

May 11, 2009

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Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st floor
500 E. Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070



CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA
VERMILLION, SOUTH DAKOTA

Re: HP09-001 - Application for Party Status and Request for Service

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Please find attached the application of Dakota Rural Action (“DRA”) to be a party in docket number HP09-001. DRA is a grassroots family agriculture and conservation group that organizes South Dakotans to protect our family farmers and ranchers, natural resources, and unique way of life. As such, DRA is qualified to be party to this proceeding under SDCL § 49-41B-17(3). DRA requests that email service be provided to the following individuals:

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In addition, DRA requests that mail service be provided to Ms. Trask in Rapid City so that DRA’s members without email can access hard copies in DRA’s Rapid City office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

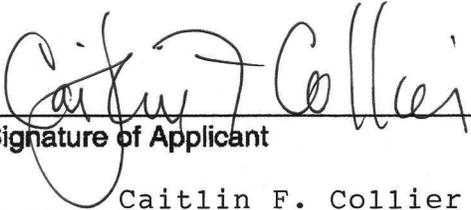
Paul C. Blackburn

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION BY) APPLICATION FOR PARTY
TRANSCANADA KEYSTONE PIPELINE, LP) STATUS
FOR A PERMIT UNDER THE SOUTH DAKOTA)
ENERGY CONVERSION AND TRANSMISSION) HP09-001
FACILITIES ACT TO CONSTRUCT THE)
KEYSTONE XL PROJECT)

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10:22:40, Dakota Rural Action,
(Name of Applicant)

petitions the Public Utilities Commission to be granted party status in the above-referenced facility permit proceeding.


Signature of Applicant

Caitlin F. Collier
Print Name

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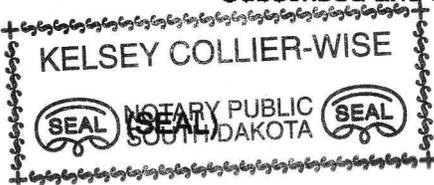
Phone Number
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E-Mail Address

Dakota Rural Action
Name of Organization if applicable

May 11, 2009
Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of May, 2009.




Notary Public

My Commission expires: 4/18/12

NOTE: Consistent with SDCL 49-41B-17 and ARSD 20:10:22:40, this application must be filed with the Public Utilities Commission within 60 days from the date the application was filed. The facility application was filed March 12, 2009. Therefore, this Application for Party Status form must be filed in the Commission's offices on or before May 11, 2009, unless the deadline is extended by the Commission.

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