

**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 Yankton Sioux Tribe

(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.

The Yankton Sioux Tribe (YST), a sovereign government whose ancestral and treaty lands include the proposed pipeline corridor, requests party status to monitor and participate in Dakota Access LLC's application consideration. The Dakota Access Pipeline Project poses a great risk to Indian Country considering the proximity of the proposed construction. The YST must inform the PUC of risks to tribal lands, health and other interests. The YST can also provide a tribal perspective on cultural, environmental, construction, and liability issues. Tribal input is needed to identify cultural and religious properties in the corridor that could be compromised. The YST must also protect its reserved water rights, confirm the completion of all applicable surveys, and ensure the tribal safety with the proposed construction activity near the Reservation. Too many rights are at state necessitating tribal participation.

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Signature of Applicant

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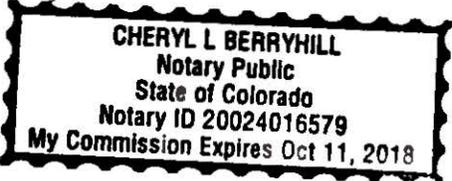
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Name of Organization if filing on behalf of organization

February 13, 2015  
Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.



(Seal)

Cheryl L. Berryhill  
Notary Public

My Commission expires: Oct. 11, 2018

**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.

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