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**RE: APPLICATION TO THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES  
COMMISSION FOR A PERMIT FOR THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE  
UNDER THE ENERGY CONVERSION AND TRANSMISSION FACILITY ACT;  
HP14-002**  
Our file: 0300

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On December 15, 2014 Dakota Access LLC filed its application for a Facility Permit to construct and operate the Dakota Access Pipeline. The application was served on all counties, through County Auditors, through which the proposed pipeline is planned to pass. We filed a proof of service.

The PUC scheduled its public input hearings, per SDCL 49-41B-15 and 16, to take place on January 21 and 22, 2015 (herein "public hearings"). Thereafter, as directed by law, Dakota Access sent notice of the public hearings by certified mail to land owners within one-half mile of the proposed site where the facility is to be constructed.

Then, on December 23, 2014 Dakota Access LLC filed an amended application with a slightly modified route. The modified route is further to the west and south of Sioux Falls and has less impact on an area of Lincoln County experiencing rapid development. Prior to or on January 7, 2015, Dakota Access sent notice of the public hearings to all those land owners within one-half mile of the reroute represented in the December 23, 2014 filing. See the attached Proof of Service.

The proofs of service are filed publicly; the landowner lists we used are filed confidentially to avoid public disclosure of names, addresses and other contact information.

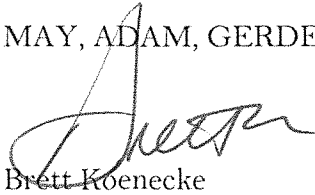
In addition, Dakota Access published notice of the public hearings in the official newspaper of each county in which the proposed site is located. The notice was published once each week for two consecutive weeks. Affidavits of Publication were all previously filed. The newspaper

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notices are intended to reach all interested individuals in the affected counties. The public hearing notice statutes overlap and are designed to cast a wide net in an attempt to accomplish complete notice of all interested people. Notices were sent and published as necessary to permit interested individuals an opportunity to take part in the public meetings.

Very truly yours.

MAY, ADAM, GERDES & THOMPSON, LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett Koenecke", written over a horizontal line.

Brett Koenecke

BK/sjs

Enclosure