BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY)	
TRANSCANADA KEYSTONE PIPELINE, LP)	
FOR A PERMIT UNDER THE SOUTH DAKOTA)	HP 14-001
ENERGY CONVERSION AND TRANSMISSION)	
FACILITIES ACT TO CONSTRUCT THE)	
KEYSTONE XL PROJECT)	

STANDING ROCK, CHEYENNE RIVER, ROSEBUD AND YANKTON SIOUX TRIBES, DAKOTA RURAL ACTION, INDIGENOUS ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK, INTERTRIBAL COUP AND BOLD NEBRASKA MOTION TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE AND TESTIMONY BY TRANSCANADA

COMES NOW, intervenors, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Yankton Sioux Tribe, Dakota Rural Action, Indigenous Environmental Network, Intertribal Council on Utility Policy and Bold Nebraska, by and through undersigned counsel, and move for an order excluding the introduction of evidence and testimony by TransCanada, and striking its pre-filed testimony from the record in this docket.

On April 17, 2015, the Commission entered an *Order Granting in Part Keystone's Motion for Discovery Sanctions*, precluding 17 intervenors from presenting evidence for failure to comply with discovery orders of the Commission. On April 17, 2015, the Commission entered *Order(s) Granting in Part and Denying in Part Motion(s) to Compel Discovery* by the Standing Rock and Yankton Sioux Tribes and Dakota Rural Action. The order required TransCanada to fully answer identified discovery requests.

TransCanada has failed to comply with those orders, as affirmed in the Affidavit of James White, general counsel for TransCanada. Exhibit A attached hereto. The White affidavit acknowledges that TransCanada's due diligence and production of emails was incomplete. *Id.* at ¶¶4-5. TransCanada's limited production of documents further violated the discovery orders by failing to provide existing background and support data for reports that were produced. *See also* Affidavit of Peter Capossela, ¶7, Exhibit B; and

Letter of Thomasina Real Bird to James E. Moore and William Taylor, dated April 23, 2015, Exhibit C.

Accordingly, consistent with the precedent in this docket established by the Commission in the *Order Granting in Part Keystone's Motion for Discovery Sanction*, the intervenors are entitled to an order excluding testimony and the introduction of evidence by TransCanada, and striking its pre-filed testimony from the record.

The undersigned represent that it consulted with counsel for TransCanada in an attempt to avoid the need to file this motion. It is requested that this motion be heard by the Commission immediately prior to the commencement of the evidentiary hearing scheduled to begin on May 5, 2015. *Order For and Notice of Evidentiary Hearing* (April 17, 2015).

This motion is based upon SDCL §§15-6-34, 15-6-37; the *Order Granting in Part* and *Denying in Part Motion to Compel Discovery of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe*; the *Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Motion to Compel Discovery of the Yankton Sioux Tribe*; the *Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Motion to Compel Discovery of Dakota Rural Action*; the *Order Granting in Part Keystone's Motion for Discovery Sanctions*; Exhibits A-C attached hereto and the papers and pleadings herein.

DATED this 24th day of April, 2015

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HP 14-001

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY TRANSCANADA KEYSTONE PIPELINE, LP FOR A PERMIT UNDER THE SOUTH DAKOTA ENERGY CONVERSION AND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES ACT TO CONSTRUCT THE KEYSTONE XL PROJECT,

AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES P. WHITE

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF HARRIS

James P. White, having been first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

- I am Associate General Counsel for TransCanada Corporation. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit.
- 2. The Keystone XL Pipeline Project began in 2008. Since then, on information and belief, at least 1,000 persons, both employees of TransCanada and outside contractors, have worked on the Project. They are located throughout the United States and Canada.
- Any of these persons may have had communications with PHMSA, the
 Department of State, or other federal agencies related to the Keystone XL Pipeline.
- 4. It is not reasonably possible to conduct in a few days an e-mail search of the e-mails of at least 1,000 persons over the last seven years to find communications with PHMSA, the Department of State, or other federal agencies related to the Project. The process of identifying current employees former employees current contractors, former contractors, and [01914141.1]

Joint Motion to Exclude Exhibit A the location of e-mails, including stored and archived e-mails, could not reasonably be completed in a few days.

