

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

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

**ORDER APPROVING  
PUBLIC LIAISON OFFICER**

**HP09-001**

On March 12, 2009, TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP, (Keystone) filed a siting permit application for the South Dakota portion of the proposed Keystone XL Project (Project). The Project will transport crude oil starting in Hardisty, Alberta, Canada and ending in Port Arthur and East Houston areas of Texas. The proposed 36 inch diameter pipeline will have a nominal capacity of 900,000 barrels of oil per day. The proposed route will enter South Dakota at the Montana/South Dakota border in Harding County. It will extend in a southeasterly direction through portions of Harding, Butte, Perkins, Meade, Pennington, Haakon, Jones, Lyman, and Tripp counties. It will exit the state at the South Dakota/Nebraska border in Tripp County. The length of pipeline through South Dakota is approximately 313 miles. The Project also includes seven pump stations in South Dakota located in Harding (2), Meade, Haakon, Jones, and Tripp (2) counties along with 16 mainline valves. Mainline valves are proposed at each pump station and along the right-of-way with spacing intervals based upon the location of the pump stations, water bodies greater than 100 feet in width, high consequence areas and other considerations.

On February 18, 2010, the Commission granted a permit to construct the Keystone Pipeline Project, subject to the Conditions. On April 9, 2010, Keystone Filed a Motion for Limited Reconsideration of Certain Permit Conditions. On April 2, 2010, Keystone filed a Motion for the Commission to approve Sarah J. Metcalf as the Keystone XL Public Liaison Officer.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-1, 49-41B-2, 49-41B-2.1, 49-41B-4, 49-41B-11, 49-41B-12, 49-41B-13, 49-41B-16, 49-41B-17, 49-41B-17.1, 49-41B-21, 49-41B-22, 49-41B-26, 49-41B-38 and ARSD Chapter 20:10:22.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of May 4, 2010, the Commission considered the Motion for Approval of Public Liaison Officer. Commissioner Hanson moved to grant the Motion for Approval of Public Liaison Officer. The Motion passed 2-1 (Johnson dissenting). It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Motion for Approval of Public Liaison Officer is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2010.

<p><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically.</p> <p>By: <u>[Signature]</u></p> <p>Date: <u>06/02/10</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman  
(dissenting)

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STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner