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Commissioners  
SD Public Utilities Commission  
Capitol Building, 1st floor  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

Dear Commissioners,

In compliance with Condition 10 of TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP's (Keystone) South Dakota Public Utilities Commission permit, Keystone is writing to give notification regarding upcoming 2020 construction activities for the Keystone XL Pipeline project.

Keystone expects to begin pre-construction activities in South Dakota as early as February 2020. Pipeline construction in South Dakota is expected to begin in August 2020, with mobilization of equipment to the construction right-of-way commencing 30-60 days in advance of construction. Construction is expected to continue into 2021.

The workforce associated with these activities will be comprised of Keystone XL project staff and contractors, and there will be a temporary and intermittent increase in population and road traffic in the areas closest to where this work is being conducted. Throughout our construction, as we have through development of Keystone XL, we will continue working with representatives from emergency response, law enforcement, road and other infrastructure management agencies in South Dakota to coordinate efforts and help the agencies prepare for construction impacts and ultimately the commencement of project operations.

For more information on upcoming Keystone XL construction activities in South Dakota, please reference the provided South Dakota project schedule. For questions and additional information, please contact keystone@tcenergy.com.

Sincerely,

Gary Salsman  
Director, Keystone XL Pipeline & Liquids Projects  
TC Energy

## **KXL Project Schedule**

### **February 2020**

**Mobilization of Equipment:** In February, Keystone intends to begin mobilizing heavy construction equipment to sites designated for certain worker camps and pipeline storage yards. Keystone further plans to commence tree felling activity with landowners' consent in certain areas in South Dakota.

### **March 2020**

**Worker Camp, Contractor Yard and Pipe Yard Mowing:** At sites designated for certain worker camps, construction yards and pipeline storage yards, Keystone intends to conduct mowing on these private properties, weather permitting, beginning in March 2020. These activities are intended to deter migratory bird nesting during construction. But as is the case with residential, agricultural or commercial mowing, the vegetation subject to mowing will regenerate.

**Water Collection:** In March 2020, at certain leased storage yards, Keystone intends to install water tanks for the storage of water that will be used during construction.

### **April 2020**

**Water Collection:** In April 2020, Keystone plans to fill tanks with water located at certain storage yards.

**Pipe Yards:** At previously prepared pipe storage yards, Keystone will resume grounds-keeping activities (maintenance activities to preserve the property as a suitable pipe-storage area) in April 2020. These private properties will be fully remediated following pipeline construction and returned to their original condition.

**Pipe Transport:** Beginning in April 2020, Keystone intends to transport the pipe that will be used in construction by train to rail sidings and by truck to pipe storage yards that have been prepared for pipe storage.

**Worker Camp Preparation:** At certain worker camp sites, Keystone intends to conduct maintenance and install underground utilities and power beginning in April 2020. All of these sites are fully permitted, are located on private property, and will be fully remediated and returned to their original condition when construction is over.

**Construction Access Roads:** Keystone plans to construct construction access roads to certain pipeline and pump station sites. This work is also expected to start in April 2020.

**County Road Maintenance:** Resuming in April 2020, Keystone will again assist several South Dakota counties by conducting requested maintenance on existing unpaved county roads to reduce dust and facilitate all traffic during inclement weather.