 2016
  - ➤ Potential to transport approximately 570,000 or more barrels per day depending upon additional potential shipper commitments

# •Objective:

- ➤Move crude oil from the Bakken Three Forks area in northwestern North Dakota to the Patoka Hub in Patoka, Illinois
- ➤Interconnect with third-parties for re-delivery of crude oil to processing facilities and refineries located in the Midwest and Gulf Coast for production of motor fuels and other crude oil derivatives that support the US economy



# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

# OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC FOR AN ENERGY FACILITY PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

# HP14-002

# PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF Laurie Kunzelman

**EXHIBIT** 

	STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA) :SS
	COUNTY OF Lincoln )
1	Laurie Kunzelman, being first duly sworn on his/her oath, deposes and states as follows:
2	Please state your name and address.
3	Laurie Kunzelman
4	3604 East Woodsedge Street
5	Sioux Falls, SD 57108
6	How are you involved with the Dakota Access Pipeline project?
7	I am the daughter of Delores Assid, a landowner in Lincoln County, South Dakota
8	affected by the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline.
9	Please describe the history of your family's land ownership, and whether farming
10	will be continued by younger generations.
11	My great-grandfather, Henry Andreessen, homesteaded this land in 1883. He filed on the
12	land (a half section – 320 acres) in 1882 and then moved onto it in 1883. Henry farmed i
13	for 44 years. My grandparents, Martin and Elsie Andreessen, inherited the farm in 1927,
14	when my mother was one year old. They retired from farming in 1948, but continued to

own the land. My grandparents rented the land to a farmer, Richard Gores. My mother,

Delores, and her two sisters, Devona Smith and Margaret Hilt, inherited the farm in 1988,
when my grandmother passed away. My mother and aunts continue to rent the farmland
to a farmer, Doug Vanderwerff, who grows corn and soybeans on it. My sister, my two
cousins, and I will someday inherit the farm from my mother and aunts. We plan on
continuing to own the land and rent it out. My husband and I have been thinking about
building a home on the farm.
Please describe your current farming operations.
The farm is rented out for cash rent. The tenant farmer, Doug Vanderwerff, grows corn
and soybeans, and has a little hay land on the half section. This man has been farming
this land for about 30 years and plans to continue to do so, unless the pipeline would
change that.
To the best of your knowledge, what area(s) of your property will the Dakota Access
Pipeline cross?
The pipeline would cross the east quarter section (160 acres) of the farm from the
northwest corner to the southeast corner, effectively cutting that quarter section in half.
How close is the pipeline to any building, bin or pen, water source, or farming
facilities (i.e., storage area, feedlot, grazing area, etc.)?
The pipeline would run approximately 50 feet from the land surrounding the farm
buildings and the windmill, which provides water for the house.
Please describe any special characteristics of your property and farmland, and/or
whether you plan to build any houses, outbuildings, shelter belts, or other structures
on your property.
The farm has old cement tile going from a pond north of the house to the road ditch south
of the house. This old tile is fragile. The proposed pipeline would cross this tile. There

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is also tile a short distance west of this tile. I'm not sure if the pipeline would cross that tile or not. The tile could easily be damaged by excavation of the ground near it, heavy equipment going over it, or settling of the ground afterwards.

My husband and I have been considering building a home on the southeast corner of the farm, but the pipeline would prevent that. My mother and aunts have also considered selling one acreage on the northeast corner of the farm. There are three housing eligibilities remaining on that quarter section of the farm with possible future development, since Highway 17 runs on the east side of the farm. A realtor has already asked my mom if she was interested in selling the farm. There are housing developments ½ mile east of the farm and another one planned ½ mile north of the farm. Even though these are outside of the growth plan for Tea, they are still being developed. Pipeline easements could restrict developments in the area.

Please describe which of your farming operations or other land uses will be impaired by the Dakota Access Pipeline and how they will be impaired.

Corn and soybeans are both grown yearly in alternating areas in that quarter section of the farm. The pipeline would severely cut down on crop production of each of them.

The tenant would lose acres to plant, receive much less income from that quarter section, and it would inconvenience him when trying to farm the land, with the pipeline cutting that quarter section in half. Consequently, he would be unwilling to pay as much rent per acre, so my mother would be losing income. 

The renter may decide that the hassle isn't worth trying to farm the land that is cut in half by the pipeline. No one else would be willing to farm it either, with that pipeline running through there. Then my mother and aunts would lose total income from that farm for as long as it would take to find another renter. Also, if they ever did try to sell any acreages, people would not want to buy and

build on the land with that pipeline under it. Dakota Access would not allow any 64 65 buildings on the easement, either. 66 When the land is dug up for the pipeline, it would damage the quality of the soil. The 67 topsoil and subsoil as well as lower layers would be mixed. This will hurt plant growth 68 for at least ten years. There will be some compaction of the soil, which would also impact 69 plant growth. Weed seeds will be brought to the surface, so there will be additional costs 70 to control them. The soil around the pipeline will be warmer and could cause more 71 insects and disease to survive in the soil. That could also affect plant production. Rocks 72 would be brought to the surface and need to be removed. I am afraid Dakota Access will 73 not do this, as happened with the Keystone pipeline. 74 Has your farmland been improved with drain tile? If so, please describe whether 75 you are concerned that pipeline construction may damage and impair the drain tile 76 performance and investment. 77 Yes, this quarter has two areas of drain tile. The pipeline would cross at least one of 78 them. The tile is cement and quite old. We do not know exactly how deep the tile is 79 because it was installed many years ago. I am very much afraid that the tile would be 80 damaged. Then the water would not drain out of the low area and could reach the house 81 and other buildings as well as drowning out crops. This would cause a loss of income, 82 also. It would be difficult, and very costly to replace the drain tiles if they were damaged. 83 Land around the tile will settle and could cause the tile to break. I'm also afraid oil 84 could get into the tiles and into the water if the tiles were broken. 85 Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will pose a threat of serious injury to 86 the environment or the inhabitants within the siting area? If so, why?

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Yes, I definitely believe the pipeline would pose a threat to the environment and the inhabitants of this farm because of the large amounts of volatile, toxic oil going through this pipeline every day. The oil could leak onto the land and into the water as it has often done in many other areas. The oil could flow into Little Beaver Creek which runs through the farm only about 1/8 of a mile from the proposed pipeline. Then it could get into Beaver Creek, and subsequently into the Sioux River and the aquifer. The Bakken oil in this pipeline is a highly volatile substance. It has been found to be the most explosive oil when compared to oil from 86 locations around the world. Pipelines explode, rupture, and leak. Even with shut-off valves, a great deal of oil would escape into the environment. If the pipeline exploded, it could definitely hurt or kill people and animals in the area. Also, the oil is poisonous and carcinogenic to the people and animals in contact with it. The oil contains benzene and other chemicals. Benzene is cancercausing, as well as causing many other health problems, including death. The environment could be permanently damaged if there was a leak or spill, and could probably never be farmed again. There are designated wetlands on the farm which could be threatened by the pipeline.

Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will substantially impair the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the siting area? If so, why?

Yes, it will most definitely impair the financial welfare of the tenant farmer and the landowners (my mother and aunts), due to the amount of land that will be dug up all the way across that quarter section. Crops will not be as good for many years, possibly ten or twenty years. This could happen again and again, anytime the pipeline company would decide to go back in and dig it up to put more pipes in, or to work on them for some

reason. Yet the pipeline company is only offering a onetime lump sum payment to my
mother and aunts.
I am also concerned that stray voltage could affect the health, safety, and welfare of the
tenant farmer, the residents, and anyone else near the pipeline. The soil, depending on
mineral and moisture content, as well as steel posts on the land, can conduct electricity.
When you look at the many previous pipeline accidents, you can see that the health and
safety of people and animals are at stake. As I stated before, the oil itself could affect the
health, safety, and welfare of everyone, and of the many animals in the area, because of
the volatility of the oil and the chemicals such as benzene, that the oil contains.
Dakota Access cannot guarantee the safety of the pipeline. There have been more
pipeline accidents than train accidents involving oil.
I am also very concerned that the pipeline will lower the property value of the farm. It
will also lower the value of the property of surrounding neighbors. Because of this,
property taxes paid to the government will be decreased.
Have you been sued by Dakota Access Pipeline to compel court ordered access to
your land? If so, (1) Has Dakota Access Pipeline provided you any legal authority
(i.e., state statute) supporting its claim that you have no right to exclude Dakota
Access from your land at the time of said lawsuit? and (2) Have you incurred legal
fees in defending against said lawsuit?
No I haven't, but my mother and aunts have. Dakota Access has filed a lawsuit against
them to allow Dakota Access to enter the farm to survey it. My mother told them "No"
two different times, that they could not enter her land.

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- 132	Yes, they have hired a lawyer, Glenn Boomsma, to represent them in this matter. It is
133	costing them a great deal of money to prevent Dakota Access from surveying, using
134	eminent domain, and placing the pipeline on their farm.
135	Has Dakota Access Pipeline made any statements to you that it is a "common
136	carrier" under South Dakota law? If so, please describe.
137	No, they did not.
138	Has any representative of Dakota Access Pipeline made any statements to you or
139	others that you believe are not true? If so, please explain.
140	Yes, first of all they told my mother that she should allow them on her land. If she didn't,
141	they will just take it by eminent domain, anyway. However, they do not have the right of
142	eminent domain as of yet.
143	Secondly, they told Rhonda Nielsen, who lives in the house on that quarter section, that
144	my mother and aunts had agreed to let Dakota Access enter their land, survey it, and
145	build the pipeline there. They also told her there was nothing she could do about it.
146	Rhonda was very upset that my family would do this. My mother and aunts never gave
147	them permission to enter their land, survey it, or build the pipeline there.
148	Please state any other concerns you have regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline.
149	Liability is a major concern. Dakota Access may not be held accountable if there is a
150	spill, leak, or explosion on the farm. Neighbors could sue my mom if damage is done to
151	their land. If there is an oil spill, who will pay for the cleanup?
152	If the pipeline is no longer used, who will pay for removing it?
153	If Dakota Access gets the easement, it would give them the right to enter anywhere on
154	the farm at anytime, to add more pipe, or for any other reason. To me, this is a takeover
155	of the land that is being forced upon us harming present and future generations

_156	South Dakota and Iowa both grow large amounts of corn. Ethanol producers in South
157	Dakota use much of this corn to produce ethanol, which greatly helps the economy of
158	South Dakota. The oil pipeline will benefit the economy of North Dakota and Texas, but
159	will be of only a small benefit to the economy of South Dakota. That oil is a non-
160	renewable source of fuel and produces greenhouse gases. Corn is a renewable source of
161	fuel. South Dakota should be putting all of its effort into increasing the supply and
162	demand for ethanol. This would be much more beneficial to the farmers and to the state.
163	Lincoln County is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. The pipeline would be
164	running near the most populated part of South Dakota, including the cities of Sioux Falls,
165	Tea, Lennox, and Harrisburg. Future development of this area would be seriously
166	hindered. The eastern part of South Dakota also has the most highly productive cropland
167	in the state. I don't understand why anyone would even consider putting the pipeline
168	through here.
169	Would you be available to present testimony and respond to questions during the
170	formal hearing scheduled for September 29 through October 8, 2015?
171	Yes, I would be available if allowed. My mother and aunts have given their permission
172	for me to speak on their behalf at the hearing because none of them will be able to attend
173	the hearing.
174	Does that conclude your testimony?
175 176 177 178 179 180 181	Yes.
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187	Subscribed and sworn before me this 6 day of July, 2015.
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#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

#### OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF KENT MOECKLY

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)

COUNTY OF Warshall

Kent Moeckly, being first duly sworn on his/her oath, deposes and states as follows:

1. Please state your name and address.

Kent Moeckly

PO Box 903

Britton, SD 57430

### 2. Are you involved with the Dakota Access Pipeline project?

No, but I am a landowner in Marshall County, South Dakota that was crossed by the TransCanada - Phillips Petroleum Pipeline.

### 3. Describe the history of your family's land ownership.

My grandfather settled on the land in Marshall County in the early 1900's and my family has operated the land to the present time.



4. Has your land been impacted or adversely affected by a currently existing pipeline?

Yes, the TransCanada - Phillips Petroleum Pipeline

5. If so, please provide the specifics related to the prior questions.

TransCanada in their construction process ripped open our black dirt and ultimately, mixed it with the clay and lesser desirable soils thereby reducing its value and productivity for years to come. During the reclamation process, the black dirt was spread into totally wet, sloppy conditions including standing water which was against the regulations and thereby resulted in mixing of the good black dirt with the clay and less desirable soils. Therefore the result of this carelessness has cost my family land value and productivity. We now live in constant fear of the pipeline breaking and ruining our land.

- 6. Have your crop yields and/or drain tiles been adversely impacted by a currently existing gas and/or oil pipeline? If so, please provide the complete details.
  Crop yields have been lessened.
- 7. Please state any other concerns you have regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline.

  I have tremendous concerns regarding our valuable water resource(s). Once the pipeline breaks, any nearby water becomes undrinkable and unusable for the rest of time.

We are dealing with a thin-walled, high-pressure, hazardous material pipeline in which the dangers to people and property can never be understated.

- 8. Would you be available to present testimony and respond to questions during the formal hearing scheduled for September 29 through October 8, 2015?
- 9. Does that conclude your testimony?

Yes

Yes

Subscribed and sworn before me this 6 day of

Notary Public – South Dakota My Commission Expires: المحمدة المعالمة المعا

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HP14-002

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF Marilyn Jean Murray

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)

:SS

COUNTY OF Minnehaha

Marilyn Jean Murray, being first duly sworn on his/her oath, deposes and states as follows:

Please state your name and address.

Marilyn Jean Murray

1416 S. Larkspur Trl.

Sioux Falls, SD 57106

How are you involved with the Dakota Access Pipeline project?

I am a landowner in Lincoln County, South Dakota affected by the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline.

Please describe the history of your family's land ownership, and whether farming will be continued by younger generations.

4/26/1883 Land was Homesteaded by Philip Eichhorn-He was given a Patent (deed) September, 1887.

4-16-1896 sold to Paul Nichel for \$1800.

2/28/1920 Quit claim deed from Rose (daughter of Paul and Sophia Nichel) & Milo Hoffman to Sophia Nichel.

EXHIBIT

4/23/1923 Sophia Nichel sold to Gilbert Schoffelman for \$18,000. \$112.50 per acre –

8-1-1930 Upon Gilbert's death distribution to heirs in 1931 – Dora (wife) 1/3 and to children remaining 2/3 rds (John, Hilda, Aldrich, Henry, Elmer, Laura, Esther)

10-27-1947 Dora Schoffelman sold 1.02 acres (Lot H1) to the state of South Dakota for roads.

4-23-1959 Upon Elmer's death his share was conveyed to his mother (Dora).

6/11/1959 John Schoffelman purchased from his siblings and his mother for \$37,840 - \$236.50 per acre.

12/4/1959 – John added Leona's name

5/18/2004 – termination of Leona's name on deed due to death

3/23/2004 – John deeded to children - Janice Petterson, Mavis Parry, Linda Goulet, Corliss Wiebers, Shirley Oltmanns, Marilyn Murray & Kevin Schoffelman w/John having Life Estate

4/13/2012 - Termination of John's Life Estate

The question of whether farming will be continued by future generations remains to be determined.

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Subscribed and sworn before me this 18 day of June, 2015.

My Commission Expires: 9-7-17

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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

HP14-002

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF Shirley Mae Oltmanns

#### STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)

:SS

COUNTY OF Minnehaha

Shirley Mae Oltmanns, being first duly sworn on his/her oath, deposes and states as follows: **Please state your name and address**.

Shirley Mae Oltmanns

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Sioux Falls, SD 57106

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## PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF JANICE ELAINE PETTERSON

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA) COUNTY OF LINCOLN Janice Elaine Petterson, being first duly sworn on his/her oath, deposes and states as follows: My name is Janice Petterson and my address is 6401 S. Lyncrest Ave., Apt. 307, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57108. This document is intended to be my rebuttal testimony in this matter. Attached hereto and incorporated herewith are the following documents: The Wall Street Journal article Bakken Shale Oil Carries High Combustion Risk dated February 23, 2014; The Wall Street Journal article North Dakota Fracking: Behind the Oil-Train Explosions dated July 7, 2014; The Wall Street Journal article Oil Deaths Rise as Bakken Boom Fades dated March 12, 2015; State Of New Jersey Assembly Resolution No. 191; and Town Of Red Hook Resolution No. 2 Dated January 28, 2015 Opposing Building Of The Pilgrim Pipeline.

EXHIBIT

The above documents are being submitted to the PUC so as to provide additional information concerning the volatility and dangerous characteristics of the Bakken Shale Oil in North Dakota. In fact, pipeline shipping the Bakken Shale Oil has been prohibited in the State Of New Jersey on the basis that it is "a very volatile fuel" and due to the "significant safety concerns/risks posed to the citizens/communities of the State of New Jersey." The Town Of Red Hook, New York in its Resolution No. 2 Dated January 28, 2015 Opposing Building Of The Pilgrim Pipeline has reached the same conclusion. Janue Elaine Petterson Subscribed and sworn before me this /// day of August, 2015. 

Notary Public – South Dakota

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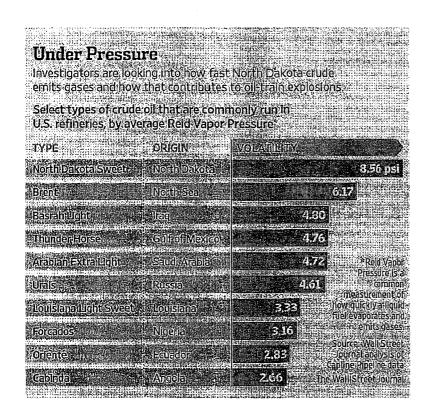
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## Bakken Shale Oil Carries High Combustion Risk

Analysis of Crude From North Dakota Raises Further Questions About Rail Transportation



By RUSSELL GOLD Feb. 23, 2014 7:10 p.m. ET

Crude oil from North Dakota's Bakken Shale formation contains several times the combustible gases as oil from elsewhere, a Wall Street Journal analysis found, raising new questions about the safety of shipping such crude by rail across the U.S.

Federal investigators are trying to determine whether such vapors are responsible for recent extraordinary explosions of oil-filled railcars, including one that killed several dozen people in Canada last summer.

The rapid growth of North Dakota crude-oil production—most of it carried by rail—has been at the heart of the U.S. energy boom. The volatility of the crude, however, raises concerns that more dangerous cargo is moving through the U.S. than previously believed.

Neither regulators nor the industry fully has come to terms with what needs to be done to improve safety. There have been some steps, for example, slowing trains and promising to redirect around high-risk areas. But debate still rages over whether railcars need to be strengthened, something the energy industry has resisted.

"Given the recent derailments and subsequent reaction of the Bakken crude in those incidents, not enough is known about this crude," said Sarah Feinberg, chief of staff at the U.S. Transportation Department. "That is why it is imperative that the petroleum industry and other stakeholders work with DOT to share data so we can quickly and accurately assess the risks."

Potential fixes could create their own problems: Clamping down on rail transport could thwart the growth of oil output and slowing oil trains could affect the rail industry's ability to move freight around the country.

The Journal analyzed data that had been collected by the Capline Pipeline in Louisiana, which tested crude from 86 locations world-wide for what is known as vapor pressure. Light, sweet oil from the Bakken Shale had a far higher vapor pressure—making it much more likely to throw off combustible gases—than crude from dozens of other locations.

