

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

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF DAKOTA ACCESS, LLC FOR AN)
ENERGY FACILITY PERMIT TO)
CONSTRUCT THE DAKOTA ACCESS)
PIPELINE)
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**APPLICATION FOR PARTY
STATUS
HP14-002**

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10:22:40 Bret Merkle
(Name of Applicant)

petitions the Public Utilities Commission to be granted party status in the above-referenced facility permit proceeding.

Briefly explain your interest in this permit proceeding. Form is limited to 1000 characters.

I own land in 8-99-50 Lincoln County where the pipeline is proposed, and I am legal counsel for several landowners in the area whose land will be affected either directly or indirectly by the pipeline.



Signature of Applicant

Bret Merkle

Print or Type Name

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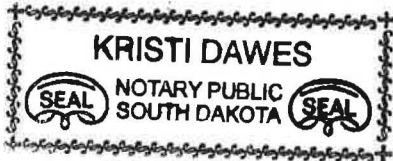
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Pente Farms, LLC
Name of Organization if filing on behalf of organization

February 2, 2015
Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of February, 2015.


Notary Public

My Commission expires: 3/25/2019

(Seal)

NOTE:

The petition was filed Dec. 15, 2014, consistent with SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10:22:40. This Application for Party Status form must be filed in the Commission's offices on or before Feb. 13, 2015.

Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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