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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Re: South Dakota Construction Permit Certification

Dear South Dakota Public Utilities Commission:

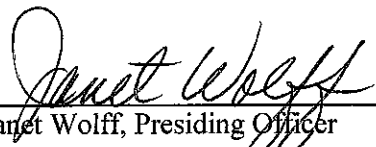
As County Commissioners of McCone County, Montana, we are writing in support of the Keystone XL Pipeline and to urge you to approve the construction permit certification for the South Dakota portion of the pipeline proposed by TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP. We strongly believe that this pipeline is in our country's national interest because it will improve our national security; provide a long-term, stable energy supply to the United States; create jobs and spur economic growth.

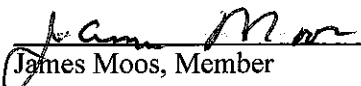
By supporting domestic production and importing oil from our ally Canada instead of politically unstable countries, we will strengthen both our national security and energy security. The project will also drive incredible economic growth in the United States.

The McCone County Commissioners believe that construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline is in the best interest of all Americans, and we respectfully request that the State of South Dakota approve the construction permit certification.

Sincerely,

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
McCONE COUNTY**


Janet Wolff, Presiding Officer


James Moos, Member


Alan Stempel, Member

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Chris Nelson, Chairperson
Kristie Fiegen, Vice Chairperson
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McCone County Board of Commissioners
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Dear Presiding Officer Wolff and Members Moos and Stempel:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Keystone XL pipeline certification docket. It will be posted in the electronic public record so my fellow commissioners and other parties in this docket can read it.

You can access the docket by going to www.puc.sd.gov and clicking on Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Hydrocarbon Pipeline Dockets, 2014 Dockets, and then you will see this docket, HP14-001.

On the PUC's homepage, you will find links titled Pipeline Siting Info Guide and Keystone XL Pipeline Updates. These documents explain the processing of a pipeline siting case according to the South Dakota laws governing this commission. The latter links to some of the most-often heard questions about the project and process and the answers. Copies of these documents are also enclosed.

Sincerely,

Chris Nelson