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Andrew,

You are correct. Native American Tribes have a legal right to intervene in siting dockets like Keystone XL. All Native American Tribes who requested to intervene in the Keystone XL docket were granted party status and have been

actively participating and providing input in all of the hearings on this docket. Those tribes are Rosebud, Standing Rock, Cheyenne River, and Yankton. I anticipate that these tribes will continue to be actively involved in this docket.

The PUC will also hold a public input meeting on July 6 where all are welcome to provide their thoughts on this docket. Be watching our news site for upcoming details on this meeting <http://puc.sd.gov/News/2015/default.aspx>.

I'm not sure what "madness" you are referring to. I encourage you to follow this docket and listen to all of the testimony and legal arguments made by tribal representatives. You can do this in person or on line as we move forward with the hearings <http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/keystoneupdate.aspx>.

Thanks for your interest in this docket.

Sincerely,

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