5. Before any responsive e-mails could be produced, they would have to be reviewed for privileged or confidential information. It would be ethically inappropriate and legal malpractice for counsel to allow e-mail of that volume to be produced without review. It is not reasonably possible, even if the c-mails could be assembled, for counsel to review the e-mails for privileged or confidential information in a few days.

Dated this 17th day of April, 2015.

James P. White

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 17th day of April, 2015.

Notary Public – Texas

My commission expires:



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AFFIDAVIT OF PETER CAPOSSELA

- I, Peter Capossela, under penalty of perjury, hereby state and affirm:
- 1. That I am counsel of record for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in the above-captioned matter.
- 2. I am informed and have personal information of the affirmations contained herein, except the affirmations that are stated upon information and belief.
- 3. On April 17, 2015, the Public Utilities Commission issued an order in the above-captioned docket compelling TransCanada to answer the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Request for the Production of Documents, paragraphs 3-9 and 11-13.
- 4. I received an electronic mail message from TransCanada's counsel on April 16, informing me that on April 17, I would receive a user name and password for a cloud-based File Transfer Program (FTP), in which I would be able to access the documents.
- 5. On April 17, at 4:37 pm central time, I received an electronic mail message from TransCanada's counsel with an internet link to the site, and the user name and password to access the site.

Joint Motion to Exclude Exhibit B

- 6. I accessed the site in the early morning on Saturday, April 18. The site contained an incomplete response to the Requests for Production of Documents prescribed in paragraphs 3-9 and 11-13. With respect to cultural resources, paragraph 8 requests "All documents prepared or obtained for the purpose of demonstrating compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act." The link in TransCanada's FTP site captioned *Standing Rock Document Request_8* was TransCanada's response to this request.
- 7. TransCanada possesses documents on National Historic Preservation Act compliance that were not produced in *Standing Rock Document Request_8*. For example, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe is in possession of "Pipeline Route Variation Form" dated March 19, 2012 (attached). This TransCanada document, which was not produced to Standing Rock per request 8, states that, "site is currently ineligible but SD SHPO wants more work and consultation which could change the status and prolong the 106 process." The reference to "106 process" means section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. But TransCanada did not produce it to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, as required in the Commission's April 14, 2015 *Order Denying in Part and Granting in Part Motion to Compel*. It is reasonable to postulate that TransCanada possesses very many documents covered by the discovery requests, such as emails, and background and support data to documents that were produced, but which have not been made available.
- 8. Accessing and navigating TransCanada's site has been very difficult and time-consuming. There are layers of folders and documents buried in the folders. It took 1-2 minutes to open most folders, and 1-2 minutes to open most files, although some files took up to 5 minutes to open. If, for example, one had to enter several folders to find a

document, with 1-2 minutes to open each folder, it could take 10 minutes to open the folders and then the document file. It could take 10 minutes to access one document.

- 9. Many of the documents listed on the menu for each folder were unavailable. In some instances, a window appeared which read "This page can't be opened." In others, a message appeared "file damaged." Thus, I have been unable to access many of the documents purported to have been produced.
- 10. Some documents contained a file for every page. Upon my information and belief, the Class III Cultural Resources Survey, Addendum 4, Appendix C was comprised of 189 different files for one document. Each file takes approximately one minute to download. For that document, it took approximately three hours to download.
- 11. Upon my information and belief, TransCanada's FTP program made the users' computers vulnerable to security breach. The data may also have been vulnerable to security breach.
- 12. On April 22, 2015, TransCanada took down the FTP site, and uploaded a new site, and provided new user names and passwords. Upon my information and belief, no new documents were produced.
- 13. The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's pre-filed testimony in the above referenced matter was filed on April 2, 2015. Access to the FTP program was first made available on April 17, two weeks after testimony was due. The documents have been produced too late to be used in developing rebuttal testimony, or to be of any use at any stage of this proceeding.

