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Carol Evans

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Dear Ms. Evans:

This is in response to the letter you sent the PUC regarding the Keystone XL Pipeline permit docket filed September 15, 2014. This docket is a certification in which the commission must decide whether or not the applicant, TransCanada, will continue to be required to comply with nearly 100 main and subset conditions placed on it by the commission order issued June 29, 2010. This is not a new hearing of the original docket.

Commissioners are judging the merits of this docket, so under South Dakota law we are prohibited from participating in nonpublic discussions regarding it. For this reason, your letter and this response will be added to the electronic docket under Comments and Responses. It can be found online at www.puc.sd.gov under Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Hydrocarbon Pipeline Dockets, 2014 Hydrocarbon Pipeline Dockets, and this is docket HP14-001.

As a service to the citizens of South Dakota, we have added information to the site where you may easily obtain facts regarding this docket. Click on the link titled Keystone XL Pipeline updates on the PUC homepage. This will take you to a Frequently Asked Questions document as well as to several other links with information and updates.

Thank you for your interest in this pipeline docket and the work of the commission.

Sincerely.

Gary Hanson