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Chairman Dan Forgey
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Tripp County Commission
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Dear Chairman Forgey, Commissioner Schroeder and Commissioner Winter:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Keystone XL Pipeline docket. This will be posted in the electronic public record so my fellow commissioners and other parties in this docket can read it.

The PUC is currently analyzing this docket and will be making a decision on whether or not to issue the requested construction permit, or issue a permit with conditions to construct the pipeline in South Dakota. As your letter references, the U.S. Department of State must also issue a Presidential Permit to construct the pipeline across the states in the project's pathway, and that process is separate from South Dakota's permit consideration process.

You can access the PUC's docket by going to www.puc.sd.gov and clicking on Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Hydrocarbon Pipeline Dockets, 2014 Dockets, and then HP14-001.

On the PUC's homepage, you will find links titled Pipeline Siting Info Guide and Keystone XL Pipeline Updates. These documents explain the processing of a pipeline siting case according to the South Dakota laws governing this commission. The latter links to some of the most-often heard questions about the project and process and the answers. Copies of these documents are also enclosed.

Sincerely,

Chris Nelson