14. Counsel for several intervenors consulted with counsel for TransCanada via teleconference on April 20, in an effort to avoid the filing of the Motion to Exclude.

Dated this 24th day of April, 2015

By: Peter Capossela

Peter Capossela

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA): COUNTY OF FAIRFAX)

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 24th day of April, 2015

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires 10/31/2016

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES OCT. 31, 2016

COMMISSION # 7189178

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KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE PROJECT

LAND / TransCanada Tina Hall		
a) Is a new landowner affected by the proposed variation?	Yes	No X
b) Is the affected landowner/tract a possible condemnation?	Yes	_ No
c) Does proposed route variation impact Tribal Lands? d) Does proposed route variation impact any Federal/State Lands?	Yes X	No X
a) Does proposed route variation impact any Federal/State Lands? -If yes, name type (i.e. USFWS, BLM, etc.):	Yes X State of South Dakota	No
		No
a) Is proposed realignment outside the easement/workspace?	Yes X	No.
) Is realignment proposed to satisfy landowner request?	Yes X	No
-If yes, name of landowner(s)/track number(s):		
1) Has all the evaluation criteria been examined/provided for this specific discipline? I no, please explain why:	Yes	No
NGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION - TransCanada Meera Kothari		
) Maximum deviation perpendicular to proposed alignment:	14	5 ft.
o) Does variation (CL) (including workspaces) falls within 500 ft. MDEQ Corridor?	Yes N/A	No
Has the centerline been staked for construction?	Yes	No X
) Does route variation affect HDD crossing alignment?	Yes	No X
b) Is realignment proposed for engineering/construction reasons?		
	Yes	No X
Will the route variation require the relocation of a pump station?	Yes	No X
) Has all the evaluation criteria been examined/provided for this specific discipline? no, please explain why:	Yes	No
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NVIRONMENTAL / exp Jonathan Minton		
) Has the corridor been environmentally surveyed?	YesX	No
) Has the proposed variation been environmentally surveyed?	Yes	No X
) Does proposed route variation impact Sage Grouse areas?	Yes	No
l) Does route variation impact ABB areas?	Yes	No X
) Was variation proposed to satisfy environmental issues?	Yes X	No
) Was realignment proposed to satisfy agency request?	Yes X	No
-If yes, name of agency(s): () Environmental features: Added (+):	Subtracted (-):	
Wetland ID # for newly impacted wetlands:		
Has all the evaluation criteria been examined/provided for this specific discipline?	Yes	No
f no, please explain why:		
NGINEERING / FACILITIES AND HYDRAULICS (if applicable)	Sandra Gigovic	
i) Will the route variation require the relocation of a pump station?	Yes	No X
) Will route variation impact hydraulics?	Yes	No X
) Are additional valves required at HCA's or water crossing?	Yes	NoX
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RE: TransCanada's Deficient Production Compelled by the *Order Granting in Party and Denying in Part Yankton Sioux Tribe's Motion to Compel Discovery*; Deadlines; Documents Designated as Confidential

Messrs. Taylor and Moore:

We are writing to notify you that your production in response to the *Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Yankton Sioux Tribe's Motion to Compel Discovery* is deficient and we intend to file a motion requesting the Public Utilities Commission exclude you from using documents compelled but not produced; from presenting witnesses and evidence based upon the compelled but not produced documents; or other relief including dismissal of your application.

In the Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Yankton Sioux Tribe's Motion to Compel Discovery from TransCanada, the Commission recounted that it "voted unanimously to overrule TransCanada's objections and grant the Motion with respect to interrogatories 15 and 21 and requests for production of documents numbers 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8." The Commission then ordered that "TransCanada must provide answers to Yankton's interrogatories 15 and 21... [and] all documents with respect to Yankton's requests for production numbers 2, 3, 4, 7, and 8 by Friday, April 17, 2015."

