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**From:** Johnson, Dustin (PUC)

**Sent:** Monday, July 02, 2007 9:58 PM

**To:** 'Kevin'

**Subject:** RE: TransCanada/Keystone Project

Kevin,

I can assure you that nothing the PUC has done has been unethical or dishonest. I don't know why TransCanada has done some of the things that they have done. They have not consulted me about their decisions, and in fact, I have not spoken to them about this docket outside of the public meetings. In fact, to discuss the merits of the case with anyone outside of a meeting would not be appropriate. That is why I will only address the process concerns you raised in your email, and not the merits of the case.

You seem to have a great deal of discomfort about the eminent domain issue. I can understand your frustration. I can tell you, however, that I have no power or authority over eminent domain. In that process, I am an average citizen. Eminent domain is a legal proceeding that takes place in our court system, not the PUC.

I can also tell you that the meetings were not a flim flam, and I am quite sad that you believe that they were. Nothing has been "ram rodded" through, and the PUC has made no decision on this docket. In fact, we are just at the beginning of what will be a complex legal proceeding, and since I haven't seen any evidence yet, I am disappointed that you think you know what I or my colleagues will decide.

Kevin, thank you for your military service. Obviously, nothing I do in my life will compare to the sacrifice of military service. Time away from friends and family, possibly in harm's way . . . a tough day at the office can't compare to that. I do want you to know, however, that I haven't done anything in this proceeding that is in any way disrespectful to the values that you hold dear or that you fought for.

I appreciate your email, and will make sure that it is entered into the record of this proceeding.

Sincerely,  
Dusty

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RE: TransCanada/Keystone Project

To: PUC

I must say that I am totally opposed to the TransCanada/Keystone Project in any way, shape or form. I believe it will have a very detrimental effect on our environment and people's lives not to mention their investments and economically. I also believe it violates our Constitutional rights as well. I also believe that this project is being put forth in a highly unethical and dishonest fashion by both, TransCanada as well as the South Dakota government and the Public Utilities Commission. I have seen where TransCanada has already paid people for the easements and surveyed and put up markers. All of this before the so called approval/disapproval process took place. The public meetings and the so called process is all a gigantic hoax, a lie. This I believe explains the reason so many of the PUC documents in regards to the TransCanada debacle are marked "confidential", it was a great show, well acted but never the less a flim flam. You have ram rodded it through anyways and betrayed peoples trust in their government. A government that does things to HURT the people they govern is a very bad thing, nothing short of SOCIALISM. You have made a mockery of the Constitution, the Flag, the declaration of Independence and many of the time honored principles that our founding fathers put into place. Since you have done this, none of those things have meaning including the law; I believe this is not America anymore that is long gone.

I am a Veteran and I served this country thinking that it was all good. Believing that I was working to preserve democracy, freedom, honor and integrity, unfortunately however, it all is an illusion because our government has thrown it all away and replaced it with greed, selfishness and a lack of honor and trust. I do believe that we should think of the greater good but what you are doing now is not the right answer. You say eminent domain is the law but that does not seem to be in accord with the Constitution and I would call it STEALING especially when you give the easements to a foreign country. We all can admit in the back of our minds that it is wrong. I am sure that no easements will affect any PUC officials PRIVATE PROPERTY at all, this would not happen; would it? Does the government intentionally hurt its people in the real United States? IS THIS REALLY AMERICA ANYMORE?

Signed, Kevin Siefken

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