Neither federal law nor industry guidelines require that crude be tested for vapor pressure. Marathon Petroleum Corp., which operates Capline, declined to elaborate on its operations except to say that crude quality is tested to make sure customers receive what they pay for.

According to the data, oil from North Dakota and the Eagle Ford Shale in Texas had vapor-pressure readings of over 8 pounds per square inch, although Bakken readings reached as high as 9.7 PSI. U.S. refiner Tesoro Corp., a major transporter of Bakken crude to the West Coast, said it regularly has received oil from North Dakota with even more volatile pressure readings—up to 12 PSI.

By comparison, Louisiana Light Sweet from the Gulf of Mexico, had vapor pressure of 3.33 PSI, according to the Capline data.

Federal regulators, who have sought information about vapor pressure and other measures of the flammability and stability of Bakken crude, have said the energy industry hasn't provided the data despite pledges to do so.

The industry's chief lobbying group said it was committed to working with the government but that historically it hadn't collected the information. The energy industry has resisted the idea that Bakken Shale oil's high gas level is contributing to oil train explosions, but the American Petroleum Institute is revisiting the question, said President Jack Gerard. "Are we testing everything we should be testing?"

David Miller, head of the institute's standards program, said a panel of experts would develop guidelines for testing crude to ensure it is loaded into railcars with appropriate safety features. New tests could include measures of viscosity, corrosion and vapor pressure, he said.

The rapid growth in transporting oil by rail was rocked by several accidents last year. Last summer a train loaded with 72 cars of crude exploded, leveling downtown Lac-Mégantic, Quebec, and killing 47 people. Later in the year, derailed trains exploded in Alabama and North Dakota, sending giant fireballs into the sky. Derailments, typically caused by track problems or equipment failure, triggered the accidents. While crude oil is considered hazardous, it isn't usually explosive.

Most oil moving by rail comes from the Bakken Shale, where crude production has soared to nearly a million barrels daily at the end of last year from about 300,000 barrels a day in 2010.

The rapid growth in Bakken production has far outpaced the installation of pipelines, which traditionally had been relied on to move oil from wells to refineries. Most shale oil from Texas moves through pipelines, but about 70% of Bakken crude travels by train.

Bakken crude actually is a mixture of oil, ethane, propane and other gaseous liquids, which are commingled far more than in conventional crude. Unlike conventional oil, which sometimes looks like black syrup, Bakken crude tends to be very light.

"You can put it in your gas tank and run it," said Jason Nick, a product manager at testing-instruments company Ametek Inc. "It smells like gasoline."

Equipment to remove gases from crude before shipping it can be hard to find in the Bakken. Some Bakken wells are flowing so quickly that companies might not be able to separate the gas from the oil, said Lynn Helms, director of North Dakota's Department of Mineral Resources. "At a really high flow rate, it is just much more difficult to get complete gas separation," he said.

There also is a financial benefit to leaving gaseous liquids in the oil, because it gives companies more petroleum to sell, according to Harry Giles, the retired head of quality for the U.S. Energy Department's Strategic Petroleum Reserve and a former head of the Crude Oil Quality Association.

The federal government doesn't spell out who should test crude or how often. Federal regulations simply say that oil must be placed in appropriate railcars.

There are three "packaging groups" for oil, based on the temperatures at which it boils and ignites. But these tests don't look at how many volatile gases are in the oil, and that is the industry's challenge, according to Don Ross, senior investigator with the Transportation Safety Board of Canada. "There is no accepted industry method for testing for gassy crude," he said.

Without clear guidance, some oil producers simply test their crude once and generate a "material safety data sheet" that includes some broad parameters and characteristics.

After last summer's deadly Canadian incident, investigators said several data sheets that were supposed to describe oil quality were either incomplete or incorrect.

Much of the oil industry remains resistant to upgrading the 50,000 railcars that are used to carry crude oil, saying it would be too time consuming and expensive. The problem, they argue, isn't the cargo but a lack of railroad safety.

Some observers of the energy industry are starting to call for oil companies to ensure the crude being poured into railcars isn't too volatile.

"We need some standards," said Bill Lywood, an oil-industry consultant in Edmonton, Alberta, who measures crude characteristics for producers in Western Canada. "The industry should not be filling railcars with unstabilized crude."

-Laura Stevens and Tom McGinty contributed to this article.

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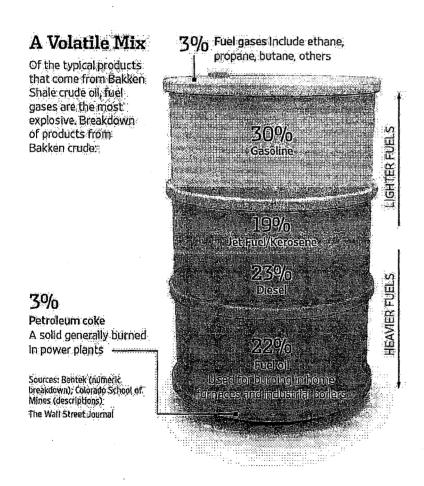
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**BUSINESS** 

# North Dakota Fracking: Behind the Oil-Train Explosions

Volatile Gases Aren't Removed From Bakken Shale Crude; 'The Regulations Are Silent'



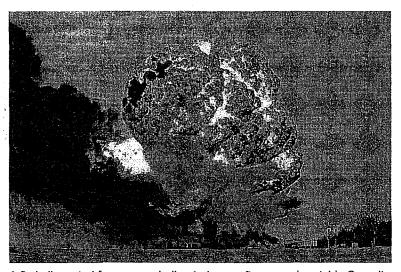
By RUSSELL GOLD and CHESTER DAWSON Updated July 7, 2014 4:01 p.m. ET

When energy companies started extracting oil from shale formations in South Texas a few years ago, they invested hundreds of millions of dollars to make the volatile crude safer to handle.

In North Dakota's Bakken Shale oil field, nobody installed the necessary equipment. The result is that the second-fastest growing source of crude in the U.S. is producing oil that pipelines often would reject as too dangerous to transport.

Now the decision not to build the equipment is coming back to haunt the oil industry as the federal government seeks to prevent fiery accidents of trains laden with North Dakota oil. Investigators probing crude-by-rail accidents, including one a year ago that killed 47 people in Quebec, are trying to determine why shale oil has proved so combustible—a question that has taken on growing urgency as rail shipments rise.

Only one stabilizer, which can remove the most volatile gases before transport, has been built in North Dakota and it hasn't begun operation, according to a review by The Wall Street Journal.



A fireball erupted from an exploding train car after a crash outside Casselton, N.D., in December. Oil from the state's Bakken Shale isn't stabilized to make it less volatile. ZUMA PRESS

Stabilizers use heat and pressure to force light hydrocarbon molecules—including ethane, butane and propane—to form into vapor and boil out of the liquid crude. The operation can lower the vapor pressure of crude oil, making it less volatile and therefore safer to transport by pipeline or rail tank car.

As the Journal previously reported, oil tapped from shale is generally more volatile and more similar to jet fuel than traditional crude oil, which has seldom been linked to explosive accidents. The production of this volatile oil through hydraulic fracturing has soared, accounting for most of the additional 3 million barrels a day of oil that the U.S. produces today compared with 2009.

The federal government is weighing whether to require stabilization, holding high-level meetings with oil executives.

"We are open to any recommendations with a demonstrated ability to improve safety, including the stabilizing or further processing Bakken crude," says Sarah Feinberg, the chief of staff to Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx.

If the government mandates the use of stabilizers, companies would have to make big investments in equipment and might have to slow development of the Bakken oil field.

#### MORE FRACKING COVERAGE

#### Additional reading on oil-train safety

- Secrecy of Oil-by-Train Shipments Causes Concern (http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702303799045795778617600335331 as 5/22/14
- U.S. Issues Emergency Order to Crude-Oil Rail 2/26/2014
- Bakken Shale Oil Carries High Combustion Risk (http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB1000142405270200463th04b7040535351d54bf920lucers in 2/23/2014
- · Cities Grapple With Oil-Train Safety (http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702303819704579320971969135440) 1/14/2014

Energy executives point out that neither federal nor state regulations require crude to be stabilized before it is transported. Some say stabilization is unnecessary, noting that South Texas produces more of condensate.

"There is nothing wrong with the crude (http://online.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702303880604579405412862500426) oil in the Bakken, says Jeff Hume, vice chairman of Continental Resources Inc.,

North Dakota. "It does not need

Robert Hall, a National Transportation Safety Board director, says the decision on

whether to stabilize is driven by commercial considerations. "The regulations are silent," he says.

About a million barrels a day are pumped from the Bakken, an oil field that has grown so fast that few pipelines exist to transport the crude. Instead, about 630,000 barrels a day travel by train to refineries on the East, West and Gulf coasts, a trend that is growing because the energy industry has found rail shipments to be more flexible than fixed pipelines.

Federal officials have expressed concern that unstabilized Bakken oil has been loaded onto trains and shipped without proper labeling or handling. Local safety officials have warned that their communities aren't prepared to handle a derailment.

The American Petroleum Institute, a Washington-based lobbying group for the oil industry, doesn't offer standards for how crude should be treated before being shipped. "We have not seen any data to suggest processing crude in the field reduces risk," a spokesman says. The North Dakota Petroleum Council expresses a similar view.

But pipelines, which carry most of the crude oil moved in the U.S., at times require stabilization of oil for safety purposes, according to a spokesman for Enbridge Inc., one of the biggest pipeline companies in North America.

Many industry experts and energy executives say privately that using stabilizing units would improve safety but are reluctant to make that point publicly for fear of antagonizing the companies that do business in North Dakota.

One exception is a company that has built the first stabilizer there, which is scheduled to open in the next few weeks.

"It is safer to stabilize that product before it goes into rail cars," says David Scobel, chief operating officer of Caliber Midstream Partners LP of Denver. "It is not accurate to say, 'If we stabilize the crude, that's the magic solution so there will be no more fires.' But it is more stable."

Starting in 2008, energy companies that had been using new techniques to tap shale for natural gas began turning those methods, including fracking and horizontal drilling, on formations rich in oil. While much of this activity took place in Texas, which has a century-old oil industry, one of the most promising discoveries was in shale under North Dakota plains better known for producing wheat and canola.

Over the past six years, the industry has drilled 7,000 wells in North Dakota, almost all of them spread across about 15,000 square miles of the Bakken. Rather than installing pipelines to collect oil from these far-flung locations, companies used trucks to collect the oil and started building rail terminals to ship it by train. Crude-by-rail shipments from North Dakota have quadrupled since 2012

The most combustible components of Bakken crude—known as light ends—constitute between 2% and 11.9% of its volume, according to an analysis by the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers, an industry trade group. Other sources have a lower figure for Bakken light ends. These vaporous liquids can be valuable, but only if pipelines or special railcars are available to transport them.

Lacking that infrastructure, stripping out volatile liquids could hurt profits by reducing the volume of crude for sale. Stabilizing the crude could cut potential revenue by perhaps 2%, an industry executive estimates.

Hess Corp., a large Bakken-crude producer, considered building a stabilizer in 2011 for North Dakota oil. Instead, the company opted for a less expensive, more rudimentary process that heats oil to between 80 and 120 degrees Fahrenheit in so-called heater treaters to strip out light ends. A stabilizer wasn't needed, Hess Vice President Gerbert Schoonman says.

But heater treaters aren't as precise as stabilizers and can't remove as much volatile material, according to an executive at a company that produces both kinds of equipment.

The situation in the Bakken contrasts with the Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas. In 2012, there was basically no equipment to stabilize the crude. But companies have spent hundreds of millions of dollars to build centralized facilities and pipelines to move the resulting propane and butane to a Gulf Coast petrochemical complex.

The crude was stabilized enough to be shipped without incident through pipelines, trucks and rail tank cars, says Rusty Braziel, an industry consultant. "Over a two-year period of time, the vast majority of the problem went away."

-Alison Sider contributed to this article.

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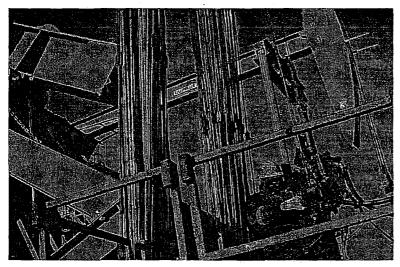
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#### **BUSINESS**

## Oil Deaths Rise as Bakken Boom Fades

At least 38 oil-field fatalities occurred nationally in five months; the 'most dangerous' job in America



As crude prices retreat, oil companies have cut the rates they pay contractors who work at sites on North Dakota's oil-rich Bakken formation by 20% or more. A drilling site outside Williston, N.D. PHOTO: REUTERS

## By ALEXANDRA BERZON

Updated March 12, 2015 8:46 p.m. ET

BISMARCK, N.D.—At least eight workers have died since October in North Dakota's oil fields, more than in the preceding 12 months combined.

The uptick in fatalities comes as many oil companies are responding to plummeting crude-oil prices by dialing back their drilling activity in the state, one of the hubs of the U.S. energy boom.

Some federal safety officials say they suspect oil's plunge might be a factor in the accidents because it puts cost-cutting pressure on oil-field services companies, whose employees do much of the work at drilling sites. The rash of accidents in North Dakota, which has the highest workplace death rate in the country, began around the time the number of drilling rigs in the state began to decline but, the officials said, it's too early to draw conclusions.

In one two-week period in January, two workers and the owner of a small oil-field services company died in three separate accidents that included a fire and the probable inhalation of deadly chemicals.

In addition, safety officials said there have been an unusual number of basic safety errors, including cases in which workers brought space heaters, generators or other gear that could spark fires into enclosed spaces containing flammable vapors.

#### MORE OIL STORIES

- Crude-Oil Price Collapse Takes Toll on Williston, N.D. (http://www.wsj.com/articles/crude-oil-price-collapse-takes-toll-on-willston-1426184505)
- North Dakota Crude Production Falls (http://www.wsj.com/articles/north-dakota-crude-production-falls-from-record-highs-as-oil-prices-slide-1426188823)
- How Falling Oil Prices Are Hindering Iraq's Ability to Fight ISIS (http://www.wsj.com/articles/how-falling-oil-prices-are-hindering-iraqs-ability-to-fight-islamic-state-1426033756?KEYWORDS=oil)
- Train Wrecks Hit Tougher Oil Railcars (http://www.wsj.com/articles/train-wrecks-hit-tougher-oil-railcars-1425861371)

"These are the kinds of incidents that we haven't seen in a while," said Eric Brooks, who directs the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Bismarck office. "With the drop in oil prices, companies may be looking to protect the profit margin by hiring contractors that are not experienced," he said.

"It's simple math," said Dennis Schmitz, a safety consultant to oil companies operating in the state. "There's absolutely potential that some of what we're seeing is driven by the price of oil."

But Mr. Schmitz said he has noticed oil companies have become more proactive about worker safety since last fall. And oil executives said that declining oil prices and production might ultimately make the state's oil fields safer by weeding out less-experienced operators.

In the meantime, according to industry executives, oil companies have cut the rates they pay contractors who work at sites on North Dakota's oil-rich Bakken formation by 20% or more. That has forced them and their subcontractors to find ways to trim costs.

One safety worker in oil services said his company had cut the number of people who do certain jobs to three from four, which makes the work more difficult. Other workers said the cost cuts had trickled down to their jobs in subtler ways that shouldn't affect safety.

Oil-field worker Zachary Sherwood, who came to North Dakota three years ago from Minnesota, where he delivered pizzas, said he hadn't experienced any recent change in safety practices. "Safety culture up here is very prominent," he said.

North Dakota isn't the only place where oil-field fatalities are on the rise, according to a Wall Street Journal analysis of federal data. In Colorado, three workers died in separate accidents over a one-month period last fall, the same number as in the preceding 12 months.

Nationally, the Journal analysis of OSHA and local records found 38 oil-field deaths from October through February, the first five months of the federal government's current fiscal year. That compares with 68 deaths during all of the previous year. The numbers don't include car accidents, which account for about half of the industry's workplace deaths. They also don't include the three workers who died in a major rig explosion in Texas earlier this week.

In 2012, the most recent year for which data are available, North Dakota's overall rate of workplace deaths shot up to 17.7 fatalities per 100,000 workers—five times the national average.

"The statistics for workplace safety don't look so good," North Dakota Gov. Jack Dalrymple said in a recent speech. "I try to explain to people that it so happens that our industries are among the most dangerous in America."

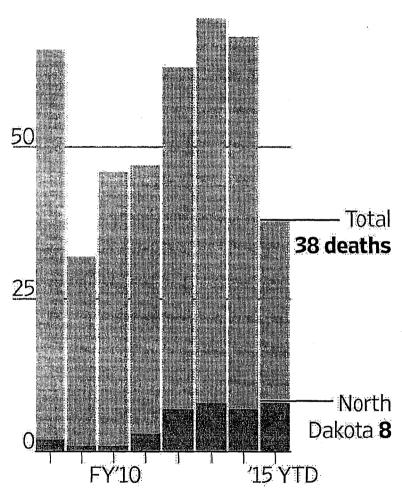
Safety experts, workers and a review of documents indicate that the factors behind the state's oil-field accidents are many, including grueling 12-hour work shifts for as many as 20 days in a row and rampant turnover. They also say job sites can be chaotic as multiple contractors struggle to coordinate their work.

The experts say that the oil companies that own drilling sites generally set safety guidelines for their oil-service contractors and largely depend on them to ensure workers' safety. But companies don't always properly supervise or enforce their safety policies and haven't always given workers proper protective gear.

## **Counting Up**

Oil field fatalities through February total 38 deaths.





Note: Fiscal years end Sept. 30.

Source: WSJ analysis of Occupational Safety

and Health Administration data
THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Kari Cutting, vice president of the North Dakota Petroleum Council, a trade group for oil interests in the state, said her group's members generally have robust safety programs. "The goal of the industry is zero safety incidences," she said. "Because you never reach zero incidences, you are always striving to be better all the time."

OSHA's ability to police the industry is limited. It has eight inspectors in North Dakota, the same number as before the oil boom, and a nearly 150,000-square-mile territory to cover.

Among the recent fatalities was 37-year-old Wesley Herrmann, who was a handyman in Georgia before he came to North Dakota three years ago. After two years working for an oil-field services company he bought a truck and opened his own

company. Before long, friends and former colleagues say, he was overseeing four trucks and 12 employees who were doing work for at least five different oil companies.



Daniel Peabody, shown in 2010, died at a North Dakota drilling site after he was pinned between a semi-truck and a water tank as he directed traffic. PHOTO: JESSICA PEABODY

On Jan. 6, investigators say, a fire broke out when Mr. Herrmann or one of his employees was working in an enclosed shed near a heater tank that separates oil into various components. The fire, said people with knowledge of the situation, might have been sparked by a battery-operated drilling tool, which wasn't supposed to be in the vicinity. Mr. Hermann died and two of his workers suffered burns.

Former colleagues said Mr. Herrmann had plenty of training, and were at a loss about the incident. "He had three years of intense experience," said Mark Lenti, who hired Mr. Herrmann for his first oil patch job.

Daniel Peabody, 29, died in a separate accident after he was pinned between a semi-truck and a water tank as he directed traffic at a drilling site. Though OSHA's investigation is continuing, regulators said the accident appeared to stem from poor organization at the site.

His wife, Jessica Peabody, and the couple's four young children raised money through a website to buy a headstone for Mr. Peabody. "I don't think either of us knew how dangerous it really was," Ms. Peabody said.

