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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
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Dear PUC

I am writing to you regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline.

I am encouraging the PUC to deny the permit to build this pipeline across S.D. One of many reasons to deny the permit is the fact that pipelines leak sooner or later. This is an environmental disaster! The amount of land that will be tore up thru productive farm land is mind boggling. I know, the PUC is for this project as they claim "Economic Development." Economic Development at whose cost?? This is private property, at least I thought it was. The pipeline is more than happy to give the Eminent Domain threat, as well as the threat to try to stop their people from trespassing on the land.

I believe you have had a lot of reason's given to you by the interveners against this project. Please do not choose to ignore the facts.

This pipeline is all about big money for the oil company's. If North Dakota wants to move oil - there is a refinery in Laurel, Montana. Common sense should tell you there is no reason to pipe it way south then push it North.

By allowing this pipeline to cross at an angle the parcels of land it devalues is Huge. This is a TOXIC pipeline. Oil and plant growth do not go together. The pipeline boys lie. It was mentioned

at the Bowdle meeting about the heat from the pipe would dry out the ground above it. The pipeline boys denied it and the PUC just sat there. It is called friction - at 1400 PSI. If you don't believe this, just put a garden hose on snow and run water thru it. The hose will melt thru the snow. Now add pressure to it and create more heat.

It was mentioned that the "farmers" maybe the ones that find the leaks. Why, may I ask, are we to keep checking for leaks? Are we to baby sit this when we don't want it? Seems to me a preventative move would be NO Pipeline

Why is it that we as landowners are having to try to protect the ground that we have worked so hard to buy and take care of?? Now we are told by the pipeline that they will go thru the farm with or without permission and the PUC just sits there and does nothing!

Unfortunately the farmers/ranchers do not have the money to fight the pipeline in court and the PUC stands on the sidelines only to give permission as was the case in another pipeline that goes across S.D.

Please do some research on pipeline leaks. There are a lot of them in N.D. They are on the internet, but that of course is something the pipeline people and PUC like to not admit to.

In closing, the "economic development" drum beat does NOT ~~justify~~ justify the damage to private property.

Please deny the permit as you have plenty of documented reasons that it is bad for the environment. Plus they can not guarantee that there will not be a leak disaster.

We get waterlines from W&B, power lines from F&M, and Phone lines from Venture going across this farm but none of those will contaminate the ground if there is a break.

To Subject Virgin ground to a toxic pipeline makes as much sense as injecting a small group of people (landowners) with the cancer gene. Look at the "economic's" of it. More work for Doctors, Hospitals, Nurses, Hospice care and Funeral Homes.

Sincerely  
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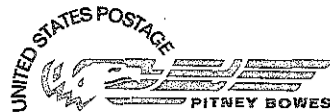
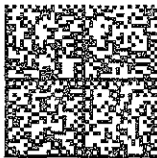
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