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Sorry I did not include them
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Public Utilities Commission
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This letter is in response to the Dakota Access Pipeline.

-A major consideration is- Is it needed and important to US or SD economy. We are presently exporting oil. Will this be exported too?

The jobs promise is unimportant. South Dakota has a very low unemployment rate. The Governor spent millions a few years ago trying to get workers to our state.(not real successful)

There will be permanent soil damage/ contamination. If a spill happens , what happens to our water.? All living things need water--plants, animals, people, for drinking ,irrigation,for the livestock- that is so important to our state's economy. How can they clean up an aquifer? Who Pays? will it take a lawsuit?

It runs very close to development areas. It crosses both Skunk Creek and Beaver Creek and their drainage area. What are the ramifications when a spill occurs? Both drain into the Sioux River.

What happens to a farmer's drain tile? Water doesn't run uphill.

It not only devalues the land that the line is in, but the entire farm. Are they paying for damages on that?

How much oil will a break spill? Even with quick response by time the tile empties You need to consider the size and pressure, It would be a considerable amount. Have they factored that in?

In last 16 years there has been 11 pipeline incidents in SD. If 2 major pipelines pass through SD what are our chances of having a major spill?

Although you do not deal directly with easements/prices, it needs to be thought about. Easements, according to law, are to be the HIGHEST, not the average or lowest area price, and take into consideration the damage done to the property. They are asking for 200 feet either side of the tile, or a total of 400 feet. Since the land has been disturbed, it will not produce for many, many years (I can show proof, if needed) If the land is cash rented, does the renter pay? Is the landlord out money? High rent in Lincoln County is about \$400 an acre, shouldn't they pay the "rental" on this land until it reaches its normal production? Mr. Jim Schmidt alluded to this, It also can not be developed- a major financial loss to the owner.

Since they do not buy the land, the landowner is responsible for maintaining the area.(keeping weeds down etc) and must also pay taxes on the poorly producing land. This is a multi-billion dollar company, making huge profits, and can easily afford to be fair.

Although this is not your area of great concern, it should be in your thoughts as you make your decision.

WE will not likely get the oil= or need it. Please turn down this request in the best interest of US and SD.

Thank you. Bennett and Luella DeJong