- Russell Gold contributed to this article.

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### **ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 191**

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## **216th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 11, 2014

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# Opposes Pilgrim Pipeline project in NJ. CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT As introduced

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AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION opposing the Pilgrim Pipeline project in New Jersey.

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WHEREAS, Pilgrim Pipeline Holdings is proposing to build two new parallel oil pipelines through the States of New Jersey and New York that would transport crude oil and refined petroleum products between Albany, New York and Linden, New Jersey; and

9 WHEREAS, The pipeline will carry oil extracted from North Dakota's 10 Bakken shale formation, produced through the process of hydraulic 11 fracturing, or fracking; and

WHEREAS, The transport of crude oil has increased more than 4,000 percent in North America over the past six years as a result of the increased production of crude oil from the Bakken shale formation; and

WHEREAS, In February the Wall Street Journal compared oil from 86
 locations around the world and found Bakken crude oil to be the
 most explosive; and

WHEREAS, The Pilgrim Pipeline project would expand capacity to bring more of this very volatile fuel into the State on a route that passes densely populated and environmentally sensitive areas, and preserved lands; and

WHEREAS, The Pilgrim Pipeline project raises significant safety concerns for the State of New Jersey including potential harm to municipal and county infrastructure, and would likely have a negative impact upon future development in the community; and

WHEREAS, The federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) only has 135 inspectors and 375 state partners to oversee 2.6 million miles of pipeline, and only a fifth of that pipeline system has been inspected since 2006; and

WHEREAS, A pipeline spill or rupture could harm communities, the environment, and drinking water supplies and would negatively affect the health, safety, and welfare of the State's residents; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Legislature recognized the significance of the New Jersey Highlands Region and afforded special protection to the region and its resources in 2004 with the passage of the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, which created the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council and the Highlands Regional Master Plan to ensure resource-based planning would be used in the Highlands Region to combat sprawl and the depletion of water quality and quantity, as the region provides drinking water to 5.4 million State residents; and

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WHEREAS, The federal government acknowledged the exceptional
value of Highlands resources and the urgent need for their
preservation in 2004 when Congress passed the Highlands
Conservation Act which recognizes the importance of the water,
forest, agricultural, wildlife, recreational, and cultural resources of

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the Highlands Region, and the national significance of the region to the United States; and

WHEREAS, The current proposed route of the Pilgrim Pipeline crosses through 10 municipalities and critical drinking water supply watersheds in the Highlands Region, and many State residents in municipalities along the proposed route depend on ground water and public community water systems for their water supply and septic systems for waste disposal, and this project will impact groundwater quality and quantity and residents' septic fields along and adjacent to the right of way; and

WHEREAS, Many State residents depend on surface water originating from communities through which the oil pipelines will pass, including the Ramapo River Basin Aquifer System, which provides 100 percent of the water for Mahwah, Ramsey, Oakland, Franklin Lakes, Allendale, Pompton Lakes and Wayne, and, during drought can supply 190 million gallons of water a day to the Wanaque Reservoir, which supplies 3.5 million people; and

WHEREAS, The PHMSA reports 280 significant incidents annually with oil pipelines, and if an incident were to occur along this proposed route, it could potentially impact the drinking water of millions of residents in New Jersey and New York; and

WHEREAS, The wise stewardship of the natural resources of the State of New Jersey requires protection of water supplies and other natural resources for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Protection of the State's water supplies and resources is better accomplished by prevention of contamination and environmental degradation, rather than attempting to clean up contamination and restoring degraded environments after the fact; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

 1. This House opposes the construction and operation of the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline and urges the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council, and any other federal, state, or local entity engaged in review of the Pilgrim Pipeline project to reject the project, and thereby prohibit its construction through New Jersey.

2. In addition, this House calls for a moratorium on any and all planning, surveying, and construction of the Pilgrim Pipeline through the State of New Jersey, because this project will traverse and negatively impact numerous significant natural resource areas of the Highlands Region.

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3. This House also calls for a full environmental review of the project and calls on the United States Army Corps of Engineers to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the entire route of the project under the National Environmental Policy Act. Additionally, this House calls on the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to conduct a thorough environmental review of the project, including a Highlands Act review.

4. This House further urges the New York State Legislature to adopt a similar resolution so both states can stand united in opposition to this project.

5. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the President of the United States, the Commanding General and Chief of Engineers of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, each member of the New Jersey Congressional Delegation, the Governor of New Jersey, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council, the Governor of New York, and the Senate President and Assembly Speaker for the State of New York.

### STATEMENT

 This resolution expresses the Assembly's opposition to the Pilgrim Pipeline project and urges the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council, and any other federal, state, or local entity engaged in review of the Pilgrim Pipeline project to reject the project. The resolution also urges the Army Corps of Engineers to prepare an environmental assessment for the project under the National Environmental Policy Act and calls on the NJDEP to thoroughly review the project's impacts.

The Pilgrim Pipeline project would construct two new parallel oil pipelines in the State, linking Albany, New York, and Linden, New Jersey. The pipeline would transport Bakken shale oil produced by fracking in North Dakota. This oil is highly explosive and pipeline transportation would threaten local communities with the risk of spills and other accidents. The pipeline would cut through communities that are already overburdened by pollution, and environmentally sensitive areas that supply drinking water to the State's residents.

# TOWN OF RED HOOK RESOLUTION NO. 2 DATED JANUARY 28, 2015 OPPOSING BUILDING OF THE PILGRIM PIPELINE

WHEREAS, Pilgrim Pipeline Company is proposing to build a bi-directional pipeline in close proximity to the NY State Thruway, through Rockland, Orange, Ulster, Greene, and Albany counties that would transport crude oil and refined petroleum products between Albany, New York and Linden, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline will carry oil from the Bakken Shale region of North Dakota extracted through a process of hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," which has been found to contaminate clean water resources, create toxic air emissions and radioactive waste, and release large quantities of methane gas into the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, data collected by the Capline Pipeline in Louisiana, which tested crude from 86 locations worldwide, indicates that crude oil from Bakken Shale has a far higher vapor pressure than crude from dozens of other locations, making it much more likely to throw off combustible gases; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued a safety alert on January 2, 2014, to the general public, emergency first responders, and shippers and carriers regarding the particular flammability of Bakken crude oil; and

WHEREAS, the Pipeline will carry a large volume of Bakken crude oil through residential areas in adjacent communities, which will place residents in harm's way should an explosion or spill occur; and

WHEREAS, according to PHMSA, pipeline operators reported 1,880 crude oil spills nationwide between 2003 and 2013, or nearly one spill every other day, resulting in over 44 million gallons of oil being spilled; and WHEREAS, 80 percent of these spills were the result of corrosion, equipment failure, incorrect operation or material and weld failures; and

WHEREAS, according to Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, PHMSA only has 135 inspectors to oversee 2.6 million miles of pipeline, and only a fifth of that pipeline system has been inspected by PHMSA or its state partners since 2006; and

WHEREAS, any rupture or compromise of the Pipeline, even without an explosion or fire, will require extraordinary cleanup efforts, could force residents from their homes, and place a large number of residents in close proximity to hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, most residents living near the proposed pipeline depend on ground water and public community water systems for potable water supplies, the integrity and safety of which may be jeopardized by the Pipeline; and

### **EXTRACT OF MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York was convened in public session at the Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook on January 28, 2015 at 7:30 p.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Cran and, upon roll being called, the following members were:

### PRESENT:

Supervisor Sue Crane Councilwoman Brenda Cagle Councilman Harry Colgan Councilman William O'Neill Councilman Januar Nors

ABSENT: Councilman James Ross

The following persons were ALSO PRESENT:

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The following resolution was offered by Cagle , seconded by Colgan , to wit;

# RESOLUTION NO. 2 DATED JANUARY 28, 2015 OPPOSING BUILDING OF THE PILGRIM PIPELINE

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Sue T. Crane	VOTING Ave	
Councilwoman Brenda Cagle	VOTING Aye	
Councilman Harry Colgan	VOTING Aye	
Councilman William O'Neill	VOTING Aye	
Councilman James M. Ross	VOTING Absent	

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

WHEREAS, the Pilgrim Pipeline is proposed to be laid in areas containing sensitive aquifers upon which residents depend for drinking water; and,

WHEREAS, the Pilgrim pipeline also threatens important surface water resources along its path; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Red Hook finds that the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline potentially threatens the health, safety, and welfare of residents and businesses living or working in the Mid-Hudson region; could decrease the values of homes located along its route and in surrounding neighborhoods; and could negatively impact future development in this region; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Plan calls for becoming less energy and fossil fuel intensive while strengthening the regional economy, expanding renewable energy generation exponentially across the Region, and improving the resilience of the energy delivery system; and

WHEREAS, construction of the Pilgrim Pipeline to support and expand markets for fossil fuels is directly contrary to these clean energy goals; and

### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook:

- 1. Calls upon the New York State Thruway Authority to reject use of its right-of-way for the purpose of transporting oil or gas by pipeline; and further calls upon the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) to deny an exception to its Accommodation Plan for said purpose; and
- 2. Urges Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature to oppose construction of the Pilgrim Pipeline in New York State; and
- 3. Directs the Town Clerk to forward copies of this resolution to the NYS Thruway Authority Chair Howard P. Milstein, NYS DOT Commissioner Joan McDonald, U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand and U.S. Representative Chris Gibson, Governor Andrew Cuomo, NY, Public Service Commission Chairwoman Audrey Zibelman, N.Y. Assembly Member Didi Barrett, N.Y. Senator Sue Serino, and NYS DEC Commission Joseph Martens.

### CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

- (1) She is the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York (hereinafter called the "Town") and the custodian of the records of the Town, including the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Board, and is duly authorized to execute this certificate.
- (2) Attached hereto is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Town Board held on the 13th day of January, 2015 and entitled:

### RESOLUTION NO. 2 DATED JANUARY 28, 2015 OPPOSING BUILDING OF THE PILGRIM PIPELINE

- (3) Said meeting was duly convened and held and said resolution was duly adopted in all respects in accordance with law and the regulations of the Town. To the extent required by law or said regulations, due and proper notice of said meeting was given. A legal quorum of members of the Board was present throughout said meeting, and a legally sufficient number of members voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the resolution. All other requirements and proceedings under law, said regulations or otherwise incident to said meeting and the adoption of the resolution, including any publication, if required by law, have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed.
- (4) The seal appearing below constitutes the official seal of the Town and was duly affixed by the undersigned at the time this certificate was signed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set her hand this  $\underline{29}$  day of January 2015.

-SEAL-

Súe McCann Town Clerk

### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

### OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC FOR AN **ENERGY FACILITY PERMIT TO** CONSTRUCT THE DAKOTA ACCESS **PIPELINE** 

### **HP14-002**

### PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF Janice Elaine Petterson

### STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)

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### **COUNTY OF Lincoln**

1	Janice Elaine Petterson, being first duly sworn on his/her oath, deposes and states as
2	follows:
3	Please state your name and address.
4	Janice Elaine Petterson
5	6401 S Lyncrest Ave Apt 307
6	Sioux Falls, SD 57108
7	How are you involved with the Dakota Access Pipeline project?
8	I am a landowner in Lincoln County, South Dakota affected by the proposed Dakota
9	Access Pipeline.
10	Please describe the history of your family's land ownership, and whether farming
11	will be continued by younger generations.
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15	4-16-1896 sold to Paul Nichel for \$1800.



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18	Hoffman to Sophia Nichel.
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20	4/23/1923 Sophia Nichel sold to Gilbert Schoffelman for \$18,000. \$112.50 per acre
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23	children remaining 2/3 rds (John, Hilda, Aldrich, Henry, Elmer, Laura, Esther)
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25	10-27-1947 Dora Schoffelman sold 1.02 acres (Lot H1) to the state of South Dakota for
26	roads.
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31	\$236.50 per acre.
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44	determined.
45	Tillable acres will probably continue to be leased for row-crop farming and pasture acres
46	for cash rent for several years. However discussions have taken place for development of
47	the land starting with the 3 building eligibilities.
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49	Please describe your current farming operations.
50	The tillable acres are farmed by Jerry and Bill Crevier and the pasture is rented by Scott
51	Daggett.
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53	To the best your knowledge, what area(s) of your property will the Dakota Access
54	Pipeline cross?

55	Based on the most recent maps by Dakota Access and flags placed in the road ditch, the
56	pipeline would enter the NW corner going to the SE corner cutting diagonally across the
57	entire farm. This area includes crop production land as well as pasture.
58	How close is the pipeline to any building, bin or pen, water source, or farming
59	facilities (i.e., storage area, feedlot, grazing area, etc.)?
60	Approximately 300 yards to the nearest building and 340 yards to the well.
61	It is planned to go under the creek which drains the watershed NW of Tea and flows into
62	the Sioux River.
63	The pipeline would cross the easement held by South Lincoln Rural Water.
64	As stated previously it would cross the grazing area.
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66	Please describe any special characteristics of your property and farmland, and/or
67	whether you plan to build any houses, outbuildings, shelter belts, or other structures
68	on your property.
69	The land is drain tiled, some of which is clay.
70	Open Waterway ditch running south on east side of property.
71	It currently has 3 housing eligibilities with potential for additional future longer term
72	development since Highway 17 runs on the west side of the property.
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74	Please describe which of your farming operations or other land uses will be
75	impaired by the Dakota Access Pipeline and how they will be impaired.
76	Initially, no access for daily operations on cropland on south half of property. Natural
77	waterways blocked and would need to be reconstructed. The tillable acres won't produce
	water ways elected and weak need to be recombinated. The manage works went produce

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Future development potential diminished due to restrictions of building on pipeline and lack of desire for homeowners to live near pipeline. There is currently an existing housing development ½ mile NE of our farm, located outside of the City of Tea as well as a second development planned (zoning has been changed to agriculture/residential) ½ mile directly north of our farm. These developments are outside of the City of Tea growth plan. Just because a particular city doesn't have these affected areas in their growth plan, doesn't mean they won't be developed – unless of course pipeline easements restrict the development.

Has your farmland been improved with drain tile? If so, please describe whether you are concerned that pipeline construction may damage and impair the drain tile performance and investment.

Yes, it has been drain tiled and parts of it are clay tile. I am concerned that the tile may crumble by excavating the ground near it, construction equipment going over it or by additional underground pressure from settling afterwards.

Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will pose a threat of serious injury to the environment or the inhabitants within the siting area? If so, why?

Yes. Ruptures, oil leaks, environmental damages in the future. As steward of the land our obligation is for also for future generations.

In February, the Wall Street Journal compared oil from 86 locations around the world and found Bakken crude oil to be the most explosive. This was introduced December 11, 2014 in the Assembly Resolution No 191 State of New Jersey 216<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

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103 Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will substantially impair the health, 104 safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the siting area? If so, why? 105 Watershed damage as East Beaver Creek drains the Watershed North and West of Tea 106 and flows through our farm, eventually into the Big Sioux River and then the Missouri. 107 Will eliminate the potential for future development due to people not wanting to reside 108 near an oil pipeline. 109 110 Have you been sued by Dakota Access Pipeline to compel court ordered access to 111 your land? If so, (1) Has Dakota Access Pipeline provided you any legal authority 112 (i.e., state statute) supporting its claim that you have no right to exclude Dakota 113 Access from your land at the time of said lawsuit? and (2) Have you incurred legal 114 fees in defending against this lawsuit? ı15 Yes- I have been sued. 116 No- Dakota Access has not provided any legal authority (state statute). 117 Yes- I have incurred legal fees. 118 119 Please state any other concerns you have regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline. 120 The fact that their plan is to run the pipeline through Minnehaha and Lincoln county 121 shows total disregard for the welfare of our state, it's inhabitants and the future 122 development in the this area. I'm concerned it will lower my property value. 123 In the past 3 years, three developers have asked us about purchasing our land. 124 Crop loss will be considerably more than 3 years. Farmers on the Lewis & Clark pipeline 125 have said 10 years later, the corn is between 1 and 3 feet shorter than the rest of the field.

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126	No South Dakota funding in place for pipeline accidents? Governor Bill Janklow had to
127	deal with funding when Williams Pipeline problems leaking, etc had to be found and the
128	Hayward School across the road on W 12 <sup>th</sup> St. had to be closed.
129	June 9th USA Today had an article "7 Major Countries (including US & Germany)
130	pledged the end of Fossil Fuels by the end of the century" Why would we put this huge
131	pipe in the ground with no decommissioning and leave the landowner stuck with it?
132	Also the pipeline company could do anything with it in the future. Their easement gives
133	them the right to enter anywhere on our land anytime, for whatever purpose they
134	claim. This is a takeover of our land.
135	We need a greener/cleaner form of energy to preserve the land, water and air to feed and
136	sustain not just us, but more importantly future generations.
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138	Would you be available to present testimony and respond to questions during the
139	formal hearing scheduled for September 29 through October 8, 2015?
140	No, I will not present testimony during the hearing; however, I will be there to listen.
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142	Does that conclude your testimony?
143 144	Yes.
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146	Janice Elaine Petterson
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148	Subscribed and sworn before me this 25 day of June, 2015.
149 150	Subscribed and sworn before me this <u>acc</u> day of <u>Curve</u> , 2015.
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153	Notary Public - South Dakota
54	My Commission Expires: 6.6.18
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### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

### OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC FOR AN ENERGY FACILITY PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

### **HP14-002**

### PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF Kevin John Schoffelman

### STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)

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### **COUNTY OF Minnehaha**

1	Kevin John Schoffelman, being first duly sworn on his/her oath, deposes and states as
2	follows:
3	Please state your name and address.
4	Kevin John Schoffelman
5	712 W 4th Ave
6	Lennox, SD 57039
7	How are you involved with the Dakota Access Pipeline project?
8	I am a landowner in Lincoln County, South Dakota affected by the proposed Dakota
9	Access Pipeline.
10	Please describe the history of your family's land ownership, and whether farming
11	will be continued by younger generations.
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13	the above quarter. He was given a Patent (deed) September, 1887.
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near an oil pipeline.

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105	your land? If so, (1) Has Dakota Access Pipeline provided you any legal authority
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107	Access from your land at the time of said lawsuit? and (2) Have you incurred legal
108	fees in defending against sais lawsuit?
109	Yes- I have been sued.
110	No- Dakota Access has not provided any legal authority (state statute).
111	Yes- I have incurred legal fees.
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113	Has Dakota Access Pipeline made any statements to you that it is a "common
114	carrier" under South Dakota law? If so, please describe.
115	No.
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117	Has any representative of Dakota Access Pipeline made any statements to you or
118	others that you believe are not true? If so, please explain.
119	No.
120	
121	Please state any other concerns you have regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline.
122	The fact that their plan is to run the pipeline through Minnehaha and Lincoln county
123	shows total dis-regard for the welfare of our state, it's inhabitants and the future
124	development in the this area. Lincoln County, and specifically north Lincoln County, is
125	one of the factest growing areas in the nation

127	Would you be available to present testimony and respond to questions during the
128	formal hearing scheduled for September 29 through October 8, 2015?
129	Yes
130	Does that conclude your testimony?
131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140 141 142 143	Subscribed and sworn before me this 24th day of June, 2015.  ROXANNE L. JOHNSON  Notary Public — South Dakota  My Commission Expires: Aug. 6. 2016
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### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

### OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC FOR AN ENERGY FACILITY PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

HP14-002

### PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF SUE SIBSON

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA): SS
COUNTY OF MINER )

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Sue Sibson, being first duly sworn on his/her oath, deposes and states as follows:

My name is Sue Sibson. My address is 23782 426<sup>th</sup> Ave, Howard SD

My husband, Mike Sibson and I live in Roswell Township, Miner County and we are lifelong South Dakota residents. We currently raise grain, corn and beans. We raise feeder cattle on native grass. The native grass plays an important part in our cattle business.

