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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC FOR AN ENERGY FACILITY PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE YANKTON SIOUX TRIBE'S ANSWERS AND OBJECTIONS TO INTERROGATORIES OF DAKOTA ACCESS LLC

HP14-002

TO: Dakota Access LLC

Pursuant to SDCL §§ 1-26-19, 15-6-33, and 15-6-34, and ARSD 20:10:01:1.02, the Yankton Sioux Tribe (hereinafter "Yankton") hereby submits its responses and objections to Interrogatories of Dakota Access LLC to Yankton Sioux Tribe dated April 1, 2015. The responses that follow shall be supplemented if and when supplementation is required by SDCL § 15-6-26(e) and only as required by that statute.

## INTERROGATORIES

1. State the name of each person answering these interrogatories and include for each person their title and business address.

ANSWER: These interrogatories have been answered by Thomasina Real Bird, Esq., and Jennifer S. Baker, Esq., counsel for the Yankton Sioux Tribe, 1900 Plaza Drive, Louisville, CO, 80027.

2. Provide names of the officers and council members.

ANSWER: The officers and members of the Yankton Sioux Tribe Business and Claims Committee are as follows:

Robert Flying Hawk, Chairman

Jean Archambeau, Vice-Chairwoman

Glenford "Sam" Sully, Secretary

Leo O'Connor, Treasurer

Quentin "JB" Bruguier Jr., Member

Jason Cooke, Member

Everdale Song Hawk, Member

Justin Song Hawk, Member

Mona Wright, Member

Yankton presumes the afore-stated information is responsive to Interrogatory No. 2. In the event that different information is sought, please so specify.

- 3. Please identify any witnesses, whether fact or expert, which you intend to call at the evidentiary hearing on the above-captioned matter. For each such witness, state:
  - a. Witness name:
  - b. Witness contact information;
  - c. Whether the witness is expert or fact;
  - d. A general statement descriptive of the matters to which each witness will testify;
  - e. Whether the witness will submit sworn pre-filed written testimony; and,
  - f. For each expert provide a resume or CV.

ANSWER: Yankton objects to this interrogatory on the grounds that, at this early stage in the proceedings before discovery has been completed, it would be frivolous and unduly burdensome to require a party to speculate as to whom it will call to testify as a fact witness at the evidentiary hearing. Yankton's expert and fact witnesses have not yet been selected. Yankton shall submit pre-filed testimony on behalf of its witnesses in accordance with the PUC scheduling order. Said pre-filed testimony will address the requests contained in this interrogatory.

- 4. Please state with specificity the objections, if any, which the Yankton Sioux Tribe has to the Dakota Access project. For each such objection:
  - a. Outline a complete factual basis, any relevant law, rule or regulation applicable thereto and an expected or desired outcome if any.
  - b. For each such objection, state the decision maker responsible for deciding said objection.

ANSWER: At this early stage in the proceedings, Yankton lacks sufficient information to state its objections with specificity. Yankton is currently formulating its objections, and shall continue to do so throughout the course of discovery as information is obtained. Yankton shall supplement this response as required by SDCL § 15-6-26(e).

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2015.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on this  $\frac{2\lambda}{2}$  day of May, 2015 I sent by email a true and correct copy of YANKTON SIOUX TRIBE'S ANSWERS AND OBJECTIONS TO INTERROGATORIES OF DAKOTA ACCESS LLC to the following:

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