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Dear Mr. Nelson:

With regard to the permit for Keystone XL pipeline, I hope and pray you members of the PUC have NOT okayed this permit. I am sure that you have listened to many for and against this permit, however I have to add my thoughts about NOT letting this permit be okayed for our state.

I am always for what is best for our environment and this is NOT good for our environment. From everything I have read and heard, tar sands oil is the dirtiest of all oils. This pipeline would carry close to a million barrels of this toxic oil through the pipeline every day. Tar sands oil throws out three times more global warming pollution than does the production of conventional oil. This threatens the American people, specifically the people of South Dakota, with poisoned water, contaminated land and an overheated planet.

And don't kid yourself, there WILL be spills of this dirty oil into our water systems and onto our lands. The Keystone I pipeline has leaked 12 times in 6 states during its first year of operation. Trans Canada CANNOT guarantee that there will never be spills. WHO IS GOING TO PAY FOR THESE CLEANUPS, HOW WILL THIS TOXIC OIL BE CLEANED OUT OF OUR WATER AND LANDS?? Look no further than Kalamazoo, Michigan where about 4 years ago there was a tar sands spill into the Kalamazoo River--THEY ARE STILL CLEANING IT UP, IS THIS WHAT WE WANT FOR OUR STATE AND COUNTRY?? Do we really want to okay a permit for this kind of filth to be on our lands and in our water supplies??

And what happens if there is a spill, do we want it to get into the Ogallala aquifer?? This

would be a disaster of the worst kind!! What about our farmers and ranchers who depend on this water for irrigation?? What are they supposed to do?? Besides polluting their water, what happens to their contaminated land??

Another thing I don't understand is why doesn't Canada build their own pipeline to their west coast, why is it we have to okay their dirty oil going through our country?? Let them figure out how to transport their dirty oil through their own country, leave us alone!!

Have you seen pictures of Canada where this dirty oil is dug out of the ground? Looks like the land is ruined forever. And how about migratory birds, from reports I have read, 160 million birds may perish from these tar sands operations. What a sad commentary!!

And there is NO guarantee of many jobs, the most I have heard is a few thousand temporary and maybe 50 permanent jobs. Nothing we need here is our state.

President Obama will never sign onto this pipeline and I hope you PUC members do the same. We do NOT need this pipeline, it will hurt our environment forever. We need to be building more green energy and saying no to the oil companies who think they can get anything they want. PLEASE REJECT THE PERMIT FOR THIS PIPELINE!!