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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Dear Sir;

I am sure that the P.U.C. is fully aware of the economic benefits of the Missouri River Dam Projects: Fort Peck in Montana, Garrison Dam in N. Dakota, and Oahe, Big Bend, Fort Randall, and Gavins Point Dams in S. Dakota. Please permit ^(me) to review some of them: production of mega watts of electricity, water use for many cities and irrigation for crop production, top rated fisheries, camping, boating, all forms of water recreation, and development of wild life refuges, to name a few. These are benefits that have been developed using many taxpayer dollars and manpower since before the sixties. They are all threatened by any crude oil spill and they need to be protected now, "with renewed diligence"! We now have [Dakota Access] attempting to run a crude oil pipeline from N. Dakota oil fields to a junction in Illinois, with little or no regard for environmental or economic impact to the state or the people of South Dakota!

The point to be made to verify the above statement is, even with better options, they chose to cross the upper end of Lake Sakakawea and the upper end of Lake Oahe, when ^{they} could just as easily ^{have} stayed north and east of all the flow of the entire dam complex! They (Dakota Access) know that going thru the water is a higher risk of oil spills, because they stated at the P.U.C. mtg, that they would put special monitoring system on the pipeline just before it enters each water area. ^{also} We, as a nation, must plan for terrorist strikes!

The Houston refinery complex is a prime target for ISIS and a pipeline designed to carry 570,000 Bbl of crude a day is ^{very} easy access in water, for destruction & has the potential of polluting water all the way to the gulf of Mexico. The prospect of doing that much damage is a terrorist dream!

Sincerely; Dale Hoyer

P.P. II

My comments on this page are to point out the dishonest and unethical methods, Dakota Access Pipeline, is using to force their plan for high profits, on all Dakota and Iowa people!

1. They drew a G.P.L. line that routed through sensitive environmental areas, lakes, farmland, high yielding fields that farmers have invested a great deal of dollars and labor; before they talked to anyone, then they have used courts and law officers and lies to force every inconvenience on the land owner!
2. It is unpatriotic to invite terrorism as discussed on the previous page. It is also unpatriotic to pipe our crude down to the Houston Oil Cantel, where they refine it and price it to the highest bidder in the world mkt. The American will have to pay that price plus freight to use it in the agriculture industry in the heart of our nation! We need to expand our refining abilities here where the crude is, and where we use it! Please note, - the top five companies in Houston Oil reported 51.5 billion in corporate profits in the first quarter of 2015. Follow the money, the "Dakota Access Pipeline," is based in Houston, Texas!
3. Dakota Access claims the pipeline is safe, yet in N.D. during oil Co. activities (drilling and transporting), N. Dakota has had many leaks. "The largest," they project the cleanup to take 2 yrs. and will ruin 2 acres. The farmer discovered the leak! (Read oil pipeline spills of N. Dak on the internet), not the pipe line company - so much for their monitoring!
4. Dakota Access! Modus operandi, is to get the "easy owners," that wanted money or the absentee owner that is uninformed and put a check in their hand; and then claim that they ^{pipeline} must go there. They have no concern for the problems they cause for other people! They are formed in S.D. as a Limited Liability Co. for a reason. The people of S.D. are not protected under an LLC. It can be bought or sold or deny responsibility! The facts presented in this letter are gathered from study, my experience, internet, + phone calls to people in the oil business!

P.P. III

5. It is urgent that, Dakota Access Pipeline, is denied the right to construct a, "570,000 Bpd (max in a 24 hour day) pipeline," on its presently proposed route!

6. Page 5 of the handout that was provided by D.A.P. ^{Pipeline} at P.U.C. meetings early in the year actually shows double the volume of production above the Missouri River complex. - Now the U.S. Geological Survey is showing much more oil producing shale to the north and west in N.D., north eastern Montana, and into Canada! All that crude should never go through our great lakes period! It is fool hardy to go through them twice!

7. The P.U.C. must certainly deny permission, right of access, or mobilization; until after the "2016" session of our legislators in South Dakota. Our representatives need that time to pass laws that would protect S.D. citizens and their environment from the big money boys that do not live, work, or love South Dakota.



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