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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 E. Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: Dakota Access Oil Pipeline – Applications for Party Status

Dear Director:

Enclosed please find seven (7) Applications for Party Status. These were sent via email to Kristen Edwards on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Please accept these applications for filing, as I was told last week by Dakota Access representative, Tim Sikkink, that the company plans to move the pipeline further south from the current proposed route in the southern area of Sioux Falls, which is the area of focus for the landowners in the attached applications. I have no reason to doubt him, but I have not yet received his representations in writing that this relocation is final. Therefore, I decided to file these in the event the company does not go through with this relocation.

I appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,



Bret C. Merkle

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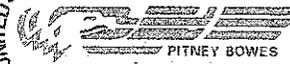
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