November 30, 2014

Re HP14-001 to the SD Public Utilities Commission and Interested Intervenors

I am writing to express my deep concerns with TransCanada regarding their Keystone XL Project to limit the scope of discovery as requested on 10/30/2014. Limiting the finding of facts does not take in to account the changing business environment of crude oil from the Bakken and Tar Sands, nor does it take it to account the scope of new evidence concerning cultural and social impacts to rural South Dakota including Native American reservations. Above all we know that treaties are the supreme law of the land, and tribes have not been consulted which is outlined in both the 1851 and 1868 Fort Laramie Treaties.

This project is too big to limit our perspective to make wise choices for South Dakota. We should have all available facts, findings and review everything in a manner consistent for the best interest for all citizens of South Dakota including tribes, ranchers, farmers, business owners, and families.

TransCanada has said in their filing on October 30 2014 that, "Every Intervenor in this docket could have applied for party status in HP09-001.". This is false. I could not have in 2010 as I moved back to the stat of South Dakota in December of 2010 and only after arriving back on my reservation did I learn of the Keystone XL Project. This company does not have the right to refuse any citizen their right to be a part of this process based on time frames when there is an active recertification process continuing.

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