With respect to the documents you were compelled to produce, you provided us access to a number of documents classified as either confidential or non-confidential.

Request for Production No. 2

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Joint Motion to Exclude Exhibit C

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Request no. 2 states: "All documents relating to environmental and hydrological surveys. Changed Finding of Fact Number Forty-One." The documents produced in response to our request no. 2 include biological survey reports provided in the confidential documents and hydrological surveys provided in the non-confidential documents. We were only provided with copies of the biological and hydrological reports when the request asks for "all documents relating to the environmental and hydrological surveys". (Compare to our RFP No. 6 wherein we requested all documents constituting the emergency response plan.) Your response to request no. 2 appears incomplete and deficient.

Request for Production No. 3

Request no. 3 states: "All documents relating to cultural and historic surveys, training, and response plans. Condition Forty-Four." The documents provided in response to our request no. 3 include cultural survey reports provided in the confidential documents. We were only provided with copies of the cultural survey reports when the request asks for "all documents relating to cultural and historic surveys". (Compare to our RFP No. 6 wherein we requested all documents constituting the emergency response plan.) Your response to request no. 3 appears incomplete and deficient.

Request for Production No. 4

Request no. 4 states: "All documents relating to required permits, both in South Dakota and outside South Dakota, including permit applications which were denied, revoked, or suspended." It appears that your response to this request is deficient on multiple levels:

- 1. Our request sought documents pertaining to permit applications including those which were denied. Due to security safeguards necessarily employed for the protection of our clients' confidentiality, we are unable to open one of the documents provided, titled "Presidential Permit Application from TransCanada Keystone Pipeline LP.url." However, based on the title of this document, you appear to have provided only one Presidential Permit application, despite the fact that a previous Presidential Permit application had been submitted in 2008 and denied in 2012. This then begs the question, what other permit applications in addition to the 2008 Presidential Permit application have been denied for which you have failed to produce discovery?
- 2. Your response states that it includes all non-environmental permits obtained in South Dakota. Does this mean every application for a permit in South Dakota has been approved because the request is not limited to those which were denied, revokes, or suspended? Furthermore, does the distinction "non-environmental" indicate that TransCanada has also applied for environmental permits in South Dakota? If so, it appears your response is deficient for failure to include documents pertaining to such permit applications.
- Our request sought documents pertaining to permit applications both within and outside
 of South Dakota. However, your response states that you included "all nonenvironmental permits obtained in South Dakota." Does this mean TransCanada has not

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applied for non-environmental permits outside of South Dakota? Moreover, does it mean TransCanada has not applied for *any* permits outside of South Dakota? If TransCanada has applied for permits other than the Presidential Permit outside of South Dakota, this response is incomplete and deficient.

We also would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our concern with the timing and mechanics of the production of the documents that were produced. Although access to the ftp website hosted by TransCanada's IT company was provided on Friday, April 17, 2015, we experienced technological problems associated with firewalls that our firm utilizes to address its concerns with unsecure ftp sites. We continued to experience significant delay once the firewall issue was resolved. It seems as though the size of the document files you chose to upload resulted in significant download delays that could have been eliminated by breaking them down into smaller file sized or producing the documents on an external hard drive. While we agree that an extension to April 28, 2015, for the filing of witness and exhibit lists is appropriate given the circumstances and we appreciate you agreeing to that extension, we believe a longer extension is in order considering these documents should have been produced on February 6, 2015. We believe a longer extension as well as a continuance of the May trial dates is appropriate.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to notify you that we intend to challenge the Commission's confidential treatment of the materials you produced to Yankton that you designated as confidential. The administrative regulations were not followed in that TransCanada was not required to request confidential treatment of information nor follow the other requirements of ARSD 20:10:01:41. Instead, the Commission, upon your insistence, has shifted the burden to intervenors and others who wish to challenge the "confidentiality determination" and request access by seeking such relief from the Commission pursuant to the Protective Order and ARSD 20:10:01:42 without first requiring you to meet your burden of ARSD 20:10:01:41. This shortcut together with your liberal designation of documents as confidential may result in the expenditure of more resources in order for the Commission to hear and decide any challenges and requests for access. Without knowing what, if any, basis exists to consider the documents confidential, we are uncertain at this point whether we are asking for the Tribe, all parties, or the public should have access to the documents you designated as confidential.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss any of these matters further.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY)	
TRANSCANADA KEYSTONE PIPELINE, LP)	
FOR A PERMIT UNDER THE SOUTH DAKOTA)	HP 14-001
ENERGY CONVERSION AND TRANSMISSION)	
FACILITIES ACT TO CONSTRUCT THE)	
KEYSTONE XL PROJECT)	

