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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

December 4, 2007

SD Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, First Floor
500 E. Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

RE: In the Matter of TransCanada Keystone Pipeline Permit

Dear Ms. Semmler:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm my telephone message to your voice mail on December 3, 2007.

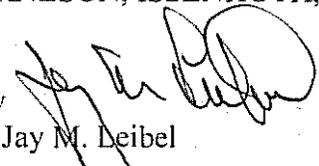
My client, the South Dakota Association of Towns and Townships, has elected not to offer oral testimony on Wednesday, December 5, 2007. The reason for the decision is they do not believe it is necessary to take the time of the Commission to simply restate the position we've taken in our letter dated October 31, 2007.

To reiterate our position as an intervener, SDATAT is neither for nor against the pipeline. Our concern is that if the permit is issued it be granted on the condition they be required to construct the pipeline in such a manner as to minimize damage (by boring) allowing for continued safe passage and maintenance of the township roads and right-of-ways during construction, operation and maintenance of the pipeline. We are specifically concerned that if they are allowed to trench through the roads or ditches they be restored to their preexisting condition and so maintained.

On behalf of the township association we wish to express our appreciation to the commission for considering our position on this matter.

Very truly yours,

ARNESON, ISSENHUTH, LEIBEL & PARENT,

By 
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cc: Gail Brock