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Dear Public Utility Commission,

Greetings! Thank you in advance for considering the information in this correspondence at your meeting on November 30, 2015, as you address the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline, Docket No. HP14-002.

Our family recently learned from a neighbor that the proposed route for the Dakota Access Pipeline is within less than a mile of Wall Lake in Minnehaha County, South Dakota. We are writing to express our hope that in the event a permit is granted for the pipeline, the PUC will place such terms and conditions on the permit as are necessary to protect this valuable South Dakota natural resource.

My husband and I own land connected to Wall Lake. My parents, also included as signers of this correspondence, own a home on Wall Lake.

Thousands of nearby residents visit the lake each year. Families fish along the shores of Wall Lake in summer and ice fish in winter. In summer, teenagers play catch with a football, waist-deep in the water, and young children wade into the lake holding their parents' hands. The lake is much used and much beloved by many. We believe allowing a pipeline so close to the lake poses a threat of serious injury to the environment and a threat of substantial impairment to the health, safety and welfare of nearby inhabitants and the many visitors to the lake each year.

It is our request and our hope that the PUC exercise its authority in this matter so as to protect Wall Lake, one of the few recreational lakes in our region, and also to protect its nearby inhabitants and the thousands of visitors to the lake every year. Please place terms and conditions on any permit requiring that the pipeline avoid the Wall Lake watershed area to the greatest extent possible. We thank you in advance for your consideration.

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