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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

To whom it may concern (PUC Commission),

I am writing to urge the Commission to deny and or reject the application process that the Keystone XL pipeline is applying for their permit. Why? Because this pipeline puts several aquifers that people rely on at great risk. Should a rupture occur some of the finest tasting water in the country will be contaminated. There is no science to clean up a contaminated ground water aquifer, just google up the Love Canal EPA superfund cleanup. They have been decontaminating that aquifer for decades now. Let's talk about the jobs that the politicians throw in our faces. The numbers that they say for the most part are inflated and are only for the construction phase. The actual number of permanent jobs will range from 50 to as many as 80 in this state. Most of the operations will be automated, which compounds the problem of shutting it down in the event of a breach. Two years ago a similar pipeline ruptured in Mexico and destroyed half of the village it ran next to. Again this can be researched on the internet. Let's talk about national interest. America has become oil independent with the tapping of the new reserves in North Dakota, Wyoming, Texas, and the list goes on. This pipeline is the profit of a corporation who is from a foreign country. Getting their oil to St.Louis will make this a product viable to the world market. The process of emanate domain was never meant to be profited by corporations. It is supposed to be for the public good, this pipeline is not. It comes at too great of a risk. Pipelines do leak, they do rupture, and a few minutes on the internet should send a chill down your back. This company already has a track record of lying about failed welds and pipeline integrity, Deny their application and send them back to Canada where they belong. Furthermore if they want a pipeline to the ocean they can run it across their own county.

A concerned registered voter

