

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF) TRANSCANADA KEYSTONE PIPELINE, LP) FOR ORDER ACCEPTING CERTIFICATION) OF PERMIT ISSUED IN DOCKET HP09-001) TO CONSTRUCT THE KEYSTONE XL) PIPELINE)	ORDER SETTING FINAL) MOTIONS AND DECISION) DATES) HP14-001)
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On September 15, 2014, TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP (TransCanada or Keystone) 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 and 20:10:01 and 20:10:22.

An evidentiary hearing was held beginning on Monday, July 27, 2015, in Room 414 of the State Capitol Building. The hearing was extended to include Saturday, August 1, 2015, by order dated July 30, 2015, and then continued from August 3 to August 5, 2015. The evidentiary hearing was conducted by Commission General Counsel John J. Smith, who acted as Hearing Examiner. Commissioners Chris Nelson and Gary Hanson attended the hearing in person. Due to medical treatment, Commissioner Kristie Fiegen elected to participate by reviewing the hearing transcript as allowed under SDCL § 1-26-24. It is therefore

ORDERED, that final motions shall be filed and served by all parties who wish to submit motions no later than 5:00 p.m. CST on December 30, 2015; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Commission shall make its decision on this docket at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 5, 2016, beginning at 9:30 A.M. CST in Rm. 413, Capitol Building, Pierre, S.D.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of December, 2015.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</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 or by mail.</p> <p>By: <u>Karen E. Cremer</u></p> <p>Date: <u>12/23/2015</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner