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To: Nelson, Chris

Subject: Comment to PUC on Dakota Access Pipeline

Commissioner Nelson:

This message is in support of the proposed Dakota Access Pipeline to convey oil and possibly other materials from sources to markets or to point of use. Pipelines have been in use for decades now and while they require oversight and maintenance, their record is excellent, especially when compared to any alternative method used to transfer bulk commodities,

The track record of alternatives to a pipeline include use of rail tank cars and possibly tank trucks. Over the last three years along their collective record of deaths, spills and disruption of other important commercial activities is clear and it is by far inferior to modern pipeline construction and use.

Other people may express concern over pipeline intrusion and performance but I think they fail to consider the record of the existing lines that have served efficiently and unobtrusively for generations.

Sincerely,

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