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Dear South Dakota Public Utilities Commissioners Hanson, Nelson, and Fiegen: *I am writing to you to request you reject the Keystone XL Pipeline certification in docket HP14-001. The risks this pipeline and its construction pose to the health, safety, and security of South Dakota's water, land, and people are unacceptable. The final Environmental Impact Statement submitted by the State Department shows the pipeline is **expected** to leak at least ten times over the course of its lifetime. We are not willing to sacrifice and risk the Missouri River, the Ogallala Aquifer, our rural water systems, and our livelihoods for dirty tarsands oil. Moreover the construction of the pipeline puts rural communities at risk with the drastic influx of people, equipment, and traffic.*

The risk of permanently damaging our wildlife, environment and water source are not worth the mere 35 jobs in the US that this monstrosity will provide. Don't sell out. Please bring in solar and other alternative energy companies to SD. Give them tax breaks. These energy sources are the way of the future - let SD be on the cutting edge for once and reap the benefits of long term jobs and careers in addition to helping to saving our world from more pollutants.

*For these reasons and more, reject Keystone XL.*

*Sincerely,*

**Wendy M. Luedke**

*"There is only one dangerous breed, humans." -Unknown*

*"Compassion for animals is intimately connected with goodness of character; and it may be confidently asserted that he who is cruel to animals cannot be a good man." -Schopenhauer*

*"Not to hurt our humble brethren, the animals, is our first duty to them, but to stop there is not enough. We have a higher mission: to be of service to them whenever they require it. If you have people who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity you will have people who will deal likewise with other people." -St. Francis Assisi*

*"I believe if Dante were alive today and rewriting the 'Inferno' that the lowest places in hell would be reserved for those who commit cruelty to our animals and our children." -U.S. Attorney George Beck*

*"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." -George Orwell*  
*"When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts." - Dalai Lama*

*"To be a vegetarian is to disagree - to disagree with the course of things today... starvation, cruelty - we must make a statement against these things. Vegetarianism is my statement. And I think it is a strong one." -Isaac Bashevis Singer*

*"I am in favor of animal rights as well as human rights. That is the way of the whole human being." -Abraham Lincoln*

*"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." -Albert Einstein*