We opposed TransCanada's Keystone One pipeline, which ultimately crossed our land, including crossing native grassland, farm ground, wetlands and a waterway. We were concerned about the effects that the pipeline would have on our land. Those fears have been born out, as TransCanada has not lived up to its promises and the conditions it's required to uphold with respect to the reclamation of our land.

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission gave TransCanada many conditions to follow. We as landowners witnessed perhaps as few others can the devastation of pipeline construction. The burden of the conditions have been placed on the landowners to make the

EXHIBIT 18

company responsible. Condition # 34 that TransCanada was to follow was that "Construction must be suspended when weather conditions are such that construction will cause irreparable damage, unless adequate protection measures approved by the commission are taken." As of 2015, our land has been irreparably damaged by TransCanada's failure to follow the Commission's conditions.

TransCanada failed to comply with applicable construction mitigation and reclamation plan as to reclamation and revegetation. The objectives of the plan were to return the disturbed areas to approximately preconstruction use and capability. TransCanada failed to live up to this commitment and requirement. Reclamation on our land has been a nightmare. The easement area has very little if any native grass growing. TransCanada's experts planted thickspike wheatgrass which is not native to eastern South Dakota. When we asked TransCanada about this grass they said it was sterile and would die out in 1-2 years. We now are on almost six years and that grass has not died out. Our cattle will not eat this grass—we consider it a weed. We now have an easement area that cannot be used for grazing.

the right-of-way, which continue throughout the life of the pipeline. As landowners, we have continually had to get after TransCanada to do the reclamation work they are obligated to do. When TransCanada's reclamation work was not effective and failing on our land, TransCanada actually then wanted us to take over the reclamation of our land. At this time we have no intention to ever sign off on our land.

Condition #41 sets forth TransCanada obligation for reclamation and maintenance of

As South Dakota landowners we should not have to carry the burden for the South Dakota Public Utilities conditions set forth on pipeline companies.

Our land reclamation aerial video is found at https://vimeo.com/133581096.

 40	Susan Sibson
41	Sue Sibson
42 43	Subscribed and swom before me this $\sqrt{3}$ day of August, 2015.
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47	Notary Public - South Dakota
 48 49 50	My Commission Expires: ///5///5
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### PBEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

### OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC FOR AN ENERGY FACILITY PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)

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### **HP14-002**

# PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF Devona B. Smith

	:SS COUNTY OF Lincoln )
1	Devona B. Smith, being first duly sworn on his/her oath, deposes and states as follows:
2	Please state your name and address.
3	Devona B. Smith
4	5702 S. Logan St. Apt. A
5	Centennial, Colorado 80121
6	How are you involved with the Dakota Access Pipeline project?
7	I am a landowner in Lincoln County, South Dakota affected by the proposed Dakota
8	Access Pipeline.
9	Please describe the history of your family's land ownership, and whether farming
10	will be continued by younger generations.
11	My grandfather, Henry Andreessen, homesteaded this land in 1883. He filed on the land
12	(a half section – 320 acres) in 1882 and then moved onto it in 1883. Henry farmed it for
13	44 years. My parents, Martin and Elsie Andreessen, inherited the farm in 1927. They
14	retired from farming in 1948, but continued to own the land. My parents rented the land
15	to a farmer Richard Gores My sisters Delores Assid and Margaret Hilt and Linherited

the farm in 1988, when my mother passed away. We continue to rent the farmland to a			
farmer, Doug Vanderwerff, who grows corn and soybeans on it. My two nieces and my			
two nephews will someday inherit the farm from my sisters and me. They plan on			
continuing to own the land and rent it out. My niece Laurie Kunzelman, has been			
thinking about building a home on the farm.			
Please describe your current farming operations.			
We rent out the farm for cash rent. The tenant farmer, Doug Vanderwerff, grows corn			
and soybeans, and has a little hay land on the half section. This man has been farming			
our land for about 30 years and plans to continue to do so.			
To the best of your knowledge, what area(s) of your property will the Dakota Access			
Pipeline cross?			
The pipeline would cross the east quarter section (160 acres) of the farm from the			
northwest corner to the southeast corner, effectively cutting that quarter section in half.			
How close is the pipeline to any building, bin or pen, water source, or farming			
facilities (i.e., storage area, feedlot, grazing area, etc.)?			
The pipeline would run approximately 50 feet from the land surrounding the farm			
buildings and the windmill, which provides water for the house.			
Please describe any special characteristics of your property and farmland, and/or			
whether you plan to build any houses, outbuildings, shelter belts, or other structures			
on your property.			
The land has cement tile going from a pond north of the house to the road ditch south of			
the house. The proposed pipeline would cross this tile. There is also tile a short distance			
west of this tile. I'm not sure if the pipeline would cross that tile or not.			

My niece, Laurie Kunzelman, has been considering building a home on the southeast 39 corner of the farm, but the pipeline would prevent that. My sisters and I have also 40 41 considered selling one acreage on the northeast corner of the farm. Please describe which of your farming operations or other land uses will be 42 43 impaired by the Dakota Access Pipeline and how they will be impaired. 44 Corn and soybeans are both grown yearly in alternating areas in that quarter section of 45 the farm. The pipeline would severely cut down on crop production of each of them. 46 The tenant would lose acres to plant, receive much less income from that quarter section, 47 and it would inconvenience him when trying to farm the land, with the pipeline cutting 48 that quarter section in half. Consequently, he would be unwilling to pay as much rent per 49 acre, so we would be losing income. No one else would be willing to farm it either, with 50 that pipeline running through there. Also, if we did try to sell any acreages, people would 51 not want to buy and build on the land with that pipeline under it. Dakota Access would 52 not allow any buildings on the easement, either. 53 Has your farmland been improved with drain tile? If so, please describe whether 54 you are concerned that pipeline construction may damage and impair the drain tile 55 performance and investment. 56 Yes, this quarter has two areas of drain tile. The pipeline would cross at least one of 57 them. The tile is cement and quite old. I am very much afraid that the tile would be 58 damaged. Then the water would not drain out of the low area and could reach the house 59 and other buildings. It would be very costly to replace the drain tiles if they were 60 damaged. I'm also afraid oil could get into the tiles and into the water if the tiles were 61 broken.

Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will pose a threat of serious injury to

the environment or the inhabitants within the siting area? If so, why?

Yes, I definitely believe the pipeline would pose a threat to the environment and the inhabitants of this farm. The oil could leak onto the land and into the water as it has often done in many other areas. The oil could flow into Little Beaver Creek which runs through the farm. Then it could get into Beaver Creek, and subsequently into the Sioux River and the aquifer. The oil in this pipeline is a highly volatile substance. Pipelines explode, rupture, and leak. Even with shut-off valves, a great deal of oil would escape into the environment. If the pipeline exploded, it could definitely hurt or kill people and animals in the area. Also, the oil could be poisonous and carcinogenic to the people and animals in contact with it. I have designated wetlands on my farm which could be threatened by the pipeline.

Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will substantially impair the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the siting area? If so, why?

Yes, it will most definitely impair the financial welfare of the tenant farmer and the landowners (us), due to the amount of land that will be dug up all the way across that quarter section. Crops will not be as good. This could happen again and again, anytime the pipeline company would decide to go back in and dig it up to put more pipes in, or to work on them for some reason. Yet the pipeline company is only offering a onetime lump sum payment. I am also concerned that stray voltage could affect the health, safety, and welfare of the tenant farmer, the residents, and anyone else near the pipeline. As I stated before, the oil itself could affect the health, safety, and welfare of everyone in the area because of the volatility of the oil and the chemicals that the oil contains. Dakota

8	35	Access cannot guarantee the safety of the pipeline. There have been more pipeline	
8	86	accidents than train accidents involving oil.	
8	37	Have you been sued by Dakota Access Pipeline to compel court ordered access to	
8	38	your land? If so, (1) Has Dakota Access Pipeline provided you any legal authority	
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9	00	Access from your land at the time of said lawsuit? and (2) Have you incurred legal	
9	1	fees in defending against said lawsuit?	
9	02	Yes, Dakota Access has filed a lawsuit against us to allow them to enter our farm to	
9	93	survey it. My sister Delores Assid told them "NO" two different times that they could	
9	94	not enter our land.	
9	<b>9</b> 5	Yes, we have hired a lawyer, Glenn Boomsma, to represent us in this matter. This is	
9	96	costing us a great deal of money.	
. 9	<b>)7</b>	Has Dakota Access Pipeline made any statements to you that it is a "common	
9	98	carrier" under South Dakota law? If so, please describe.	
ç	9	No, they did not.	
10	00	Has any representative of Dakota Access Pipeline made any statements to you or	
10	)1	others that you believe are not true? If so, please explain.	
10	)2	Yes, first of all they told my sister Delores Assid that she should allow them on her	
10	)3	land. If she doesn't they will just take it by eminent domain, anyway However, they do	
10	)4	not have the right of eminent domain as of yet.	
10	)5	Secondly, they told Rhonda Nielsen, who lives in the house on that quarter section, that	
10	)6	my sisters and I had agreed to let Dakota Access enter my land, survey it, and build the	
10	)7	pipeline there. They also told her there was nothing she could do about it. Rhonda was	

108	very upset that we would do this. We never gave them permission to enter our land,
109	survey it, or build the pipeline there.
110	Please state any other concerns you have regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline.
111	South Dakota and Iowa both grow large amounts of corn. Ethanol producers in South
112	pDakota use much of this corn to produce ethanol, which greatly helps the economy of
113	South Dakota. The oil pipeline will benefit the economy of North Dakota and Texas, but
114	will be of only a small benefit to the economy of South Dakota. That oil is a non-
115	renewable source of fuel and produces greenhouse gases. Corn is a renewable source of
116	fuel. South Dakota should be putting all of its effort into increasing the supply and
117	demand for ethanol. This would be much more beneficial to the farmers and to the state.
118	Would you be available to present testimony and respond to questions during the
119	formal hearing scheduled for September 29 through October 8, 2015?
120	No. I am 86 years old and do not drive and would not be able to come for the hearing.
121	I give my permission for my niece, Laurie Kunzelman, to speak on my behalf during the
122	formal hearing. Her address is 3604 East Woodsedge St., Sioux Falls, SD 57108.
123	Does that conclude your testimony?
124	Yes.
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130	Subscribed and sworn before me this 20 day of 5, 2015.
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133	STATE OF COLORADO
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### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

### OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC FOR AN ENERGY FACILITY PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE	HP14-002 PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF Nancy J. Stofferahn

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA ) :SS COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA )

Nancy J. Stofferahn, being first duly sworn on his/her oath, deposes and states as follows:

Please state your name and address.

Nancy J. Stofferahn 45938 SD Hwy 38 Humboldt, SD 57035

### How are you involved with the Dakota Access Pipeline project?

I am a landowner in Minnehaha County, South Dakota affected by the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline. My husband and I have been married for 40 years and even though my name might not be as owner on all parcels of land or businesses involved I have contributed in all decisions and financial obligations in regard to the land and businesses.

Please describe the history of your family's land ownership, and whether farming will be continued by younger generations.

My husband, Tom Stofferahn, and myself built our home on an acreage on Highway 38 in 1980. I have been part of the farm operation for 40 years and the seed business, Nortec Seeds for 17 years. Estate plans have been made by my husband and myself for our two



sons to inherit ownership in both businesses. Estate plans have been made that my husband will inherit my ownership in our home and land.

### Please describe your current farming operations.

Stofferahn Farms Partnership is owned by four family members and conducts the farming operations. This partnership farms approximately 2800 acres in Minnehaha, McCook and Turner counties in South Dakota. Stofferahn Farms grows soybeans for Nortec Seeds, Inc. to use as seed. I have done the accounting for the farming operation for 30 years and the seed business for 17 years and am very knowledgeable about all aspects of both businesses.

# To the best your knowledge, what area(s) of your property will the Dakota Access Pipeline cross?

From verbal conversations with Dakota Access contract easement employee, Edwina Scroggins, the pipeline easement will run from north to south through the 118.36 acre land parcel owned by my husband and my brother in law that runs along Highway 38 utilizing approximately 4 acres of tillable crop land. She stated it will run right behind our 3.8 acre acreage where my home is situated and behind the seed business, Nortec Seeds, Inc. where I am an employee.

How close is the pipeline to any building, bin or pen, water source, or farming facilities (i.e., storage area, feedlot, grazing area, etc.)?

I do not know the exact yardage.

Please describe any special characteristics of your property and farmland, and/or whether you plan to build any houses, outbuildings, shelter belts, or other structures on your property.

### Nortec Seeds, Inc.

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would have to move to a new location. To find this same excellent location would be costly along with constructing a whole new warehouse facility. At the present time expansion has not begun because of now knowing that the pipeline will behind the business. If my two sons who plan to continue the business do not have the opportunity to expand in 10-30 years than there is no use wasting capital on a South Dakota business that cannot grow. Without expansion Nortec Seeds could possibly lose millions of dollars in sales over the life of the easement and to relocate would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

### 118.36 Acre Parcel of Land

This land was purchased by my husband and his brother in 1975. It is my husband's present intentions that this land will be passed on to me. In 45 years of farming they have picked rock and made improvements so that it is a highly productive parcel of agriculture land. It is along Highway 38 where there is continued growth and in the future has the potential for development property. There is one housing eligibility on the land. My son had plans this year to use the housing eligibility to build a home on an acreage near where the pipeline is entering the land to the north. Of course that will no longer be a possibility. Because of the liability of the pipeline I believe it will reduce the property value of the land and the housing eligibility.

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I have invested in ethanol plants with my husband to help with our nation's energy concerns and establish better corn prices. As far as I know the pipeline has no plans to

transport ethanol. In fact the oil industry has lobbied for less blending of ethanol which in turn lowers corn prices and hurts Stofferahn Farms economically.

Has your farmland been improved with drain tile? If so, please describe whether you are concerned that pipeline construction may damage and impair the drain tile performance and investment.

Yes. There are two tiles. At the present time I do not believe the pipeline path will cross the tiles.

# Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will pose a threat of serious injury to the environment or the inhabitants within the siting area? If so, why?

Yes. If there is a leak or oil event it will naturally run through the drainage tiles and tributaries that go into West Skunk Creek, Skunk Creek, Sioux River and could affect water aquifers for Sioux Falls and Minnehaha County communities. Bakken oil has been found to be one of the most explosive oils. It has exploded in rail cars and I believe it can do the same in a pipeline. I do not feel comfortable with the pipeline close to my home and place of work. I would not want my children and grandchildren living by a pipeline.

# Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will substantially impair the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the siting area? If so, why?

Yes. 570,000 barrels a day, 1440 psi, welded together segments so it is only the matter of where and when the oil events will happen. Will it be in the James River, Sioux River, Missouri River, Mississippi River or next to my home, working place or land? The land would never be able to be put back to the original natural resource it once was and could not probably be farmed. Five Stofferahn families depend on the income from Nortec Seeds so if we were unable to conduct day to day business it would greatly affect the welfare of all the families.

Have you been sued by Dakota Access Pipeline to compel court ordered access to your land? If so, (1) Has Dakota Access Pipeline provided you any legal authority (i.e., state statute) supporting its claim that you have no right to exclude Dakota Access from your land at the time of said lawsuit? and (2) Have you incurred legal fees in defending against said lawsuit?

No.

# Has Dakota Access Pipeline made any statements to you that it is a "common carrier" under South Dakota law? If so, please describe.

Yes. I attended the Hartford Chamber of Commerce meeting where Chuck Frye, Vice-President of Energy Transfer, made a presentation to the chamber on May 21, 2015. He stated that Dakota Access was a public common carrier. I asked him if they were public and not private and he stated that South Dakota recognizes them as a public common carrier. Several times during the presentation he referred to Dakota Access as a public common carrier.

# Has any representative of Dakota Access Pipeline made any statements to you or others that you believe are not true? If so, please explain.

Yes. At the same Hartford Chamber meeting described in the previous question.

Mr. Frye was asked why they were taking this route for the pipeline being so close to Sioux Falls, a high population area, and not going farther west. His answer was that there would be more landowners to sign easements farther west. From my experience working in the seed business I do not believe this is true.

Mr. Frye was asked where the 4000 jobs for South Dakota would come from. He stated that they were reviewing contracts with different firms to put in the pipeline and the jobs are specialized and unionized. He stated that they would go to the local union places in South Dakota to pick up union workers from there. I do not believe there are many union places in the small towns of South Dakota to fill the temporary jobs quoted.

Mr. Frye was asked about if there was an oil event and oil in drainage tiles going to West Skunk Creek, Skunk Creek and the Sioux River. Mr. Frye stated that they would be able to stop oil in drainage tiles by finding the drainage tile and digging it up. I do not believe that Mr. Frye understands how farm drainage tiles work. Many drainage tiles are connected together to flow to an outlet point. I am not sure how oil could be found in them, how much land would have to be dug up or if they would ever have a plan to replace them if they were dug up before water damage would be done to the land.

Mr. Frye stated that a pipeline will not explode. I do not believe that to be factual.

Mr. Frye stated that the oil pipeline will not affect any property values because there are pipelines in Texas and it hasn't affected their values. I have talked to an auctioneer and three bankers/loan officers which have told me it is a complete unknown at this time. These bankers told me that their institutions are trying to decide if they will want to give a loan to someone who wanted to purchase land with the pipeline on it. Fewer bidders would affect the value of the land. South Dakota in this area has high productive agriculture land while Texas has more rangeland and wasteland.

Dakota Access has been running an advertisement. It states:
"Benefits for South Dakota's Economy
DAPL will bring \$189 million in direct payments to landowners"
The \$189 million estimate is for North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois combined not just South Dakota. In Energy Transfer's own presentation brochure it states income to South Dakota landowners for permanent easements and damages at approximately \$47 million. I believe this is misleading to the citizens of South Dakota.

Please state any other concerns you have regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline. Dakota Access says it is a necessity that the land is needed so they can conduct their business on it. In 30 years they could conceivably make \$25 Billion dollars from this

pipeline over the land yet their offer to us is a minimal one- time payment. There is an argument to be made that our land is a natural resource just like oil so why are we not obtaining a royalty for our land.

I am a life-long resident of South Dakota and have worked along side my husband to grow our family businesses for our children and grandchildren. I am concerned that our land will be taken by eminent domain. I think about what damages and health risks that will be left to my children and grandchildren years from now. Public opinions and reactions can change very quickly on issues. Recently Pope Francis and world leaders are trying to lead us for a better environment. I believe when there is an oil event in South Dakota it will be the future legacy of the present South Dakota government.

SDCL 49-41B-22 Applicant's burden of proof.

(2) The facility will not pose a threat of serious injury to the environment nor to the social and economic condition of inhabitants or expected inhabitants in the siting area;

This paragraph in the above-named statute protects myself and my family from the economic harm that will be caused by Dakota Access pipeline to Nortec Seeds, Inc., and the retirement investment that has been made in our home.

Would you be available to present testimony and respond to questions during the formal hearing scheduled for September 29 through October 8, 2015? Yes.

