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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Re: Docket: HP 14--002

January 31, 2015

Dear Commissioners of the P.U.C.,

My name is Kristi Anderson and the Dakota Access Pipeline is scheduled to go through our land at the top of the hill about 1000 feet from our home, along with many acres of farmable ground that we rent. I expressed at the meeting in Sioux Falls that it's not "if" the oil pipe leaks, but "when", which is a great concern to me. When it leaks, the only direction it will go is down our hill, running toward our house, ruining everything on its way. We have a pond on our land that is located at the bottom of the hill near our house as well, that collects water from fields in many directions and the outflow of it runs down the creek and right through the town of Hartford, which leads right to the River that flows through Sioux Falls.

As P.U.C. Commissioners, have you taken time to drive the proposed route? Dakota Access Pipeline has now place stakes along the proposed route. It is sickening to see all the wonderful, rich farmland it will ruin. It brought tears to my eyes at how close it will run by so many homes and even schools. Why? Is it necessary? Our farmers and homeowners and schools should take a higher rank than a pipeline business in this state, right?

If I could remind you, that the Montana oil spill that happened in January 2015, spilled over 60,000 gallons of oil in less than sixty minutes out of a 12 inch pipeline. The proposed pipeline is going to have a pipe that is 30 inches wide. Can you imagine how much oil will spill onto so much of our state and its land when this pipe leaks or bursts? The entire eastern portion of our beloved state is going to experience devastating loss in multiple ways. Our homes, waterways, and farmland that bring in a large portion of our states revenue are just a few to be named.

The proposed pipeline route is not in the best interest of the most populated area of South Dakota. This pipeline is not designed to help South Dakotans at all. Some may call it selfish, but I feel that allowing this pipeline will not only put my family and neighbors at risk, but *it will* put many communities in economic distress. Hartford, Sioux Falls, Tea and Harrisburg are just a few that will be greatly affected. Any chance of growing housing developments or businesses is going to be put to a stop. There will be no more chance of gaining more residents in those areas that would bring in revenue for the communities, schools, etc. Also, this would stop future increase of tax revenue due to development because of the pipeline. The tax benefits from the pipeline are very short term and I feel it won't be as much as they claim it would be due to depreciation.

In the past, things like telephone poles and natural gas lines were put in place *to help* better the lives of every South Dakotan. After listening to the Dakota Access Pipeline presentations and doing research on them, I am certain that this pipeline is not going to better the lives of the South Dakotan's. It is designed to help just the Dakota Access Pipeline business, as very little of their money will be shared with our state and the people affected will see little to none over a one-time payment. Sure the construction companies and welders will walk

away with a paycheck and a smile at the end of their temporary job, but I have to live on the property I own and see the long-term damage and risk that has been created for the rest of my life. No amount of money will compensate that or bring a smile to my face. I am asking you, the P.U.C. members to think of the hundreds of thousands that it will be affected in a negative way for the rest of their existence on this beautiful earth.

Many South Dakota citizens are well aware of the fact that this pipeline will not benefit any of the landowners it affects long term. The value of our land is in jeopardy. We have worked so hard to make the farmland productive and keep the homestead in great condition for our children in the future. The pipeline is not looking out for the future generations that will live on and own any of the land the route will be on. The land is not protected under a new landowner's name. From what I understand, any leak or spill that occurs for the people that take over in the future is their responsibility. How is that looking out for the citizens of our land and state? Why would they even want to continue on and take over the family farming business with all the risk running through it?

This entire proposal leaves me feeling violated as an American citizen. I am thankful daily for the many freedoms we have in our nation. Yet I'm left wondering at the end of the day what has happened to my rights as a land owner. What happened to "no" meaning "no"? No, I don't want someone else's business running through my property at no benefit to us. No, eminent domain shouldn't be an option for an out of state business that isn't taking full responsibility for spills that will devastate our land or pay royalties for that matter. NO, I do not want the pipeline going through any of my land, or my family's land, neighbor's land, or anyone else that doesn't feel it is right. That should stand for something, right?


As a teacher, I teach my students the importance of being upstanding, law abiding, voting citizens. I teach them to fight for what they feel is right in the correct manner. Vote for people who will use their voice correctly for the betterment of our society. I teach them to stand up for what they feel is right and protect what they work hard for. You, the members of the P.U.C, are the voted-in voice that will help protect the people, communities and land for the future generations of our state that this pipeline will affect.

Please deny the pipeline and the terrible proposed route.

Thank you for all of your time and devotion in listening to the people of South Dakota.

Sincerely,

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