STANDING ROCK, CHEYENNE RIVER, ROSEBUD AND YANKTON SIOUX TRIBES, DAKOTA RURAL ACTION, INDIGENOUS ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK, INTERTRIBAL COUP AND BOLD NEBRASKA BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO EXCLUDE EVIDENCE AND TESTIMONY BY TRANSCANADA

I. TransCanada Violated the Orders to Compel Discovery

The Order Granting in Part Keystone's Motion for Discovery Sanctions (April 17, 2015), precluding 17 intervenors from presenting evidence for failure to comply with discovery orders of the Commission, established that violating discovery orders results in the exclusion of evidence and testimony in this docket. The Commission issued three orders compelling TransCanada to answer the discovery requests previously submitted by the Yankton Sioux Tribe, Dakota Rural Action and the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Order(s) Granting in Part and Denying in Part Motion(s) to Compel Discovery (April 17, 2015). TransCanada violated all three orders. Accordingly, the Commission should grant the joint motion to exclude TransCanada from introducing testimony and evidence in this matter.

TransCanada filed and served the Affidavit of James White, its associate general counsel, which acknowledged the failure to comply. *Motion to Exclude*, Exhibit A, ¶¶4-5. White attempted to justify the failure as follows: "It is not reasonably possible to conduct in a few days an email search…" as he deemed necessary to comply with the discovery orders. *Id.* at ¶4. However, the Commission established the timetable for the production of discovery documents at its hearing on March 26, 2015. On that date, the

Commission admonished all parties to be prepared to promptly respond to discovery by April 17.

White is wrong: TransCanada had more than a few days – it had several weeks. TransCanada chose not to utilize that time to prepare for compliance with orders to compel. It must live with the consequences of that choice – loss of the right to present evidence and testimony in this matter. *Haberer v. Radio Shack*, 555 N.W.2d 606, 611 (S.D. 1996).

With respect to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, the affidavit of counsel also establishes that TransCanada violated the order compelling discovery. *Affidavit of Peter Capossela*, ¶7. The affidavit contains a TransCanada document addressing National Historic Preservation Act compliance, which TransCanada failed to produce for the Tribe – proof of noncompliance with the order. *Id*.

Moreover, the manner in which TransCanada made the limited number of documents available did not comply with the applicable rule. SDCL §15-6-34(b) requires that "[A] party who produces documents for inspection shall produce them as they are kept in the usual course of business or shall organize and label them to correspond with the categories in the request." As affirmed in the affidavit of counsel for Standing Rock, many of the documents produced in TransCanada's FTP site were scattered in different folders that were difficult to open, with single documents distributed in scores of different computer files. *Affidavit of Peter Capossela*, ¶8-10. A haphazard production of documents does not comply with the rule, and is not countenanced by the courts. *Wagner v. Dryvit Systems, Inc.*, 208 F.R.D. 606, 610 (D. Neb. 2001) ("producing large amounts of documents in no apparent order does not comply with a party's obligation under Rule 34.").

II. Exclusion of Evidence and Testimony is the Appropriate Sanction

TransCanada possesses an "affirmative duty to make a reasonable inquiry (and) respond in a manner which was both complete and correct." *Hershberger v. Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc.*, 277 F.R.D. 299, 305 (S.D. W.Va. 2011). As described above, it intentionally failed to do so – the White affidavit acknowledges that TransCanada made no effort to comply with the discovery requests until "a few days" before the documents were due. *Affidavit of James White*, ¶4.