Does that conclude your testimony? Yes.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 29th day of Que

My Commission Expires: 101517

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#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

#### OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC FOR AN ENERGY FACILITY PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE	HP14-002 PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF Ronald H. Stofferahn

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )
:SS
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA )

Ronald H. Stofferahn, being first duly sworn on his/her oath, deposes and states as follows:

Please state your name and address.

Ronald H. Stofferahn 315 N. Ford St. Humboldt, SD 57035

How are you involved with the Dakota Access Pipeline project?

I am a landowner and business owner in Minnehaha County, South Dakota affected by the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline.

Please describe the history of your family's land ownership, and whether farming will be continued by younger generations.

I have been farming in South Dakota for over 40 years. The particular parcel of land that Dakota Access wants to go through runs along Highway 38 and was purchased by my brother, Tom Stofferahn, and myself in 1975. The land is rented to Stofferahn Farms Partnership. I have one son. My son is a partner in Stofferahn Farms Partnership. My brother, Tom Stofferahn, and myself own Nortec Seeds, Inc. My son is an employee for Nortec Seeds, Inc.

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### Please describe your current farming operations.

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### To the best your knowledge, what area(s) of your property will the Dakota Access Pipeline cross?

Even though I own the land with my brother, Tom Stofferahn, as tenants in common, Dakota Access has never contacted me by mail, phone or personally. From verbal conversations my brother has had with Dakota Access I understand the pipeline easement will run from north to south through the 118.36 acre land parcel that runs along Highway 38 utilizing approximately 4 acres of tillable crop land. It will run behind my seed business, Nortec Seeds, Inc.

How close is the pipeline to any building, bin or pen, water source, or farming facilities (i.e., storage area, feedlot, grazing area, etc.)? I do not know the exact yardage.

Please describe any special characteristics of your property and farmland, and/or whether you plan to build any houses, outbuildings, shelter belts, or other structures on your property.

### Nortec Seeds, Inc.

In South Dakota the Stofferahn family has been in the seed business for over 40 years that began with my father. In 1998 when my brother and myself purchased the business from our father the location was moved next to my brother's home on Highway 38 in a 60x120 Morton shed that we built. Later the shed became a part of Stofferahn Farms Partnership and we deeded 3.96 acres to the partnership named Tract 1 where the shed sits today. Nortec Seeds, Inc. rents this shed to conduct its business. Beginning in the summer of 2014 before any knowledge of Dakota Access pipeline we began making plans for an expansion. The only available expansion is to the north because the land only goes 30 feet east, to the west there is a slough and to the south Highway 38. The expansion includes a new 60x152 Morton storage shed and another structure to house a soybean cleaning and treatment center with 6 bulk hopper bins. The expansion will include new offices and parking for semis and trucks. To the North of these new structures we plan to have all research and test plots for customer and public viewing. Since we have a unique situation where we own both the land and business we can deed more land to Tract 1 to expand the business location when needed. Without this expansion we feel we cannot be competitive in the seed industry and would have to move to a new location. To find this same excellent location would be costly along with constructing a whole new warehouse facility. At the present time we have not begun any

construction for the expansion because we now know that the pipeline will be behind the location of the business. Without expansion Nortec Seeds could possibly lose millions of dollars in sales over the life of the easement and to relocate would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

#### 118.36 Acre Parcel of Land

This land was purchased by myself and my brother in 1975. In 45 years of farming we have picked rock and made improvements so that it is a highly productive parcel of agriculture land. It is along Highway 38 where there is continued growth and in the future has the potential for development property. There is one housing eligibility on the land. Because of the liability of the pipeline I believe it will reduce the property value of the land and the housing eligibility.

### Please describe which of your farming operations or other land uses will be impaired by the Dakota Access Pipeline and how they will be impaired.

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I have invested in ethanol plants to help with our nation's energy concerns and establish better corn prices. As far as I know the pipeline has no plans to transport ethanol. In fact the oil industry has lobbied for less blending of ethanol which in turn lowers corn prices and hurts Stofferahn Farms economically.

Has your farmland been improved with drain tile? If so, please describe whether you are concerned that pipeline construction may damage and impair the drain tile performance and investment.

Yes. There are two tiles. At the present time I do not believe the path of the pipeline will cross these tiles.

Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will pose a threat of serious injury to the environment or the inhabitants within the siting area? If so, why?

Yes. If there is a leak or oil event it will naturally run through the drainage tiles and tributaries that go into West Skunk Creek, Skunk Creek, Sioux River and could affect water aquifers for Sioux Falls and Minnehaha County communities. An oil leak behind our business would make it difficult if not impossible to conduct day to day business activities at Nortec Seeds, Inc.

# Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will substantially impair the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the siting area? If so, why?

Yes. 570,000 barrels a day, 1440 psi, welded together segments so it is only the matter of where and when the oil events will happen. If an oil event happens on my land I do not believe it could be farmed. Five Stofferahn families depend on the income from Nortec Seeds, Inc. so if it were closed because of an oil event it would greatly affect the welfare of all the families.

Have you been sued by Dakota Access Pipeline to compel court ordered access to your land? If so, (1) Has Dakota Access Pipeline provided you any legal authority (i.e., state statute) supporting its claim that you have no right to exclude Dakota Access from your land at the time of said lawsuit? and (2) Have you incurred legal fees in defending against said lawsuit?

Yes. I was served a Summons and Complaint at my business in March, 2015. This is the first contact that I have ever had with Dakota Access.

No. They have not showed me a permit to survey. Dakota Access in legal documents has defined themselves as a public common carrier but I do not know who gave them this legal authority.

Yes. I have incurred legal fees.

### Has Dakota Access Pipeline made any statements to you that it is a "common carrier" under South Dakota law? If so, please describe.

In the Complaint for Preliminary Injunction to Provide Survey Access that was served on me they stated in paragraph 3 that they are a common carrier and have the privilege of eminent domain pursuant to SDCL 49-2-12 and 49-7-13.

# Has any representative of Dakota Access Pipeline made any statements to you or others that you believe are not true? If so, please explain.

Again I have never personally been contacted by a representative of Dakota Access.

### Please state any other concerns you have regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline.

I am a life-long resident of South Dakota and have been engaged in farming and the seed business for over 40 years. I have worked to grow these businesses for my own financial well being and for my family. I have always supported the State of South Dakota. I am concerned that the State of South Dakota is going to take my land through eminent domain and it would greatly reduce the value of Nortec Seeds, Inc. and the property value of my land. I would like to pass these businesses on to my children and grandchildren. SDCL 49-41B-22 Applicant's burden of proof.

(2) The facility will not pose a threat of serious injury to the environment nor to the social and economic condition of inhabitants or expected inhabitants in the siting area; This paragraph in the above-named statute protects me from the economic harm that will be caused by Dakota Access pipeline to Nortec Seeds, Inc., myself and my family.

Would you be available to present testimony and respond to questions during the formal hearing scheduled for September 29 through October 8, 2015?

No.

Does that conclude your testimony? Yes.

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Subscribed and sworn before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.



My Commission Expires: 10-15-17

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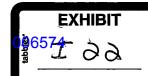
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# Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will substantially impair the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the siting area? If so, why?

Yes. There is a saying that when you pour cement it is not whether if it will crack but when. I believe the same saying can be applied to pipelines. 570,000 barrels a day, 1440 psi, welded together segments so it is only the matter of where and when the oil events will happen. Will it be in the James River, Sioux River, Missouri River, Mississippi River or on my land? The land would never be able to be put back to the original natural resource it once was and could probably not be farmed. Five Stofferahn families depend on the income from Nortec Seeds so if we were unable to conduct business it would greatly affect the welfare of all the families.

Have you been sued by Dakota Access Pipeline to compel court ordered access to your land? If so, (1) Has Dakota Access Pipeline provided you any legal authority (i.e., state statute) supporting its claim that you have no right to exclude Dakota Access from your land at the time of said lawsuit? and (2) Have you incurred legal fees in defending against said lawsuit?

Yes. I was served a Summons and Complaint at my business in March, 2015.

No. They have not showed me a permit to survey. Dakota Access in legal documents has defined themselves as a public common carrier but I do not know who gave them this legal authority.

Yes. I have incurred legal fees.

Has Dakota Access Pipeline made any statements to you that it is a "common carrier" under South Dakota law? If so, please describe.

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In the Complaint for Preliminary Injunction to Provide Survey Access that was served on me they stated in paragraph 3 that they are a common carrier and have the privilege of eminent domain pursuant to SDCL 49-2-12 and 49-7-13.

Please state any other concerns you have regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline.

I am a life-long resident of South Dakota and have been engaged in farming and the seed business for about 45 years. I have worked to grow these businesses for my own financial well being and for my family. I have always supported the State of South Dakota. I am concerned that the State of South Dakota is going to take my land through eminent domain and I will lose everything I have worked for my entire life to develop these businesses into what they are today. I would like to pass them on to my children and grandchildren.

SDCL 49-41B-22 Applicant's burden of proof.

(2) The facility will not pose a threat of serious injury to the environment nor to the social and economic condition of inhabitants or expected inhabitants in the siting area; This paragraph in the above-named statute protects me from the economic harm that will be caused by Dakota Access pipeline to Nortec Seeds, Inc., myself and my family.

Would you be available to present testimony and respond to questions during the formal hearing scheduled for September 29 through October 8, 2015? Yes.

Does that conclude your testimony? Yes.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 29th day of Qune

Notary Public - South Dakota

My Commission Expires: 16-15-17

### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

#### OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC FOR AN ENERGY FACILITY PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

#### HP14-002

### PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF BRIAN TOP

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA ) :S: COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA )

Brian Top, being first duly sworn on his oath, deposes and states as follows:

3 Please state your name and address.

My name is Brian Top. My address is 2836 Old Orchard Trail, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. My phone number is (605) 359-5108 and e-mail address is topsoilsd@gmail.com.

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### How are you involved with the Dakota Access Pipeline project?

I have been hired as an expert witness in this matter by a group of landowners affected by the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline. Those individuals have made formal appearances in this matter and are represented by attorney Glenn J. Boomsma.

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### What is your professional background?

Currently, I am a self-employed environmental consultant with my company, Top Soil Consulting. I am partnering with the Minnehaha Conservation District in

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implementing best management practices in the Big Sioux River watershed. I work on
wetland identification and regulations, ensuring that my clients remain in compliance
with local, State and Federal regulations while still improving water management on their
land. I also assist the City of Sioux Falls with their Nutrient Management planning by
identifying suitable fields and taking soil samples for the Cities BioSolid application
program.

During 2011 and 2012, I worked for Hefty Seed Company as a Soil Improvement

During 2011 and 2012, I worked for Hefty Seed Company as a Soil Improvement Specialist. I identified wetlands and designed water management plans while ensuring compliance with regulations. I worked with agronomists and researchers on various projects and spoke at various company events and seminars.

Between 1986 and 2011, I was the District Conservationist for the US Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service in the Minnehaha County office. I supervised 4-6 employees and implemented all USDA conservation programs including the CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) and WRP (Wetland Reserve Program). I was responsible for wetland and highly erodible land compliance requirements. I implemented USDA cost share programs such as the EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program). I gained extensive field knowledge regarding soils and plant resources, and gave recommendations on cover crops, weed control and native plant establishment. I worked with Minnehaha County Planning and Zoning office to ensure that the County Drainage Ordinance was implemented well.

My education in these fields began at South Dakota State University, where I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1982, with an emphasis in soils and chemistry.

During my professional career, I have become familiar with farmland irrigation and drainage tile systems in eastern South Dakota. Specifically, I have accumulated

practical knowledge regarding the older drainage tile systems, such as clay or concrete systems which are found in eastern South Dakota, as well as implementation of modern plastic tile systems and their effects.

### What is the purpose of your testimony?

My clients are concerned with the subsequent condition of their farmland where the pipeline may be installed. The primary purpose of my testimony is to provide an opinion regarding drainage and crop productivity issues that may be experienced upon installation of the crude oil pipeline under cropland. Other agricultural-related issues may also be addressed in my testimony.

# What Dakota Access or PUC case documents have you reviewed to prepare for this testimony?

I have reviewed: (1) Dakota Access, LLC ("<u>Dakota Access</u>") South Dakota PUC Crude Oil Pipeline Application dated December 2014, as amended, and Exhibits thereto, including the Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan - Section 6 (the "<u>Application</u>"); (2) Dakota Access' Answers to Peggy Hoogestraat's Interrogatories dated May 11, 2015; (3) Transcripts of public input hearings at Bowdle, Redfield, Iroquois, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota ("<u>Public Hearing Transcripts</u>)"; and (4) Various other documents available on the PUC website for this matter. I have also met with Dakota Access Right-Of-Way Manager Susan Bergman and visited about the details of the pipeline installation.

Please describe your professional experience regarding farmland drainage tile, both clay/concrete systems and modern plastic systems in Minnehaha County, Lincoln County or elsewhere.

Plastic tile was installed on our family farm in 1971. My extensive professional experience with modern tile systems began in 1982 while working for the United States Department of Agriculture. We designed and helped install drainage tile in conjunction with other conservation practices such as waterways and terraces. Beginning in 1986 I was responsible for implementing the Conservation Compliance requirements of the 1985 Farm Bill. One of the key provisions of the Farm Bill was limiting any new drainage of areas which USDA classified as wetlands. I was responsible for determining what areas were deemed as wetlands, along with what drainage work was acceptable while remaining eligibility for USDA program benefits. Maintenance of existing tile systems was an important concern, and therefore I looked at a large number of old clay and concrete tile systems which needed to be maintained. I was responsible for these provisions until I left USDA in 2011. At that time, I became employed with Hefty Seed Company. I continued to work with wetland identification and installation of drain tile systems, primarily for customers of Hefty Seed Company. In 2012 I began working as a private consultant doing similar work for my independent clients, which I have continued until the present. My emphasis has shifted to the mitigation of impacted wetlands by creating or restoring wetlands within the same watershed. I also am contracted by the Minnehaha Conservation District to work with their customers by helping install other conservation practices.

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With respect to clay/concrete drainage tile systems in Minnehaha or Lincoln Counties, please describe any concerns you have regarding: (1) the excavating and removal of such drainage facilities; (2) the proposed depth of the pipeline; (3) the replacement of such drainage facilities; (4) the subsequent integrity and performance of such drainage facilities; (5) the damages and expenses a landowner may incur as a result of non-performing drainage tile after pipeline installation; and (4) other concerns regarding disturbance of such drainage facilities.

The excavation of old clay/concrete tile systems brings up several areas of concern. First of which is landowners are often unaware that these old systems exist.

Many of these tile lines were installed but were never recorded. We do not know where they were installed or how extensive they are, so my first concern is that we are able to find all the tile lines that are damaged by the construction.

These old tile lines are often fragile. I have frequently seen clay tile which only had the bottom one half of the original still in place. The upper portion of the tile pieces has been dissolved by the surrounding soil, while the lower portion was protected from this by the flowing water. Obviously, it will be more difficult to repair these lines because of their fragile status.

The proposed depth of the pipeline along with the 24 inch (which is indicated in the verbage, although a 12 inch setback is indicated in the diagram in appendix A...) setback from the pipeline will make it very difficult to repair these lines to a functional system. A majority of the clay tile was placed at a depth of 30-48 inches, but I have witnessed it

being located at the ground surface (due to erosion) and I have also seen lines 15 feet deep. The proposed 30 inch pipeline will be placed a minimum of 48 inches deep according to Ms. Bergman. In that scenario with a 24 inch setback, the tile line would need to be less than 2 feet deep if placed above the pipeline, and more than 8.5 feet deep if placed below the pipeline. The chances of this tile system being a fully functioning system is very small.

The integrity of the tile line repair is a concern. DAPL recognizes that there will be settlement of soil material around the pipeline, and they are correct. That also means the corresponding tile repair will settle and the tile system may fail or function at a reduced capacity. A "tile bridge" will help (but not guarantee) that this settlement will not happen, and the cost of a tile bridge is estimated at \$1200.00 per site. The contractor may try to avoid using these costly bridges in order to save money, but they should be required at all repaired sites.

The cost to a landowner if the tile line does not function could be significant. Some systems may service many acres of land and the land could possibly be located on multiple farms. An example would be if a tile system servicing 50 acres of land would fail, and subsequently these 50 acres were to drown out and be a complete loss, the cost of losing that crop on 50 acres is estimated to be \$40,000.00 at today's crop prices. Some systems service areas much larger than 50 acres, so the yearly cost of the system failing is very significant.

With respect to modern plastic drainage tile systems in Minnehaha or Lincoln Counties, please describe any concerns you have regarding: (1) the excavating and removal of such drainage facilities; (2) the proposed depth of the pipeline; (3) the replacement of such drainage facilities; (4) the subsequent integrity and performance of such drainage facilities; (5) the damages and expenses a landowner may incur as a result of non-performing drainage tile after pipeline installation; and (4) other concerns regarding disturbance of such drainage facilities.

Modern plastic tile which has been installed within the last 50 years is not as fragile as the older clay/cement tile discussed in the previous question, but some of same concerns persist. The rerouting of these lines could be difficult if the pipeline prohibits the option of splicing within the same route.

The repairs of these lines will be easier and have a higher chance of success, but the concerns about the fill around the tile lines settling is still a large concern. Therefore, a tile bridge should also be used when these lines are damaged and subsequently repaired.

Again, the cost of these tile lines not functioning well is very high. With gross sales from an acre of cropland calculated at \$800.00/acre, a large tile system which is not functioning well can significantly damage a farmer's income.

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Related to this concern is the restrictions on future tile drainage systems. DAPL has indicated that they will try to accommodate any future tile systems that are planned. This is not easily attainable. Landowners do not know where these systems will be installed or at what depth they will need to be installed at. In order to accurately get this information, landowners would need to complete expensive tile system surveys and designs. It is not realistic that this can be accomplished prior to the pipeline being designed and installed, therefore any future tile drainage systems would be severely restricted by the pipelines route, elevation, and easement.

Please describe your professional experience regarding soil removal, replacement, and compaction, in Minnehaha County, Lincoln County or elsewhere, with regard to installation of underground utility facilities.

I have personally witnessed and installed many land disturbing projects. These have involved utilities, conservation practices, tile installation and other activities.

Please describe your primary concerns about soil removal and replacement relating to pipeline installation in Minnehaha or Lincoln Counties.

Soil in this area has been formed over thousands of years since the last glaciers receded. In general, there is eight to fourteen inches of topsoil, but certain areas could have more or less. This topsoil is vital to productivity due to its high levels of organic matter, nutrients, michorizae, fungi, bacteria and other organisms critical to plant growth. The mixing of these plant growth factors will have a negative effect on plant growth, although it will be temporary since good quality topsoil is very adaptable. DAPL states an intention of stockpiling the topsoil and replacing eight to twelve inches after the pipeline is installed. This process needs to be done in a careful manner in order for the land to recover as soon as feasible, and carefully monitored by the landlord.

Another critical concern is the mixing of the soil below the topsoil commonly referred to as subsoil. This too was formed over thousands of years and has large and small pores which allow water to percolate down into the soil profile. These pores will be destroyed during construction and it will take many years to rebuild them through plant root and earthworm activities. The parent material which was left by the glaciers is often very restrictive to water movement, and is sometimes relatively shallow in the soil profile. This material will be mixed in with the other subsoil and cause issues with plant growth and compaction after the pipeline is installed.

I am not implying that these disturbed areas will never be productive again, but it will take a long time. To imply that they will be back into full production after three growing seasons is unrealistic. My professional opinion is that it will take at least 10 years and possibly much longer for these sites to return to full production. The length of time will vary with site and soil conditions.

