

SD PUC Commissioners:
HP14-001 Hearing

Hello, I am Diana Steskal, an individual intervenor on the HP14-001 docket, which will be in hearing July 27 through Aug 4th, 2015. Thank you for taking the time to read my opening statement about my concerns of the permit recertification of the Keystone XL Pipeline in South Dakota.

I am very concerned how TransCanada deals with the landowners and tribes, I will be testifying about the land reclamation in South Dakota. First TransCanada has shown its true colors by not being good neighbors to the people of the United States. They are bullies ~ they use tactics to scare the landowners by threatening use of eminent domain to take their land from generations of hard working people.

I have witness the effects to the land after the pipeline has been laid in 2009. It is not a pretty site, it's devastating. This pipeline corridor is approximately 9 traffic lanes wide, which will cross all types of land in South Dakota. It is very hard to keep your emotions under control when you as a landowner know this could happen to your family's property. Also it is very upsetting to know that our future generations of all nationalities of the United States people will have to deal with the effects of this pipeline during service and after abandonment.

I believe TransCanada does not have good control of their contractors or the knowledge of the South Dakota native grasses when it comes to the reclamation of the affected easement area. Once again we have heard about TransCanada's unlimited resources and how they will leave the land in better shape than they found, it ~ And if you believe that, I have some ocean front property for sale in Arizona.

Sincerely,
Diana L. Steskal