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Mr. George Piper
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VIA US MAIL AND ELECTRONIC FILING

Re: HP07-001

Dear Mr. Piper:

We are in receipt of your July 3, 2007, request for confidential information. The material you requested is, however, as of August 2, 2007, completely released to the public. Specifically, the attached letter filed with the Commission on August 2, 2007, releases information contained in your request for the document titled 1 2007 Raptor Report. The information sought in your request for the document titled 1 Bio Field Survey 1006 was previously released to the public on June 22, 2007.

You will find all requested material available to the public on our website: www.puc.sd.gov. Then follow: Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, 2007 Hydrocarbon Pipeline, HP07-001, Exhibit D. We will consider your request withdrawn due to the public availability of the material unless we hear otherwise from you. Thank you for your participation in this docket.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Kara Van Bockern
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RE: TransCanada Pipeline
Our File: 5057

Dear Kara:

Since the June public meetings across the state, the Keystone team has continued to dialogue with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Department of State regarding the Keystone application and raptor nests.

We are informed that no raptors in USFWS Region 6 currently are listed under the ESA, with the exception of the bald eagle which is in the process of being de-listed. Once delisted, the issues dealing with eagle nests will be resolved under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Neither of these have provisions allowing the withholding of the information in question. We are also informed that the USFWS is in the process of establishing federal regulations and publishing guidelines that should alleviate much of the concerns about impacts to bald eagles after they are delisted.

Accordingly, the USFWS has signaled to Keystone that it considers the information regarding raptors as filed with the SD Public Utilities Commission to be in the public domain. Accordingly, Keystone releases its claim of confidentiality with respect to raptors, made on behalf of USFWS.

Sincerely,

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