Please describe your primary concerns about soil compaction relating to pipeline installation in Minnehaha or Lincoln Counties.

Compaction will be significant with the heavy equipment, especially when working in wet areas. DAPL plans on mitigating for this by deep tillage, but the damage to the soil structure will not be repaired with a few passes with a deep tilling machine. Resolving this will take many years of freezing and thawing along with the plant roots and earthworms to slowly offset the damage done by compaction. University studies indicate that negative impacts from compaction can last twenty or more years.

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With regard to crop yield and productivity on land which will be excavated and replaced above the pipeline (i.e., pipeline easement areas), is it your opinion that crop yield will be diminished? If so, (1) describe the factors associated with lost yield during the first 3 years after pipeline installation; (2) describe the factors associated with lost yield beyond the first 3 years after pipeline installation.

See the previous two answers. In general, there will be diminished production on these areas for approximately ten years, but the length will vary greatly with site conditions. Some sites may be back to full production after three years, and some sites may never return to there former level of production.

Are you concerned that the heat generated by the pipeline (i.e., transporting 62-degree crude oil) will negatively impact the soil or crop yield in the easement area? If so, please explain in detail.

I have concerns about insects and diseases which could survive the winter in the area, which would normally not be able to survive, but are allowed to do so because of this change in the micro-climate surrounding the pipe. I do not feel completely qualified to answer this question.

Would you expect that cost of farming expenses (inputs, cultivation, etc.) relating to the easement area will higher than non-easement areas? If so, please explain in detail.

Yes. The disturbed areas will need to have higher levels of organic matter and nutrients applied. These inputs may be expensive and difficult to obtain for some

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producers. There will be a need for additional tillage to try reduce the damage from compaction.

With regard to grazing areas or feed lots, do you have any concerns regarding the depth of the pipeline or any negative impact the pipeline easement area would have on such land uses?

Native grass roots can extend fifteen feet or more into the ground, and the pipeline will obviously disturb this root system and limit the species which will be available to revegetate. Therefore, species may not match the existing ecosystem.

There will be restrictions on any permanent structures and tree plantings in the Right of Way area, which will affect future land use and shelterbelt establishment.

Feedlots will have to be avoided in the Right of Way. There is extensive disturbance, excavations and heavy equipment traffic associated with a feedlot and therefore this land use will not be allowed within the project area. This is another restriction on future land use.

In the event of an oil release event (leak or spill) underneath or upon crop land, please describe the long-term impact on the ability to farm such land and related crop yield.

I was a member of the task force to assess damages following the Williams

Pipeline leak near Renner South Dakota in the early 1990s. Tens of thousands of gallons

of gasoline were recovered, but many acres of land still contained contaminated soil. The

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South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources approved "farming" the contaminants out of the soil by frequently tilling the soil and allowing the contaminants to evaporate. This process was done for several years with no crop production in these areas. Eventually, an attempt was made to begin growing crops which would return organic matter to the soil and allow the plant roots to form pores for water to infiltrate. After many years, the restoration of this area was declared a success, although I speculate that it is far from being completely restored twenty plus years later.

Please state any other concerns you have regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline.

I assume that the trench will need to be dewatered during construction to prevent the pipe from floating. This dewatering could overwhelm existing drainage patterns with this additional water.

Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will pose a threat of serious injury to the environment or the inhabitants within the siting area? If so, why?

Yes. The environment within the siting area will be seriously impacted by the long-lasting effects of construction and permanently injured in case of a leak of spill.

Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will substantially impair the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the siting area? If so, why?

Yes. The welfare/economic impact will be substantially impaired in the manner set forth above.

275	Would you be available to present testimony and respond to questions during the
276	formal hearing scheduled for September 29 through October 8, 2015?
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#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

#### OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC FOR AN ENERGY FACILITY PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

#### HP14-002

### PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF Corliss Faye Wiebers

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)

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COUNTY OF Lincoln

Corliss Faye Wiebers, being first duly sworn on his/her oath, deposes and states as follows:

Please state your name and address.

Corliss Faye Wiebers

607 S Elm St PO Box 256

Lennox, SD 57039

How are you involved with the Dakota Access Pipeline project?

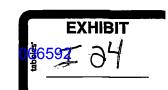
I am a landowner in Lincoln County, South Dakota affected by the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline.

Please describe the history of your family's land ownership, and whether farming will be continued by younger generations.

4/26/1883 Land was Homesteaded by Philip Eichhorn. He was given a Patent (deed) September, 1887.

4-16-1896 sold to Paul Nichel for \$1800.

2/28/1920 Quit claim deed from Rose (daughter of Paul and Sophia Nichel) & Milo Hoffman to Sophia Nichel.



4/23/1923 Sophia Nichel sold to Gilbert Schoffelman for \$18,000. \$112.50 per acre –

8-1-1930 Upon Gilbert's death distribution to heirs in 1931 – Dora (wife) 1/3 and to children remaining 2/3 rds (John, Hilda, Aldrich, Henry, Elmer, Laura, Esther)

10-27-1947 Dora Schoffelman sold 1.02 acres (Lot H1) to the state of South Dakota for roads.

4-23-1959 Upon Elmer's death his share was conveyed to his mother (Dora).

6/11/1959 John Schoffelman purchased from his siblings and his mother for \$37,840 - \$236.50 per acre.

12/4/1959 – John added Leona's name

5/18/2004 – termination of Leona's name on deed due to death

3/23/2004 – John deeded to children - Janice Petterson, Mavis Parry, Linda Goulet, Corliss Wiebers, Shirley Oltmanns, Marilyn Murray & Kevin Schoffelman w/John having Life Estate

4/13/2012 - Termination of John's Life Estate

The question of whether farming will be continued by future generations remains to be determined.

Tillable acres will probably continue to be leased for row-crop farming and pasture acres for cash rent for several years. However discussions have taken place for development of the land starting with the 3 building eligibilities.

### Please describe your current farming operations.

The tillable acres are farmed by Jerry and Bill Crevier and the pasture is rented by Scott Daggett.

To the best your knowledge, what area(s) of your property will the Dakota Access Pipeline cross?

Based on the most recent maps by Dakota Access and flags placed in the road ditch, the pipeline would enter the NW corner going to the SE corner cutting diagonally across the entire farm. This area includes crop production land as well as pasture.

How close is the pipeline to any building, bin or pen, water source, or farming facilities (i.e., storage area, feedlot, grazing area, etc.)?

Approximately 300 yards to the nearest building and 340 yards to the well.

It is planned to go under the creek which drains the watershed NW of Tea and flows into the Sioux River.

The pipeline would cross the easement held by South Lincoln Rural Water.

As stated previously it would cross the grazing area.

Please describe any special characteristics of your property and farmland, and/or whether you plan to build any houses, outbuildings, shelter belts, or other structures on your property.

The land is drain tiled, some of which is clay.

Open Waterway ditch running south on east side of property.

It currently has 3 housing eligibilities with potential for additional future longer term development since Highway 17 runs on the west side of the property.

Please describe which of your farming operations or other land uses will be impaired by the Dakota Access Pipeline and how they will be impaired. Initially, no access for daily operations on cropland on south half of property. Natural waterways blocked and would need to be reconstructed. The tillable acres won't produce the same and the quality of the pasture will be impaired.

Future development potential diminished due to restrictions of building on pipeline and lack of desire for homeowners to live near pipeline. There is currently an existing housing development ½ mile NE of our farm, located outside of the City of Tea as well as a second development planned (zoning has been changed to agriculture/residential) ½ mile directly north of our farm. These developments are outside of the City of Tea growth plan. Just because a particular city doesn't have these affected areas in their growth plan, doesn't mean they won't be developed – unless of course pipeline easements restrict the development.

Has your farmland been improved with drain tile? If so, please describe whether you are concerned that pipeline construction may damage and impair the drain tile performance and investment.

Yes, it has been drain tiled and parts of it are clay tile. I am concerned that the tile may crumble by excavating the ground near it, construction equipment going over it or by additional underground pressure from settling afterwards.

Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will pose a threat of serious injury to the environment or the inhabitants within the siting area? If so, why?

Yes. Ruptures, oil leaks, environmental damages in the future. As steward of the land our obligation is also for future generations.

In February, the Wall Street Journal compared oil from 86 locations around the world and found Bakken crude oil to be the most explosive. This was introduced December 11, 2014 in the Assembly Resolution No 191 State of New Jersey 216<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

Do you believe that the Dakota Access Pipeline will substantially impair the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the siting area? If so, why?

Watershed damage as East Beaver Creek drains the Watershed North and West of Tea and flows through our farm, eventually into the Big Sioux River and then the Missouri.

Will eliminate the potential for future development due to people not wanting to reside near an oil pipeline.

Have you been sued by Dakota Access Pipeline to compel court ordered access to your land? If so, (1) Has Dakota Access Pipeline provided you any legal authority (i.e., state statute) supporting its claim that you have no right to exclude Dakota Access from your land at the time of said lawsuit? and (2) Have you incurred legal fees in defending against this lawsuit?

Yes- I have been sued.

No- Dakota Access has not provided any legal authority (state statute).

Yes- I have incurred legal fees.

Please state any other concerns you have regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline.

The fact that their plan is to run the pipeline through Minnehaha and Lincoln county shows total disregard for the welfare of our state, it's inhabitants and the future development in this area. I'm concerned it will lower my property value. Their only concern seems to be what money they can save using the shortest direct route without a thought of the short and long term loss for the landowners.

Would you be available to present testimony and respond to questions during the formal hearing scheduled for September 29 through October 8, 2015?

No.

Does that conclude your testimony?

Yes.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 19 day of June, 2015.

Notary Public – South Dakota

My Commission Expires: 3/13/19



September 12, 2015

Peggy A. Hoogestraat Rev Trust Peggy A. Hoogestraat Trustee 27575 462 Avenue Chancellor, SD 57015

Re: FINAL OFFER LETTER

Dear Peggy A. Hoogestraat:

A Dakota Access, LLC acquisition agent has attempted to negotiate the purchase of an easement across your property in Minnehaha County, in order to construct a pipeline. Because we have not been able to successfully conclude our negotiation with you, we are faced with the possibility of filing a condemnation action to acquire the easement over your property in order to construct a thirty inch (30") pipeline.

The terms are set out in the easement document that was provided to you and which we have again included with this letter. The easement exhibit contains a parcel drawing that shows the location of the easement on your property. The parcel drawing and the reflected route will be contingent upon survey data accumulated once survey is complete on the subject property and maybe revised if necessary based on the findings, if any.

We therefore, respectfully ask that you consider and accept our final offer of times your percentage ownership interest, as total payment for the requested easement. If you accept this offer, please contact us so that the transaction can be completed.

We want to emphasize that the condemnation process is being started now so that Dakota Access, LLC will be able to meet time constraints necessary to begin construction. As always, Dakota Access, LLC wants to work with you in order to reach an acceptable agreement through negotiation.

Thank you for your immediate response and we look forward to working with you toward an amicable agreement. If you have any questions, please contact ROW Manager Susan Bergman at 281-744-8210.

Sincerely,

Micah Rorie

Dakota Access, LLC

Senior Manager-Land & Right of Way

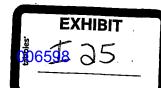
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Daniel J. Hyvl

Robert Rose

Brett Koenecke Glen J. Boomsma





August 31, 2015

Margaret C. Hilt Revocable Trust Margaret C. Hilt and Elmer R. Hilt Trustees RR1 Box 348 St. Francis, KS 67756-9801

Re:

FINAL OFFER LETTER

Dear Margaret C. Hilt and Elmer E. Hilt:

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Brett Koenecke Glen J. Boomsma



August 31, 2015

Devona B. Smith Revocable Trust Devona B. Smith Trustee 5702 S. Logan St. APT. A Centennial, CO 80121

Re: FINAL OFFER LETTER

Dear Devona B. Smith:

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Sincerely,

Micah Rorie

Dakota Access, LLC

Senior Manager-Land & Right of Way

**Enclosures** 

cc: Daniel J. Hyvl

Robert Rose Brett Koenecke Glen J. Boomsma



August 31, 2015

Assid Family Trust Delores L. Assid and James Z. Assid Trustees 3009 S Holly Ave. Sioux Falls, SD 57105

Re: FINAL OFFER LETTER

Dear Delores L. Assid and James Z. Assid:

A Dakota Access, LLC acquisition agent has attempted to negotiate the purchase of an easement across your property in Lincoln County, in order to construct a pipeline. Because we have not been able to successfully conclude our negotiation with you, we are faced with the possibility of filing a condemnation action to acquire the easement over your property in order to construct a thirty inch (30") pipeline.

The terms are set out in the easement document that was provided to you and which we have again included with this letter. The easement exhibit contains a parcel drawing that shows the location of the easement on your property. The parcel drawing and the reflected route will be contingent upon survey data accumulated once survey is complete on the subject property and maybe revised if necessary based on the findings, if any.

This letter is the last written offer of compensation in the amount of \$ 100,000 as total payment to be distributed to all interests (landowner and tenant) to obtain the easement as described in the enclosed easement document. Given the circumstances, we believe that our offer is fair and equitable, and ask that you give it full consideration. We are hopeful that we will be able to conclude this transaction and avoid condemnation.

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September 16, 2015

Ruth E. Arends, Life Estate 46349 267th Street Hartford SD 57033

Re: FINAL OFFER LETTER

Dear Ruth E. Arends, Life Estate:

A Dakota Access, LLC acquisition agent has attempted to negotiate the purchase of an easement across your property in Minnehaha County, in order to construct a pipeline. Because we have not been able to successfully conclude our negotiation with you, we are faced with the possibility of filing a condemnation action to acquire the easement over your property in order to construct a thirty inch (30") pipeline.

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This letter is the last written offer of compensation in the amount of \$200, as total payment to be distributed to all interests (landowner and tenant) to obtain the easement as described in the enclosed easement document. Given the circumstances, we believe that our offer is fair and equitable, and ask that you give it full consideration. We are hopeful that we will be able to conclude this transaction and avoid condemnation.

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September 16, 2015

Sherrie K. Fines 614 N. Willow Avenue Pierre, SD 57501

Re: FINAL OFFER LETTER

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September 16, 2015

Allan C. Arends Box 25 Hazel, SD 57242

Re: FINAL OFFER LETTER

Dear Allan C. Arends:

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September 16, 2015

Lorrie L. Bacon and Douglas J. Bacon 11 Woodland Drive Humboldt, IA 50548

Re: FINAL OFFER LETTER

Dear Lorrie L. Bacon and Douglas J. Bacon:

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IN CIRCUIT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC,

Civ. 15-138

Plaintiff,

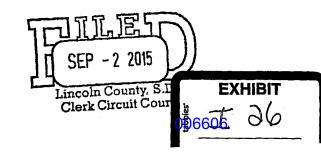
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KLAASSEN,

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO DISMISS AND DENYING MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

Defendants.

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Defendants Leroy Fett and Doris W. Fett's Motion to

Dismiss is granted;

FURTHER ORDERED, that Plaintiff Dakota Access, LLC's Motion for Preliminary

Injunction is denied.

Dated this 1st day of Soplem

BY THE COURT:

HONORABLE BRADLEY

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

ATTEST:

KRISTIE TORGERSON

LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS

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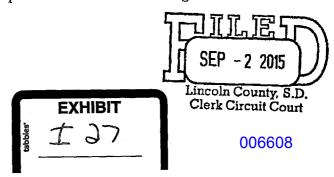
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- 1. Plaintiff Dakota Access, LLC ("<u>Dakota Access</u>") proposes to construct a crude oil pipeline through several South Dakota counties, including Lincoln County (the "<u>Dakota Access</u> <u>Pipeline</u>"). Dakota Access filed an application with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (the "<u>PUC</u>") for the project on December 15, 2014.
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the proposed route to avoid as many physical land features and constraints as possible. *Id.* Dakota Access has completed the vast majority of the civil and environmental surveys along the proposed route. *Id.* 

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- 7. Defendants have refused to allow Dakota Access entrance upon their land to begin surveys on their property.
- 8. Plaintiff has moved the Court for preliminary injunction to prohibit Defendants from refusing Dakota Access entry upon their land.
- 9. Defendants Leroy and Doris Fett moved to dismiss Complaint based on lack of subject matter jurisdiction inasmuch as Dakota Access does not yet have a permit from the PUC.
- 10. Defendants Janice E. Petterson, Mavis A. Parry, Linda A. Goulet, Corliss F. Wiebers, Shirley M. Oltmanns, Marilyn J. Murray and Kevin J. Schoffelman opposed the Plaintiff's motion by filing their Reply Brief in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. Proceedings to take private property by condemnation are special in character and must be conducted in strict accordance with governing statutes. *Lewis & Clark Rural Water Sys. v. Seeba*, 709 NW2d 824, 838 (SD 2006)(citing *Ehlers v. Jones*, 135 NW2d 22 (SD 1965).
- 2. Article 6, §13 of the South Dakota Constitution provides "Private property shall not be taken for public use, or damaged, without just compensation, which will be determined according to the legal procedure established by the Legislature and according to §6 of this article[.]"
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- 4. To the extent SDCL §49-7-11 might apply to Dakota Access as a common carrier, it would furthermore subject Dakota Access to the requirements of SDCL Chapter 49-41B.
- 5. Dakota Access entry upon Defendants' land would constitute "a taking" under South Dakota law. Such a taking is impermissible without first obtaining the PUC permit in accordance with SDCL §49-41B-1.
- 6. Dakota Access' argument that its PUC permit application will be incomplete or prejudiced from not being able to survey the Defendants' land is without merit. Dakota Access has already completed the vast majority of the civil and environmental surveys along the proposed route and submitted that information to the PUC. See Aff. Rorie at ¶5-8, supra. Moreover, the applicable administrative rules only require Dakota Access to provide in its application "existing information" regarding the effect of the proposed facility on the ecosystem and environment.

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- 8. However, the Legislature has not granted a pipeline applicant condemnation rights for survey purposes, nor has this Court been granted such jurisdiction.
- 9. "The purpose of statutory construction is to discover the true intention of the law which is to be ascertained primarily from the language expressed in the statute. We are guided by the principle that a court should construe multiple statutes covering the same subject matter in such a way as to give effect to all of the statutes if possible." *Schafer v. Deuel County*, 745 NW2d 241, 245 (SD 2006).
- 10. In construing the relevant statutes, there is no statutory grant of authority to allow the subject surveys and no jurisdiction granted by the Legislature to this Court for such purpose.
- 11. Whether a preliminary injunction should issue involves consideration of (1) the threat of irreparable harm to the movant; (2) the state of the balance between this harm and the injury that granting the injunction will inflict on other parties litigant; (3) the probability that movant will succeed on the merits; and (4) the public interest. *Dacy v. Gors*, 471 NW2d 576, 579 (SD 1991)(citing *Dataphase Systems, Inc. v. C L Systems, Inc.*, 640 F.2d 109, 113 (8th Cir. 1981)).

- 12. The inability of Dakota Access to survey the Defendants land may result in a slowdown of its pipeline construction project. A slowdown of construction does not constitute irreparable harm. In addition, irreparable harm is not found because the PUC has not yet decided whether to grant the permit to Dakota Access or not.
- 13. Dakota Access may have been able to prove the remaining factors for a preliminary injunction, but the absence of a showing of irreparable harm renders the remaining factors moot.
  - 14. Dakota Access's Motion for Preliminary Injunction is denied.
  - 15. Defendant Fett's Motion to Dismiss is granted.
- 16. If any Findings of Fact are improperly designated as such, they are hereby incorporated by reference in the Conclusions of Law. If any Conclusions of Law are improperly designated as such, they are hereby incorporated by reference in the Findings of Fact.

