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Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

**RE: In the Matter of the Application of Dakota Access, LLC for an Energy Facility
Permit to Construct the Dakota Access Pipeline; HP 14-002**
Our File: 0300

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

I write to inform the Commission regarding certain improvements to be made to the Dakota Access Pipeline (“DAPL”), including a new pump station to be located in Lincoln County, South Dakota and improvements to the current pump station located near Redfield, South Dakota (the “Redfield Pump Station”). The improvements will not involve any extension or relocation of the pipeline, nor any work on the mainline pipeline itself. The improvements are being made in connection with capacity optimization efforts (the “Capacity Optimization”) which is being undertaken to accommodate growing demand for crude oil transportation services from shippers. The DAPL operates in South Dakota under a Facilities Permit granted by the Commission in 2015 in docket HP14-002.

The improvements made in this state as a part of the Capacity Optimization will cause the pipeline to continue to be operated within the current permit and conditions at all times. The site for the new pump station is within the permitted path and will require permits from Lincoln County. The currently permitted pipeline route will not change as a result of Capacity Optimization. The current Emergency Response Plan is under the auspices of the SD DENR and any necessary changes to that document will be filed with that agency as the law requires. A review of the permit and conditions attached to it shows no language which requires revision or amendment.

In response to growing production in the Williston Basin and significant interest from shippers for increased capacity following a FERC Open Season conducted in 2018 (the “2018 Open Season”), Dakota Access intends to make certain improvements to the DAPL system by adding pumping capacity that will increase the DAPL’s current average capacity of approximately 570,000 barrels/day. New and existing shippers participated in the 2018 Open

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Season, and the existing and have expressed significant interest in contracting for additional capacity to meet their expected future transportation needs.

The additional pumping capacity added as part of the Capacity Optimization will allow Dakota Access to meet the growing demand from shippers by optimizing and fully utilizing the existing pipeline infrastructure, without the need to install new pipelines, and without the need for shippers to use less safe and efficient means of transportation, such as rail.

The Lincoln County pump station will be located as shown on the attached Exhibit A. As stated previously, and as an above ground facility, the new pump station will be permitted by Lincoln County. DAPL has purchased an option for the site which will subsequently be purchased in fee from the prior landowner and current zoning is compatible with the site. It will be served by the incumbent electric provider Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc.. It will have five pumps and motors and the footprint of the site will be exactly the same as described for the existing pump station. It will operate within the terms of the existing permit in all respects.

The three pumps currently located at the Redfield Pump Station will be replaced with three higher flow rate capacity pumps. Subsequently, a fourth and fifth pump and motor will be added to the existing pump station, increasing the capacity of the existing pipeline incrementally. These improvements will not require any change to the footprint of the existing pump station site nor require the acquisition of any additional rights or interests in real property. It will operate within the terms of the existing permit in all respects.

The improvements will allow for an increase in current pipeline capacity while continuing to operate within the existing maximum operating pressure of the DAPL. The Capacity Optimization improvements are consistent with, and will be conducted in compliance with, the existing permits and all applicable safety regulations of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (“PHMSA”).

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brett Koenecke". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

BRETT KOENECKE

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