

South Dakota
Public Utilities Commission

I would ask the Public Utilities Commission to consider three major concerns in the decision on the Dakota Access pipeline proposed location.

1. Proximity to high population area currently it runs one-half mile from an all ready established housing development when it crosses SD # 17 and 273rd street.

*There are two points the applicant must prove to the PUC.

- a. "will not pose a threat of serious injury to the environment nor to the social economic condition of inhabitants or expected inhabitants in the siting area."
- b. "will not unduly interfere with the orderly development having been given the views of the governing bodies affected local units."


The current route runs very close to the Tea area which we know is continuing to grow at record rates and has no sign of slowing up. The pipeline running through the area will definitely have an impact on the potential for the continuance of growth that is already taking place in the area (not just talked about.)

Moving the line a significant distance west and south will take the line through much less populated areas.

2. The Lincoln County water table is very high. A spill is inevitable and would be instantly in the water system.
3. The economic impact is painted to be very rosy. That picture needs to be reviewed carefully. We have a very low unemployment rate. Revenue for the state of SD with lower land values is questionable. The economic costs will be very serious. We should not permit pipeline executives from out of state to control the proper development of our most productive land.

Thank you, Commissioners for considering these concerns.

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