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Re: TransCanada Keystone Pipeline Liaison Quarterly Report

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

I attach for filing KXL Pipeline Project South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Liaison Quarterly Report for the Second Quarter of 2020.

Yours very truly,

WOODS, FULLER, SHULTZ & SMITH P.C.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'James E. Moore'.

James E. Moore

Attachment

KXL Pipeline Project
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Liaison Quarterly Report
2020

Second Quarter 2020
April 01, to June 30, 2020

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1. Project Overview

The proposed Keystone XL Pipeline project is 36-inch diameter pipeline that will extend 882 miles from the Canadian–U.S. border, to Steele City, Nebraska. The route in South Dakota, will include three or four construction spreads and cover approximately 311 miles of right-of-way (ROW) with 314 landowners. The route crosses Harding, Butte, Perkins, Meade, Pennington, Haakon, Jones, Lyman, and Tripp Counties. In addition, facilities in South Dakota include seven pump stations to be located in Harding, Meade, Haakon, Jones, and Tripp Counties.

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SD-PUC) issued the Notice of Entry- Amended Final Decision and Order for the project on June 29, 2010. These construction conditions ordered Keystone to appoint a Liaison Officer for the KXL project. In 2010 the Commission approved Sarah Metcalf to be the Liaison Officer for the Keystone KXL Project.

Keystone began conducting pre-construction activities such as mowing in March 2020 at all pump stations, pipe yards, work force camps and contractor yards. Other pre-construction activities started in the second quarter of 2020. Pipe yard deliveries and workforce camp installation began in April, 2020 and construction on Pump Station (PS)-20 started on June 1, 2020 in Tripp County. More construction activities are expected to be starting in the third quarter, including construction of PS-18 in Haakon, County and PS-19 in Jones Co., to begin July 14, 2020. Construction of 15.2 miles of pipeline is anticipated to begin in August 2020, in Meade/Pennington/Haakon Counties. Additional pre-construction activities will include mowing of the right-of-way (ROW) and related sites beginning in September 2020, in all counties. Approximately the first 30 miles of each pipeline spread will be mowed in preparation for 2021 construction activities.

A pre-construction meeting was held between the company and the SD-PUC on May 20, 2020 to review the construction schedule and plans. The company continues to engage with communities, including indigenous communities, as well as federal, state, and local governmental entities, agencies, and other stakeholders. They are also hiring additional Project staff, and soliciting, engaging, and working towards contracting with potential construction contractors, specialty service providers, and suppliers. Additionally, Keystone has conducted limited field activities including civil surveys; completing public county road upgrade activities as directed by county road superintendents; and maintaining security at Project pipe yard and workforce camps sites to ensure public safety and maintain environmental protections as required by permits and best management practices.

The Field Office located in Rapid City is closed temporarily out of caution due to current health concerns. However, KXL officials, as well as the Liaison, are available via phone to address landowner and other stakeholder questions and concerns, to provide updates and general information on the project, and to advise of the Project schedule and activities taking place in the state.

2. Issue Tracking and General Liaison Activity

During the second quarter of 2020 there were 11 contacts to the liaison officer, slightly more than the previous quarter. All of the calls except for one were from parties with questions about the pipeline construction schedule or general operation inquiries regarding the overall Keystone system. There were no landowner, tenant, county or other stakeholder contacts or concerns during this quarter. There were the usual calls and correspondences with the SD-PUC staff related to project status updates.

One formal Pre-Construction meeting was held via conference call, between the SD-PUC staff and counsel, the Liaison and Keystone personnel in compliance with Condition 11 of the permit. There were no vendor calls and only one media call which was directed to the company for response. There were no in-person meetings with landowners, officials or stakeholders.

No new concerns were reported to the liaison during this quarter, nor were there any outstanding issues being tracked from the previous quarter. The liaison will continue to follow and report on the status of the project and to be available to address any landowner questions or concerns throughout the duration of the project.

3. Summary

The number of calls to the liaison office increased this quarter and were all related to the general status and schedule of the project, except for once call from a media outlet which was related to the Keystone System in general. There were no new concerns reported this quarter nor any existing issues that are outstanding from the previous quarter.

Keystone began conducting limited construction activities along the project corridor in the second quarter of 2020. The company continues to conduct pre-construction field work such as survey, maintaining security at Project sites to ensure public safety and maintaining environmental protections as required by permits and best management practices. The company is also continuing to engage with communities, including indigenous communities, federal, state, and local governmental entities, agencies, and other stakeholders.

The Liaison Officer remains available to address the concerns of landowners and other affected parties. The liaison will continue to report to the SD-PUC on the status of the project and regarding consumer concerns and issues encountered. Reports will be filed quarterly during construction and annually for a period of three years post-construction, as ordered by the SD-PUC in the construction conditions. The liaison will assist landowners, tenants, agencies and other interested parties with any questions, concerns or issues that might arise during or after the project.