JUDGMENT SHALL BE ENTERED ACCORDINGLY.

Dated this 1st day of S

BY THE COURT:

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

BRADLEY

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ATTEST: KRISTIE TORGERSON

LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA ) :SS COUNTY OF LINCOLN )

IN CIRCUIT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC,

Civ. 15-145

Plaintiff,

VS.

MARGARET C. HILT AND ELMER R. HILT, AS THE TRUSTEES OF THE MARGARET C. HILT REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JUNE 26, 2003; DEVONA B. SMITH, AS TRUSTEE OF DEVONA B. SMITH REVOCABLE TRUST DATED MAY 8, 2001; DELORES L. ASSID AND JAMES Z. ASSID, AS TRUSTEES OF THE ASSID FAMILY TRUST; RODNEY RENBACK; MARILYN RENBACK; PEDERSON AG, LLC; PENTE FARMS, LLC; DANIEL HOILAND; MARCIA HOILAND; JEAN OSTHUS; AND KKKP PROPERTY, LLLP;

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

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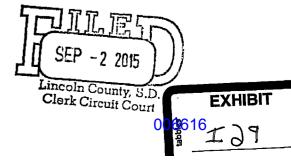
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- 9. "The purpose of statutory construction is to discover the true intention of the law which is to be ascertained primarily from the language expressed in the statute. We are guided by the principle that a court should construe multiple statutes covering the same subject matter in such a way as to give effect to all of the statutes if possible." *Schafer v. Deuel County*, 745 NW2d 241, 245 (SD 2006).
- 10. In construing the relevant statutes, there is no statutory grant of authority to allow the subject surveys and no jurisdiction granted by the Legislature to this Court for such purpose.
- 11. Whether a preliminary injunction should issue involves consideration of (1) the threat of irreparable harm to the movant; (2) the state of the balance between this harm and the injury that granting the injunction will inflict on other parties litigant; (3) the probability that movant will succeed on the merits; and (4) the public interest. *Dacy v. Gors*, 471 NW2d 576, 579 (SD 1991)(citing *Dataphase Systems, Inc. v. C L Systems, Inc.*, 640 F.2d 109, 113 (8th Cir. 1981)).

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- 12. The inability of Dakota Access to survey the Defendants land may result in a slowdown of its pipeline construction project. A slowdown of construction does not constitute irreparable harm. In addition, irreparable harm is not found because the PUC has not yet decided whether to grant the permit to Dakota Access or not.
- 13. Dakota Access may have been able to prove the remaining factors for a preliminary injunction, but the absence of a showing of irreparable harm renders the remaining factors moot.
  - 14. Dakota Access's Motion for Preliminary Injunction is denied.
- 15. If any Findings of Fact are improperly designated as such, they are hereby incorporated by reference in the Conclusions of Law. If any Conclusions of Law are improperly designated as such, they are hereby incorporated by reference in the Findings of Fact.

JUDGMENT SHALL BE ENTERED ACCORDINGLY.

Dated this 1st day of September, 2015.

BY THE COURT:

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ATTEST:

KRISTIE TORGERSON

LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS

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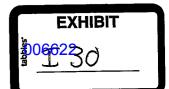
TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENTS: JANICE E. PETERSON, MAVIS A. PARRY, LINDA A. GOULET, CORLISS F. WIEBERS, SHIRLEY M. OLTMANS, MARILYN J. MURRAY, KEVIN J. SCHOFFELMAN, AND SOUTH LINCOLN RURAL WATER SYSTEM, INC.

You are hereby notified that a Verified Petition in this case was filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court in the City of Canton, Lincoln County, South Dakota on September 22, 2015. A true copy of the Verified Petition is attached and herewith served upon you.

This case is a condemnation action brought for the purpose of taking, acquiring, and appropriating the real estate described in the Verified Petition for temporary and permanent easements, for the purposes and to the extent specified in the Verified Petition, which use has been authorized by statute and is for public use.

If you do not appear in this proceeding within thirty days after the date of service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the date of service, Petitioner will apply to the court for an order to empanel a jury and ascertain the just compensation for the property proposed to be taken or damaged.

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# Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2015.

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BY:

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Dakota Access, LLC, for its Verified Petition pursuant to SDCL Ch. 21-35, states and alleges as follows:

- 1. Petitioner, Dakota Access, LLC, ("Dakota Access") is a Delaware limited liability company having its principal place of business in Dallas, Texas.
- 2. Dakota Access proposes to construct a crude oil pipeline and related facilities to provide transportation service from points of origin in the Bakken/Three Forks play in North Dakota to a terminus in Illinois, with various potential points of destination along the pipeline.
- 3. The pipeline will enter South Dakota at the South Dakota-North Dakota border in Campbell County. It will extend in a southeasterly direction through portions of Campbell County, McPherson County, Edmunds County, Faulk County, Spink County, Beadle County, Kingsbury County, Miner County, Lake County, McCook County, Minnehaha County, Turner County, and Lincoln County. It will leave South Dakota at the South Dakota-Iowa border in Lincoln County.

- 4. Dakota Access is holding themselves out to the general public as, and is in fact, engaged in the business of transporting commodities for hire by pipeline.
- 5. Dakota Access is a common carrier as defined by South Dakota and federal law, and has the privilege of eminent domain pursuant to SDCL §§ 49-2-12 and 49-7-13.
- 6. Defendants Janice E. Peterson, Mavis A. Parry, Linda A. Goulet, Corliss F. Wiebers, Shirley M. Oltman, Marilyn J. Murray, and Kevin J. Schoffelman (hereinafter jointly referred to as "Landowners") are the owners of record of that real property located in Lincoln County, South Dakota, which is legally described as follows:

The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 4, Township 99, Range 51 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Lincoln County, South Dakota, described in Warranty Deed dated March 23, 2004 from John R. Schoffelman a/k/a John G. Schoffelman to Janice E. Peterson, Mavis A. Parry, Linda A. Goulet, Corliss F. Wiebers, Shirley M. Oltman, Marilyn J. Murray, Kevin J. Schoffelman, recorded under Book 110, Page 501, Deed Records, Lincoln County, South Dakota, less and except any conveyances heretofore made.

- 7. Upon information and belief, Dakota Access states that South Lincoln Rural Water System, Inc., claims an easement on the property described above.
- 8. Dakota Access has determined by a duly adopted resolution of necessity, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1, that it is necessary to acquire permanent and temporary easements, including survey access, over Landowners' real property for the construction and operation of the pipeline.
- 9. Dakota Access has been unable to acquire the necessary easements by agreement with Landowners, and therefore seeks by the Verified Petition to exercise its right of eminent domain.
- 10. The permanent and temporary easements sought to be acquired by Dakota Access are described in the Easement and Right-of-Way Agreement, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 2.

- 11. An Easement and Right-of-Way Agreement has been presented to Landowners, but they have refused to sign it.
- 12. The easements sought to be acquired over the Landowners' property are depicted in Exhibit 2, generally described as a fifty foot (50') wide permanent pipeline easement, as more particularly described in Exhibit 2; (ii) a temporary construction easement one hundred feet (100') in width and any such additional areas indicated on the Exhibit 2, and (iii) an easement not to exceed twenty five feet (25') in width for access to and from the Pipeline Easement and the Temporary Construction Easement; as more particularly described in Exhibit 2, all in, over, through, across, under, and along land owned by the more particularly described as follows:

The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 4, Township 99, Range 51 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Lincoln County, South Dakota, described in Warranty Deed dated March 23, 2004 from John R. Schoffelman a/k/a John G. Schoffelman to Janice E. Peterson, Mavis A. Parry, Linda A. Goulet, Corliss F. Wiebers, Shirley M. Oltman, Marilyn J. Murray, Kevin J. Schoffelman, recorded under Book 110, Page 501, Deed Records, Lincoln County, South Dakota, less and except any conveyances heretofore made.

- 13. Under SDCL § 21-35-11, Dakota Access hereby offers to deposit with the Clerk of this Court the sum stated in its offer pursuant to SDCL § 21-35-11, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 3, with costs to be paid to Landowners, as compensation for all of the property to be taken or damaged.
- Dakota Access hereby agrees to pay separately for all damages to crops, roads, driveways, fences, and livestock caused by the construction or maintenance of the pipeline in the area of the permanent easement either during or after construction, as indicated in Exhibit 2.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays for judgment as follows:

1) That judgment be entered against Defendants granting and appropriating the easement rights described above to Petitioner;

- 2) That a jury be empanelled under SDCL § 21-35-1 for the purpose of determining the just compensation and damages that Defendants are entitled to receive because of the taking and appropriation;
  - 3) The judgment be entered pursuant to SDCL § 21-35-19; and
  - 4) For any other relief that the Court deems just and equitable.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2015.

MAY, ADAM, GERDES & THOMPSON LLP

BY:

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# VERIFICATION

STATE OF	1ex As	
COUNTY OF _	HARRIS	)SS _ )
On this	5 day of Septeml	per, 2015, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and
		_, personally appeared Micah T. Rorie, a person authorized to
execute this Ver	ified Petition by D	akota Access, LLC, the Petitioner in the above-entitled
proceeding; that	affiant has read th	e above and foregoing Verified Petition and knows the

contents thereof, and that the same is true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief; and that his signature to the foregoing instrument and action is in good faith for the uses and

purposes specified in this Verified Petition. Micah T. Rorie

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

DEBORAH K. BOUDAR Notary Public, State of Texas My Commission Expires A I November 07, 2015

Notary Public

Notary Print Name:

My Commission Expires:

# UNANIMOUS WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC

# August 20, 2015

The undersigned, being all the mombers of the Board of Managers of Dakota Access, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Company") and acting without and in lieu of a meeting, hereby unanimously consent to the adoption of the following resolutions, which will constitute the actions of the Company, and do hereby adopt such resolutions:

WHEREAS, the Company hereby finds and determines that public convenience and necessity requires the location, construction, operation and maintenance of common carrier crude oil pipeline facilities in Campbell, McPherson, Edmunds, Faulk, Spink, Beadle, Kingsbury, Miner, Lake, McCook, Minnehalia, Turner and Lincoln Counties, South Dakota, for the transportation of crude oil; and

WHEREAS, the Company is in the process of acquiring, installing and/or converting certain pipeline assets to be operated as a common carrier crude oil pipeline in the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois, and will own, operate and maintain common carrier crude oil pipeline facilities in Campbell, McPherson, Edmunds, Faulk, Spink, Beadle, Kingsbury, Miner, Lake, McCook, Minnehaha, Turner and Lincoln Counties, South Dakota, and, in connection therewith, the Company hereby finds and determines that public convenience and necessity require and that it is necessary and in the public interest for the Company to enter upon, appropriate, take, acquire, hold and enjoy, by purchase or condemnation, permanent easements and rights-of-way, and temporary construction easements, as are necessary for: (i) the construction of one or more common carrier crude oil pipeline facilities, including, but not limited to, surveys including civil, environmental and other as required for regulatory and construction



purposes, erecting, laying, constructing, maintaining, operating, repairing, inspecting, replacing, changing the size of, abandoning in place, protecting, altering and removing crude oil gathering, transporting, compressing, measuring, treating and processing facilities, including, but not limited to, above-ground and below-ground valve settings, meters, tanks, pipes, pipelines, dehydrators, separators, pumps, compressors, generators, dew point control facilities, processing and treating equipment, launchingreceiving equipment, electrical facilities, buildings and any and all other devices, equipment and structures to facilitate the operation, maintenance, repair and use of its common carrier crude oil pipeline systems; and (ii) locating, constructing, reconstructing, improving, repairing, operating, inspecting, patrolling, replacing and maintaining electric power and communication facilities (whether above or below grade, or both), or the removal thereof, now or in the future, including, but not necessarily limited to, poles, cross arms, insulators, wires, cables, conduits, hardware, transformers, switches, guy wires, anchors, antennae and other equipment, structures, material and appurtenances, access roads, and ancillary electric facilities, now or hereafter used, useful or desired in connection therewith by the Company; such line or lines being identified as the Dakota Access Pipeline commencing at a point approximately 6.2 miles South of the city of Hull, North Dakota and extending southeasterly approximately 274.7 miles to a point approximately 17.2 miles Southeast of the city of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; generally along the routes shown crosshatched on the attached Exhibit A, or as may be modified due to route changes or other unforeseen occurrences, and that public convenience and necessity require and that it is in the public interest for the Company, through one or more of the Company's duly authorized officers, agents and/or attorneys to enter upon, take, acquire, hold and enjoy, by purchase or condemnation, the land, easements, rights of way, temporary construction easements, and other interests in land convenient and necessary for the location, construction, operation, repair and maintenance of said common carrier pipeline and appurtenant facilities that may be useful, necessary or convenient thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that public convenience and necessity require that it is necessary and in the public interest that the Company, through one or more of its duly authorized officers, agents, employees and/or attorneys, acquire, hold and enjoy, by purchase or condemnation, permanent easements and rights-of-way, and temporary construction easements, as described above, on, in, over, under, through and across certain lands in Campbell, McPherson, Edmands, Faulk, Spink, Beadle, Kingsbury, Miner, Lake, McCook, Minnehaha, Turner and Lincoln Counties, South Dakota, along the route shown cross-hatched in the attached plat.

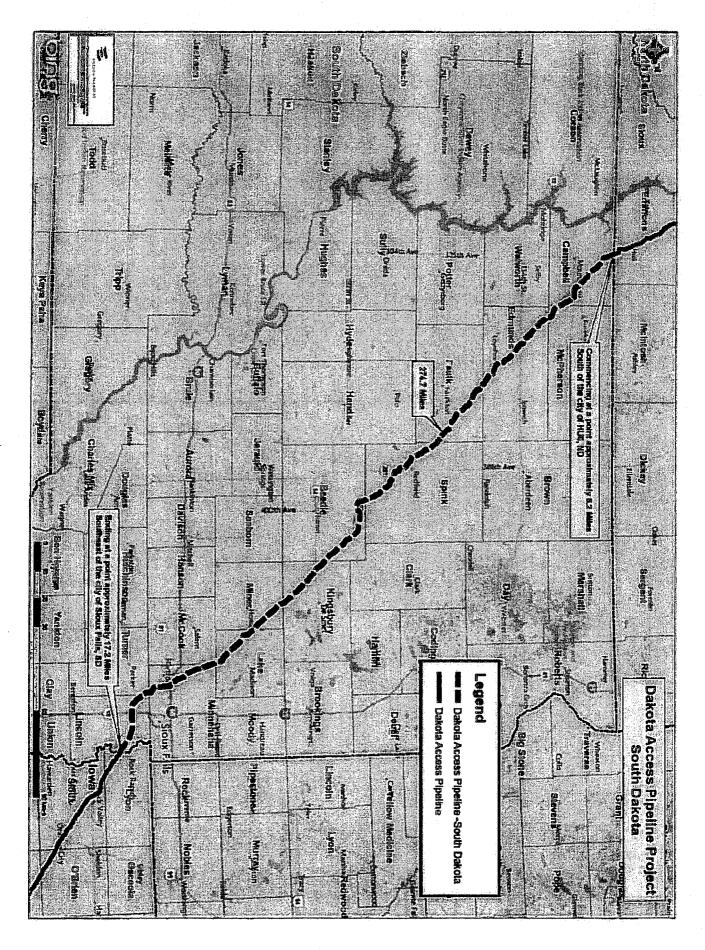
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event of negotiations, to acquire the permanent casements and rights-of-way, and temporary construction easements, on, in, over, under, through or across the necessary tracts of land are unsuccessful, the officers, agents, employees and/or attorneys of the Company, be, and each individually is authorized in the name and for and on behalf of the Company to institute and file or cause to be filed and instituted condemnation proceedings to acquire for the Company said permanent easements and rights-of-way, and temporary construction easements for the public purposes and use by the Company and they are further authorized to take any and all action they deem necessary or desirable, to effectuate the purpose and intent of the foregoing Resolutions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Unanimous Written

Consent of the Board of Managers as of August 20, 2015

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Prepared by and Return to: Micah Rorie Dakota Access, LLC 4401 South Technology Dr., South Suite Sioux Falls, SD 57106 (605) 277-1662

PROJECT: DAPL/Dakota Access Pipeline 30"

TRACT NUMBER: SD-LI-012.519

PARCEL ID:

**COUNTY:** LINCOLN

#### **EASEMENT AGREEMENT**

This easement agreement ("Agreement"), dated is between that Janice Peterson, whose mailing address is 6401 Lyncrest Ave. Apt #307, Sioux Falls, SD, Mavis Parry, whose mailing address is 3 Mission Mt. Rd., Clancy, MT 59634 57108, Linda Goulet, whose mailing address is 27332 Atkins Pl Tea, South Dakota 57064, Corliss Wiebers, whose mailing address is 607 S. Elm St., Lennox, SD 57039, Shirley Oltmans, whose mailing address is 26576 466th St. Sioux Falls, SD 57106, Marilyn Murray, whose mailing address is 1416 W. Larkspur, Sioux Falls, SD 57106, Kevin Schoffelman, whose current mailing address is 712 W. 4<sup>TH</sup> Ave. Lennox South Dakota 57039 (hereinafter referred to as "Grantor", whether one or more), and Dakota Access, LLC whose mailing address is 1300 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002, and its successors and assigns (such entity and its successors and assigns are collectively referred to as the "Grantee"). For the consideration of TEN AND No/100 Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Grantor hereby grants, sells and conveys unto Grantee (i) a fifty foot (50') wide free and unobstructed permanent pipeline easement ("Pipeline Easement"), as more particularly described below, (ii) a temporary construction easement one hundred feet (100') in width and any such additional areas indicated on the Exhibit A more particularly described below ("Temporary Construction Easement"), and (iii) an easement not to exceed twenty five feet (25') in width for access to and from the Pipeline Easement and the Temporary Construction Easement ("Access Easement"). The Pipeline Easement, the Temporary Construction Easement, and the Access Easement (collectively, the "Easements") are being granted, sold, and conveyed from Grantor to Grantee for the purposes of accessing, establishing, laying, constructing, reconstructing, installing, realigning, modifying, replacing, improving, altering, substituting, operating, maintaining, accessing, inspecting, patrolling, protecting, repairing, changing the size of, relocating and changing the route or routes of, abandoning in place and removing at will one pipeline not to exceed thirty inches (30") in nominal diameter, and any appurtenant facilities, in, over, through, across, under, and along land owned by the Grantor (hereafter the "Grantor's Property"), which is more particularly described as follows:

The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 4, Township 99, Range 51 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Lincoln County, South Dakota, described in Warranty Deed dated March 23, 2004 from John R. Schoffelman a/k/a John G. Schoffelman to Janice E. Peterson, Mavis A. Parry, Linda A. Goulet, Corliss F. Wiebers, Shirley M. Oltman, Marilyn J. Murray, Kevin J. Schoffelman, recorded under Book 110, Page 501, Deed Records, Lincoln County, South Dakota, less and except any conveyances heretofore made.

