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Gentlemen;

First of all, I need to clear up something. My husband, James Assid, died on April 9, 2007. He was taken off the Assid Family Trust. The PUC and Dakota Access should not be including him on any of the paperwork.

I am a Lincoln County landowner, along with my two sisters: Devona Smith and Margaret Hilt. Our land is two miles west and one-half mile south of Tea, SD. It is on the west side of Highway 17.

My grandfather homesteaded this land in 1882 and it has been in our family ever since. He farmed 160 acres in the Homestead Act and built a house and farm buildings on the quarter, and then was able to buy the 160 acres to the west. He and his family farmed and lived there until they moved to Tea in 1927.

My father then inherited the east quarter and purchased the west quarter. This was when I was one year old. My parents farmed and lived there until 1948 when they moved to Sioux Falls and rented out the farm. My father died in 1976 and my mother had it until she died in 1988. Then my two sisters and I inherited the land. Since then we have rented the land to Doug Vanderwerf. When my two sisters and I are gone, the land will be inherited by my two daughters and two nephews.

The pipeline would run diagonally through the east quarter section, from the northwest corner to the southeast corner, and then cross Highway 17. The plan calls for it to go around the original farm building site which was sold to Chris and Rhonda Nielson.

One of my concerns is that the pipeline would stop expansion of both Tea and Harrisburg. People will not want to build along a pipeline right-of-way. The value of the farm would decrease tremendously and no one in the future would want to buy the farm. Why do they have to build the pipeline so close to the highly populated area? There is lots of open land a little farther west.

Another concern is there could be an oil leak or explosion. On record there have been eleven incidents in South Dakota since 1998. With the 30 inch pipe, a lot of oil could leak, and ruin the land and water resources forever.

I also have a concern for the old cement drainage tile on the farm. It runs from a pond on the northeast side of the buildings, through the ditch on the east side of the

house, and then goes southwest until it empties into a drainage ditch in the field. There is danger of destroying that old tile when crossing it with the pipeline. This would ruin the drainage from the pond.

An additional concern I have is for the soil. I fear that the good topsoil would be mixed with the subsoil when it is replaced. Also, the land would be warm from the hot oil going through the pipe. Therefore, the land wouldn't produce as much crops in that area.

Twice Dakota Access called me to have permission to enter my land to survey, and I told them no both times. They took me to court to survey, but Judge Zell said no. Now they are going to appeal that. Dakota Access sent me what they called a "final" letter to negotiate the purchase of an easement, but that was the first letter they ever sent me. Now Dakota Access sent me a letter of condemnation. They haven't been given a permit, so I don't know why they can do this.

I believe Texas companies are taking our highly productive agricultural land against our will. We don't want to lose our land or have the pipeline go through it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delores Assid". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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