Consequently, TransCanada failed to fully comply with the discovery orders. *Id.*, *see also* SDCL §1-6-33(a) requiring discovery to be "answered separately and **fully**" (emphasis added). "Providing... incomplete discovery responses violates the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and subjects the offending party... to sanctions." *Hogue v. Fruehauf Corp.*, 151 F.R.D. 635, 637 (N.D. Ill. 1993).

When a plaintiff or petitioner deliberately withholds documents and violates an order compelling discovery, as TransCanada did here, the general rule is that its complaint or petition is dismissed. *National Hockey League v. Metropolitan Hockey Club*, 427 U.S. 639, 642 (1976) (dismissal for "callous disregard of responsibilities"); *Lindstedt v. City of Gramby*, 238 F.3d 933, 937 (8th Cir. 2000) ("intentional disregard of requirements and he fashioned his own rule of defense to discovery"); *Serra-Lugo v. Consortium-Las Marias*, 271 F.3d 5 (1st Cir. 2001) (dismissal after "having warned plaintiff" to comply); *Charter House Insurance Brokers Ltd. V. New Hampshire Ins. Co.*, 667 F.2d 600, 605 (7th Cir. 1982) ([The noncompliant party] "cannot be heard to justify its conduct on the basis of self inflicted misunderstanding"). The South Dakota courts follow the general rule. *Haberer v. Radio Shack*, 555 N.W.2d at 611; *see also State By and Through Dept. of Transp. v. Grudnik*, 243 N.W.2d 796, 797 (S.D. 1976) ("Our pretrial discovery rules have been modeled on the Federal Rules").

Imposing a sanction such as the exclusion of testimony should result when 'failure to comply has been due to... willfulness, bad faith, or... fault." *Haberer v. Radio Shack*, 555 N.W.2d at 611, citing *Schrader v. Tjarks*, 522 N.W.2d 205, 210 (S.D. 1994) (quoting *Chittenden & Eastman Co. v. Smith*, 286 N.W.2d 314, 316 (S.D. 1979)). Litigants such as TransCanada are sanctioned with the exclusion of evidence, where, as here, "the activities of the Companies 'made it impossible... to prepare for trial." *Dreith v. Nu Image, Inc.*, 648 F.3d 779, 787 (9th Cir. 2011).

Indeed, the Commission established that the violation of discovery orders by a party results in the exclusion of their evidence and testimony. *Order Granting in Part Keystone's Motion for Discovery Sanctions* (April 17, 2015). Many of the excluded parties are everyday South Dakotans – ranchers and landowners, Indian and non-Indian – intervenors concerned with Keystone XL's potential impact on their land and way of life.

Many of them are unrepresented by counsel. *See e.g. Petition to Intervene by John Harter* (September 30, 2014); *Petition to Intervene of Viola Waln* (October 8, 2014).

For its part, TransCanada is one of the world's largest corporations, with offices from Calgary, Alberta to Houston Texas, and Washington D.C. It has vast resources with which to participate in this proceeding. It would be manifestly unjust for this Commission to penalize ordinary South Dakotans, unrepresented by counsel, by excluding their evidence and testimony for discovery violations, while permitting TransCanada to commit worse infractions and yet continue to pursue its petition. For, "To no one will we sell, to no one will we refuse or delay, right or justice." *Griffin v. Illinois*, 351 U.S. 12, 16 (1956) citing the Magna Carta (Engl. 1215).

TransCanada has admitted it violated the discovery orders. *Affidavit of James White*, ¶4. The Commission has excluded the introduction of testimony and evidence by intervenors deemed non-compliant. *Order(s) Granting in Part and Denying in Part Motion(s) to Compel Discovery* (April 17, 2015). As a result of TransCanada's violations, the Motion to Exclude must be granted.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 24th day of April, 2015

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