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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Subject: TransCanada – Keystone Pipeline Project
Case No: HP07-001

Dear Commissioners:

I write today to express our associations support for the TransCanada Keystone Pipeline Project. We strongly urge the PUC to approve this project.

Our association and its members are aware that federal regulators responsible for pipeline safety have reviewed the design of this pipeline. We are also aware that the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has reviewed the design for the Keystone Pipeline and concluded that additional precautions and conditions will make the Keystone Pipeline “as safe or safer” than other pipelines. In addition, our association and members are aware that the Keystone Draft Environmental Impact Statement prepared by federal regulators in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act indicates the project will have “limited adverse environmental impacts during both construction and operation, and would be an environmentally acceptable action.”

We, as owners of gas stations, truck stops, and bulk fuel wholesaling companies, see the enormous benefits the pipeline stands to bring to our communities throughout South Dakota, and nationally. From a national perspective, the project seeks to deliver into the Midwest a stable and secure source of oil from a domestic source in North America. This is of utmost importance to petroleum marketers. This stable and secure source will assist petroleum marketers so that they may continue to provide product to all their customers in South Dakota.

Therefore, we, the South Dakota Petroleum and Propane Marketers Association express our strong support for the Keystone Pipeline Project. We urge you to move forward expeditiously to approve this project.

Sincerely,

Dawna Leitzke, Executive Director
South Dakota Petroleum and Propane Marketers Association