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Dear Public Service Commissioners,

Docket Number: HP14-002

I strongly oppose the permitting and construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline through South Dakota. This pipeline poses great risk and threat of injury to South Dakota's environment and livelihoods of current and future citizens. Measures to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of our state are absent from this proposed pipeline. Landowners, their private properties, and the future sustainability thereof are also threatened by this pipeline's construction.

Important issues to me and many in my community deal with property tax revenue raised through the building and operation of this pipeline. A document prepared for Dakota Access, LLC titled "An Assessment of the Economic and Fiscal Impacts of the Dakota Access Pipeline in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois" gives a dollar amount to the property taxes that "will" be raised by the operation of the pipeline. The assessment states that \$13.5 million will be generated in the pipeline's first year of operation. I view this amount with great skepticism. In the past South Dakota was also promised large tax revenues by another major corporation for the construction and operation of a pipeline – Keystone 1. Those past dollars fell well short of what was promised South Dakota counties.

In the case of Keystone 1, TransCanada promised South Dakota \$9 million annually through property tax revenue. The reality of what was raised barely averaged one third of that amount. In discovery requests made to TransCanada it was found in 2010, the first year of that pipeline's operation, that a mere \$2.9 million was raised. In 2011, 2012, and 2013 only \$3.1 million, \$3.4 million, and \$3.9 million were raised respectively. Counties waiting for the influx of revenue were let down. Infrastructure projects and school systems waiting for this money were failed. In the case of the Dakota Access pipeline and its parent company, Energy Transfer Partners, I hold no faith that the promised \$13.5 million will be generated in the first year of operation. With South Dakota's pipeline history as my foundation, I can say that the state won't see \$13.5 million from Dakota Access in even the first three years of operation combined.

The bottom line and the reason I greatly oppose the permitting and construction of Dakota Access is that it is all risk and no reward for the state, its counties, and the landowners and citizens. I urge you to outright deny a permit to construct the Dakota Access crude oil pipeline in South Dakota.

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