



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

October 27, 2009

Patty Van Gerpen, Executive Director
SD Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

PUC Docket #HP09-001

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

It is my understanding that the Public Utilities Commission is considering a proposal for a second pipeline West River. I would like to submit this letter in support of honoring TransCanada Pipeline's request for a permit!

Yankton and the immediate area experienced the presence of the construction project this summer through southeast South Dakota and northeast Nebraska. Two years prior to the project, we had numerous meetings with officials from TransCanada Pipeline Company, and then when the final plans were being developed in 2008, we met with Price Gregory officials, the company that installed the pipeline. We met with them on a regular basis during the construction phase.

I can assure you that Yankton was very satisfied with the physical presences of the companies, the manner in which the employees conducted themselves in the community and the relationship bonding that occurred with residents and the businesses owners! We are impressed with the way the land was left after constructing the pipeline. We're pleased to know that TransCanada Pipeline will retain an office in Yankton to monitor the function of the pipeline as oil moves through the line!

The management and project officials of TransCanada Pipeline were really great to work with throughout the project and highly support them as they request permission to bring another one through SD!

Sincerely,
Bob Cappel
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Director, Chamber Services