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Harrisburg, SD 57032
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To Whom It May Concern at May Adam:

RE: Public Hearing convened by the SD PUC Docket EL13-020
in the matter of the application of Dakota Access, LLC
for a permit to construct the Dakota Access Pipeline Project

Concern

Considering that the runoff waters from the city of Sioux Falls ~~has~~ ^{have} caused flooding downstream several times and considerably devalued housing property southeast of the city, an oil pipeline break upstream from the city of Sioux Falls could potentially inundate the largest city in the state of South Dakota and the surrounding area in a matter of time with billions of barrels of crude oil, thus causing not only incalculable destruction in the city of Sioux Falls, but also cause major loss of life and pollute the entire Sioux River, which circles the city, downstream from Sioux Falls.

Such a catastrophe is not unthinkable considering that an earth fault-line runs north of Kansas City, only a few hundred miles south of Sioux Falls.

Questions

With a pumping station proposed seven miles southeast of Redfield in Spink county, what shut-off valve system is planned upstream near the city of Sioux Falls?

Could the pipeline contain the extra pressure of crude oil being pumped into it perchance the pipeline shut-off valve were to be activated?

What would happen at the source of the crude oil input?

Would such a closure of the pipeline cause the entire drilling operation to be shutdown?

Would there be sufficient storage for the quantity of oil being pumped to contain the flow of crude oil until the entire drilling operation could be shut down should a closure of the pipeline be necessitated?

Proposal

With a proposal to construct a pipeline from Canada to cross the western part of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas to the Gulf of Mexico already in debate in Congress due to its crossing the Ogallala aquifer

and

another proposal to construct a pipeline across the eastern part of North Dakota and South Dakota to a proposed refinery near Elk Point, South Dakota having already been discussed to refine incoming oil from Canada,

I hereby **propose** building a refinery in North Dakota to refine the oil from all three sources, two in Canada and the Bakken oilfield in North Dakota, for the following reasons:

1. merging all three pipelines into one large pipeline to run to a destination in Illinois, after crossing Iowa, to join an existing pipeline could overburden that pipeline, and
2. due to a glut, the oil industry "bubble" has already burst, causing oil prices to plummet more than half-price recently to such a level that the proposed pipeline could lie useless and vacant in a matter of years, or possibly never even be used, perchance the pumping were to be shut down due to unprofitability of pumping, which could cause major bankruptcies in the pumping industry. In the 1950's, I saw a 6 inch vacant pipeline, which crossed my parents' farm in central Kansas, being dug up. The digging and closure of the trench caused a deplorable upset for many years in farming operations for many farmers for hundreds of miles.

Respectfully submitted,

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