

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	ORDER GRANTING JOINT
TRANSCANADA KEYSTONE PIPELINE, LP)	MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE
FOR ORDER ACCEPTING CERTIFICATION)	AND RELIEF FROM
OF PERMIT ISSUED IN DOCKET HP09-001)	SCHEDULING ORDER
TO CONSTRUCT THE KEYSTONE XL)	
PIPELINE)	HP14-001

On September 15, 2014, TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP (TransCanada) filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a Petition for Order Accepting Certification under SDCL §49-41B-27 seeking an order accepting certification of the energy facility permit issued in Docket HP09-001 for construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline. On June 29, 2010, the Commission issued an Amended Final Decision and Order; Notice of Entry granting a permit to TransCanada for construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline. TransCanada now seeks an order accepting certification pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-27. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B, specifically 49-41B-27, and ARSD Chapters 20:10:01, specifically 20:10:01:22.04, and 20:10:22.

On September 18, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 15, 2014, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. Applications for Party Status were received from forty-three persons, and on November 4, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Granting Intervention and Party Status to forty-two of the applicants. Three parties have since been granted withdrawal of party status. On December 17, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Granting Motion to Define Issues and Setting Procedural Schedule (Procedural Schedule). In the Procedural Schedule, the Commission ordered parties to file pre-filed testimony by April 2, 2015. That Order was later amended by the Commission to allow Rosebud Sioux Tribe until April 10, 2015, to file pre-filed testimony. The Order was again amended to allow parties until April 27, 2015, to file pre-filed rebuttal testimony, and then to allow parties until April 28, 2015, to file witness lists and exhibit lists.

On April 14, 2015, the Commission granted, in part, motions to compel discovery filed by Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Dakota Rural Action, and Yankton Sioux Tribe. All documents provided as a result of any Commission Order granting a motion to compel was to be provided by Friday, April 17, 2015.

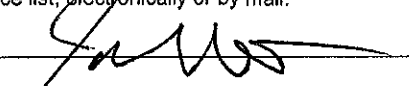
On April 24, 2015, the Commission received a Joint Motion for Continuance and Relief from Scheduling Order (Joint Motion) from Dakota Rural Action, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Yankton Sioux Tribe, Bold Nebraska, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Indigenous Environmental Network later filed a Motion to Join in the Joint Motion for Continuance and Relief from Scheduling Order. TransCanada filed Keystone's Opposition to Joint Motion for Continuance on April 24, 2015.

On April 24, 2015, the Commission issued a Notice and Order for Motion Hearing on Less than Ten Days' Notice. On April 27, 2015, the Commission considered the Joint Motion. After hearing oral arguments, the Commission voted unanimously to grant the Joint Motion and instructed Staff to propose a revised schedule at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting.

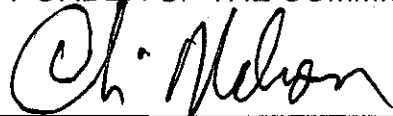
It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Joint Motion for Continuance and Relief from Scheduling Order is granted.

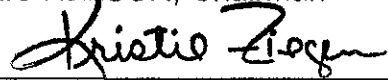
Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of April, 2015.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
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 or by mail.	
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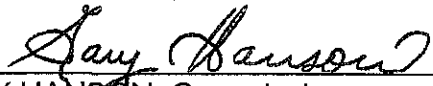
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



CHRIS NELSON, Chairman



KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner



GARY HANSON, Commissioner