**Exhibit A** attached hereto is a sketch drawn on a sketch or image of all or part of the Grantor's Property showing the approximate location of the Pipeline Easement, Temporary Construction Easement, and Access



Easement. The precise location of the Temporary Construction Easement or "workspace" will be in an area immediately adjacent to the planned or actual Pipeline Easement and shall not exceed one hundred feet in width exclusive of the Pipeline Easement, and any such additional areas indicated on Exhibit A, if any. Within one hundred eighty (180) days following the completion of construction of the pipeline, Grantee shall supplement Exhibit A with a new Exhibit A-1 that will (a) show the definite location of the Pipeline as determined by an as-built survey, and (b) provide the legal description of the definite location of the Pipeline Easement and the Access Easement. Unless otherwise indicated on Exhibit A-1 or in the event Grantee does not provide Exhibit A-1, the parties hereto agree that the Pipeline Easement Premises shall extend 25' outward in each direction at a 90 degree angle from the centerline of the pipeline as originally constructed. Grantor hereby agrees that Grantee shall have the right to and is hereby authorized, with or without the joinder of Grantor, to file Exhibit A-1 by affidavit, to amend this Agreement to include such new Exhibit A-1 or to attach such new Exhibit A-1 to this Agreement, and to record or re-record such affidavit, amendment or Agreement with the new Exhibit A-1. Grantee shall provide Grantor with a copy of the recorded affidavit, amendment or re-recorded Agreement.

# It is further agreed as follows:

- 1. The right to use the Temporary Construction Easement and Pipeline Easement shall belong to the Grantee and its agents, employees, designees, contractors, guests, invitees, successors and assigns, and all those acting by or on behalf of it for the purposes of accessing, establishing, laying, constructing, reconstructing, installing, realigning, modifying, replacing, improving, altering, substituting, operating, maintaining, accessing, inspecting, patrolling, protecting, repairing, changing the size of, relocating and changing the route or routes of, abandoning in place and removing at will, in whole or in part, a pipeline, for the transportation of oil, natural gas, natural gas liquids, hydrocarbon liquids, and the products thereof, together with below-ground appurtenances (and also for pipeline markers and cathodic protection test leads which Grantee is specifically allowed to install upon the surface of the Pipeline Easement) as may be necessary or desirable for the operation of the pipeline, over, across, under and upon the Grantor's Property.
- a. Grantee shall have the right to select the exact location of the Pipeline Easement and the location of the pipeline within the Pipeline Easement, such that the centerline of the pipeline may not, in all instances, lie in the middle of the Pipeline Easement as it is approximately shown in Exhibit A; but regardless of the location of the pipeline, the Pipeline Easement shall not exceed fifty feet in width.
- b. The Temporary Construction Easement or workspace will be used to construct one pipeline and any appurtenant facilities in, over, through, across, under, and along the Pipeline Easement area. The term of this Temporary Construction Easement shall be for a period to extend eighteen (18) months from the date of construction commencement. However, if Grantee has completed its use of this Temporary Construction Easement prior to the eighteen (18) month period and so states in writing, then the Temporary Construction Easement shall immediately terminate. Grantee shall have the right of ingress and egress over and across the Pipeline Easement (and the Temporary Construction Easement while in effect) to survey, conduct reasonable and necessary construction activities, to remove structures and objects located within the Pipeline Easement and the Temporary Construction Easement.
- 2. Further, Grantee shall have the right to construct, maintain and change slopes of cuts and fills within the Pipeline Easement Area to ensure proper lateral and subjacent support for and drainage for the pipeline and appurtenant facilities related to this pipeline project.
- 3. Grantee shall also have the non-exclusive right of unimpeded entry and access (hereafter "Access Easement") in, to, through, on, over, under, and across the Grantor's Property for all purposes necessary and at all times convenient and necessary to exercise the rights granted to it by this Agreement. The approximate location of the Access Easement, if it involves property other than the Pipeline Easement and any existing roads on Grantor's Property, may be shown on Exhibit A and definitely located and described on the subsequent as-built survey and Exhibit A-1. If Grantor erects any fences across the Access Easement or Pipeline Easement (if permitted in accordance with other terms and conditions of this Agreement), Grantor must install a gate, and if any gate across the Access Easement is locked, Grantor must supply Grantee with a key. Grantor shall allow Grantee to install its own lock if Grantee so chooses, provided that the method of locking the gates allows both Grantor and Grantee to use its/his/her own key or lock to open the gate without further assistance.

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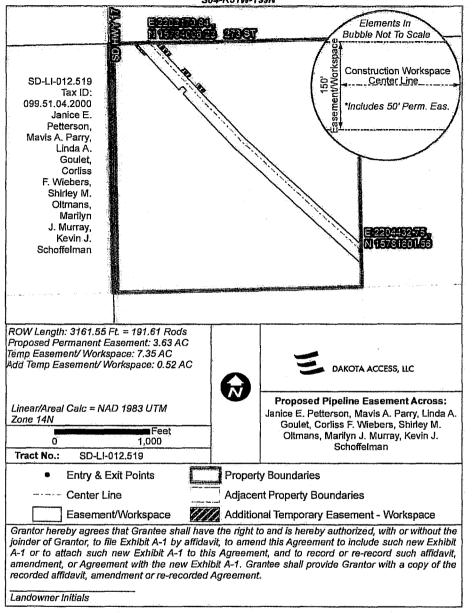
- 4. The consideration paid by Grantee in this agreement includes the market value of the Easements, both permanent and temporary, conveyed by Grantor and any and all damages to the Grantor's Property, excluding the Easements. Grantor has been paid (or, if leased, Grantor's tenant has been paid) for all damages caused to growing crops on the Pipeline Easement, Temporary Construction Easement, and Access Easement. However, Grantee will pay Grantor (or if leased to Grantor's tenant) for any damages caused to livestock due to Grantee's construction activities during the periods of the original construction of the pipeline.
- 5. Grantee will, insofar as practicable, restore the ground disturbed by the Grantee's use of the Pipeline Easement and will construct and maintain soil conservation devices on the Pipeline Easement as may be reasonably required to prevent damage to the property of Grantor from soil erosion resulting from operations of Grantee hereunder. Grantee shall leave the surface of the Temporary Construction Easement, Pipeline Easement, or Access Easement as nearly as reasonably possible as it was prior to the use of same and will restore all fences as nearly as possible to as good, or better, condition as they were prior to the use of said Easements and completion of the work for which said use was made, except for that part of the property within the Easements that is permanently altered in accordance with rights given under this Agreement.
- 6. Grantor may use the Easements for any and all purposes not inconsistent with the purposes set forth in this Agreement. Grantor's uses may include but shall not be limited to using those easement areas for agricultural, open space, set-back, density, street and roadway purposes, provided that any such use is not otherwise prohibited by applicable law and provided that such use does not cause a safety hazard or unreasonably interfere with Grantee's rights under this Agreement. Grantor is permitted, after review and approval by Grantee, to construct any and all streets and roadways, at any angle of not less than forty five (45) degrees to Grantee's pipeline, across the Pipeline Easement which do not damage, destroy or alter the operation of the pipeline and its appurtenant facilities. Grantor may also construct and/or install, upon Grantee's review and approval, water, sewer, gas, electric, cable TV, telephone or other utility lines across the Pipeline Easement at any angle of not less than forty five (45) degrees to Grantee's pipeline, provided that all of Grantee's required and applicable spacings, including depth separation limits and other protective requirements are met by Grantor. The use of the Pipeline Easement by Grantor shall be regulated by all appropriate ordinances, regulations, resolutions or laws of the governmental entity with authority over the Pipeline Easement. Grantor must notify Grantee in writing before streets, roadways, utilities or other encroachments are installed.
- 7. Grantor may not use any part of the Easements in a way that may damage, destroy, injure, and/or interfere with the Grantee's right to use said Easements for the purposes set forth in this Agreement. Grantor is not permitted to conduct any of the following activities on the Easements without the written permission of Grantee: (1) construct or permit the construction or installation of any temporary or permanent building or site improvements, other than streets and roads; (2) drill or operate any well; (3) remove soil or change the grade or slope; (4) impound surface water; or (5) plant trees or landscaping. Grantor further agrees that no above or below ground obstruction that may interfere with the purposes for which the Easements under this Agreement are being acquired may be placed, erected, installed or permitted to exist without the written permission of Grantee. In the event the terms of this paragraph are violated, such violation shall immediately be eliminated upon receipt of written notice from Grantee or Grantee shall have the immediate right to correct or eliminate such violation at the sole expense of Grantor. Grantor shall promptly reimburse Grantee for any expense related thereto. Grantor further agrees that it will not interfere in any manner with the purposes for which the easements under this Agreement are conveyed. Any improvements, whether above or below ground, installed by Grantor subsequent to the date that Grantee acquires possession of the Easements, may be removed by Grantee without liability to Grantor for damages.
- 8. Grantee has the right to trim or cut down or eliminate trees or shrubbery to the extent, in the sole judgment of Grantee, its successors and assigns, as may be necessary to prevent possible interference with its rights under this Agreement, including the operation of the pipeline and to remove possible hazards thereto, and the right to remove or prevent the construction of, any and all buildings, structures, reservoirs or other obstructions on the Easements which, in the sole judgment of the Grantee, may endanger or interfere with the efficiency, safety, or convenient operation of the pipeline and appurtenant facilities or use of the Easements.

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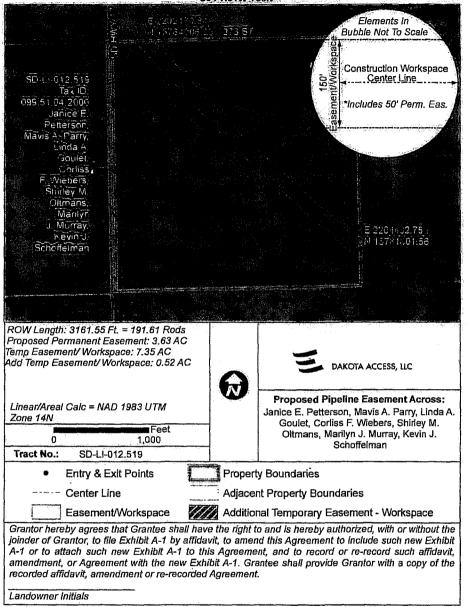
- 9. Grantor shall retain all the rights to oil, gas, and other minerals in, on and under the Easements; provided, however, that Grantor shall not be permitted to drill or operate equipment for the production or development of minerals on the Easements, but it will be permitted to extract the oil and other minerals from and under the Easements by directional drilling and other means, so long as such activities do not damage, destroy, injure, and/or interfere with the Grantee's use of the Easements for the purposes for which the Easements are being sought by Grantee.
- 10. Upon completion of the project construction, permanent fencing destroyed or disturbed by project construction activities shall be installed by Grantee, at its sole expense, along the same alignment and approximate location of the Grantor's existing fences. Grantee and its designated contractors, employees and invitees agree to keep all gates in fences closed at all times so that cattle, horses and/or other livestock located on the remainder portion of Grantor's Property cannot stray from the fenced pastures.
- 11. Grantee agrees that after it has exercised its rights to use the Easements in any manner that disturbs the surface of the Easements, it will restore the surface to the condition in which it was in prior to the immediately preceding use of the Easement, except as the surface may be permanently modified in accordance with the rights granted under this Agreement.
- 12. Grantee hereby agrees to indemnify and hold Grantor harmless from and against any claim or liability or loss from personal injury, property damage resulting from or arising out of the use of the Easements by Grantee, its servants, agents or invitees, excepting, however, such claims, liabilities or damages as may be due to or caused by the acts of Grantor, or its servants, agents or invitees.
- 13. Grantee shall have the right to assign this Agreement, as amended from time to time, and the Easements granted under it, in whole or in part, to one or more assignees. The Pipeline Easement and Access Easement shall be in perpetuity, and provisions of this Agreement, including all benefits and burdens, shall run with the land. The undersigned Grantor(s) warrant(s) that it/he/she/they is/are the owner(s) of Grantor's Property and has/have authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of Grantor. Grantor hereby binds himself/herself/themselves/itself, his/her/their/its heirs, assigns, devisees, successors, and legal representatives to warrant and forever defend all and singular the above described Easements and rights, unto the said Grantee, and Grantee's successors and assigns, against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same, or any part thereof.
- 14. Notwithstanding any rule of law or equity, unless otherwise sold, bartered or conveyed to another party, the pipeline and all related infrastructure and facilities shall at all times remain the property of the Grantee notwithstanding that the pipeline or those facilities may be annexed or affixed to the freehold or abandoned in place by Grantee.
- 15. This Agreement and the Easements granted under it shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of South Dakota and all applicable federal laws.
- 16. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts and all such counterparts shall be deemed as originals and binding upon each party executing any counterpart and upon his/her/their/its respective heirs, devisees, representatives, successors and assigns. This Agreement, Exhibit A, and subsequent Exhibit A-1 and the as-built survey, may be recorded in the real estate records of the county or counties where Grantor's Property lies.
- 17. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties and there are not any other representations or statements, verbal or written that have been made modifying, adding to, or changing the terms of this Agreement.
- 18. If any provision of this Agreement is invalid under any applicable statute or is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then that provision shall be deemed to be severed here from and the remainder of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect and shall be construed to the furthest extent legally possible so as to accomplish the purposes set forth in this Agreement

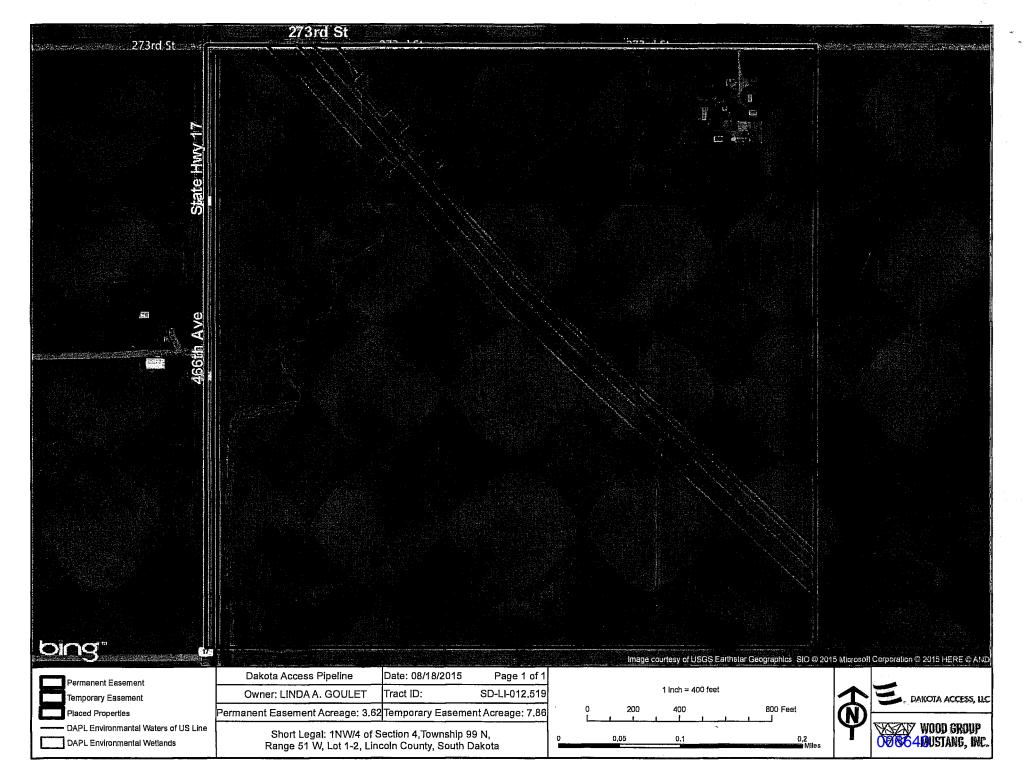
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned author known to me to be the person(s) whose name	rity, on this day personally appearedis subser
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I ha	we hereunto set my hand and official seal this
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#### **EXHIBIT 3**

Pursuant to SDCL § 21-35-11, Dakota Access, LLC hereby offers to deposit with the clerk of this court the \$112,178.60 to be paid to defendants or other parties entitled thereto as compensation for all of the property taken or damaged in the Petition. If the defendants fail to accept this offer by filing notice of acceptance with the clerk of the court within ten days after service of the offer, it is deemed withdrawn and cannot be given in evidence. If the Defendants fail to obtain a judgment for a greater sum of money than offered in this offer, they cannot recover costs.

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

### OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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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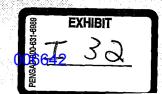
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PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF Sue Sibson

# COUNTY OF Mines ) Sue Sibson, being fust duly swere on his/her oath, deposes and states as follows: Please state your name and address. Sue Sibson 23782-26<sup>th</sup> Ann Howard SD How are you involved with the Dakota Access Pipeline project? My Husband, Mike, and Lare members of Dakota Rural Action. The DRA opposes the proposed Dakota Access pipeline. 10 11 Please state any other concerns you have regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline. 12 13 My husband, Mike Sibson, and I have FransCanada's Keystone One pipeline buried 14



.6:	The concerns we have in regar	rds to the Dakota Access Ripeline.
7 .	If the Dakota Access landown	er construction agreements and SD PUC conditions
8	are followed like fliey were on	our land. All of the landowners will still be dealing
9	with irreparable fand issues y	ears Jater as we are
(0)	SD PUC condition #41 sets for	dr TransCanada's obligation for reclamation and
1	maintenance of the right away	which shall continue throughout the life of the
2	pipeline. We have been asked.	to sign off on TransCanada's attempts at reclamation
3	of our land on two separate or	casions. TransCanada has the obligation to get our
41	land reclamation done correct	ly which six years later they have failed to do. We will
5	continue with our decision not	th sign off. We want TransCanada held responsible
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9	Would you be available to pre	sent testimony and respond to questions during the
0	formal leaving scheduled for (	September 29 through October 8, 2015?
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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC FOR AN ENERGY FACILITY PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

Glenn J. Boomsma of Breit Law Office, P.C. hereby certifies that on the 28th day of September, 2015, Exhibits I 1 through I 32 listed below were served upon those listed on the attached PUC Service List via Electronic Filing on September 28, 2015:

- I 1 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Matthew L. Anderson;
- I 2 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Ruth E. Arends, Allan C. Arends, Lorrie L. Bacon, and Sherrie K. Fines-Tracy;
- I 3 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Delores (Andreessen) Assid;
- I 4 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Orrin Geide;
- I 5 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Linda Ann Goulet;
- I 6 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Margaret (Andreessen) Hilt:
- I 7 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Rod & Joy Hohn;
- I 8 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Peggy Hoogestraat (8-12-15);
- I 9 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Peggy Hoogestraat (6-24-15)
- I 10 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Laurie Kunzelman;
- I 11 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Kent Moeckly;
- I 12 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Marilyn Jean Murray:

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- I 13 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Shirley Mae Oltmanns;
- I 14 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Mavis Arlene Parry;
- I 15 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Janice Elaine Petterson (8-14-15);
- I 16 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Janice Elaine Petterson (6-25-15);
- I 17 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Kevin John Schoffelman;
- I 18 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Sue Sibson (8-13-15);
- I 19 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Devona B. Smith;
- I 20 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Nancy J. Stofferahn;
- I 21 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Ronald H. Stofferahn;
- I 22 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Thomas E. Stofferahn;
- I 23 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Brian Top;
- I 24 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Corliss Faye Wiebers;
- I 25 Final Offer Letters from Dakota Access Pipeline;
- I 26 Order Granting Motion To Dismiss And Denying Motion For Preliminary Injunction (Lincoln County CIV 15-138) 9-2-15;
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- I 30 Summons 9-22-15:
- I 31 Verified Petition For Condemnation 9-22-15; and
- I 32 Pre-Filed Testimony Of Sue Sibson (7-6-15).

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