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Public Utilities Commission  
Chris Nelson, Chairperson  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

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**UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Dear Mr. Nelson,

Thank you for your response to the letter I sent on October 19 stating my concerns about the Dakota Access Pipeline (HP 14-002 docket) which is proposed to run through my mother's farm west of Tea.

In the "Information Guide to Siting Pipelines" that you enclosed with your letter, it states some things that I'm sure you are well aware of. It states that the commission's **primary duty** is to ensure the location, construction and operation of the pipeline will produce minimal adverse effects on the environment and the citizens. This pipeline will produce **major** adverse effects on my mother and her sisters and the tenant farmer, as I explained in my previous letter. It will also have **major** adverse effects on the economic, health, safety and welfare of many landowners in Lincoln and Minnehaha counties as well as the other counties it would travel through if built. In addition it would have **major** adverse effects on the land and water during construction and again when there is a leak, as many other landowners and I explained in our testimonies. **And leaks will happen.** These things could all have adverse effects on the cities in these counties as well. We are not just concerned about ourselves, but future generations, as well.

Dakota Access must show that it "will comply with all applicable laws and rules." They have not been trustworthy when dealing with the landowners, so will they comply? That is questionable.

DAPL must show that it "will not unduly interfere with the orderly development of the region," which I believe it will. As I have stated, I can't understand why DAPL would even consider building that pipeline through the most populous part of the state. **Sioux Falls, Wall Lake, Tea, Lennox, Harrisburg, and Hartford** would all have their development interfered with. Future growth for those areas would be curtailed.

The Siting Guide also states that the commission should discourage a potentially expensive and lengthy appeal process. If DAPL gets the permit, many landowners will appeal the decision. There will be many court cases about the eminent domain and condemnation proceedings that DAPL has begun. These will again be very costly for the landowners.

I don't understand why Dakota Access even wants to build this pipeline. Gas and oil prices have fallen very low. Many of the companies in the Bakken are slowing down production, reducing employment, shutting down some wells, and not drilling new ones. DAPL may get this pipeline built, then not have enough oil suppliers, and end up abandoning the pipeline. Then the landowners would be stuck with this deteriorating pipeline that they will have to deal with.

**PLEASE do not give Dakota Access the permit for this pipeline.** Thank you.

Sincerely

*Laurie Kunzelman*