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*Public Utilities Commission
Dusty Johnson, Chairman
500 East Capitol Ave
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070*

RE: Resolution of Support for Keystone Pipeline Project

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Please find enclosed Resolution 24-07 which was adopted by the Board of Clark County Commissioners on December 18th, 2007. This resolution was passed by a 4 to 1 vote showing support of the Keystone Pipeline project.

Sincerely,



*Nancy Worth
Clark County Auditor*

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RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR
KEYSTONE PIPELINE PROJECT
CLARK COUNTY COMMISSION

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Whereas, the Clark County Commission has as part of its mission the goal to improve the lives the citizens of Clark County; and

Whereas, the Clark County Commission encourages economic development by responsible, tax generating improvement projects; and

Whereas, TransCanada, a North American energy infrastructure company, intends to build a 2,149 mile crude oil pipeline, named the Keystone Pipeline Project as a timely and innovative solution to meet the need for energy in the United States; and

Whereas, receiving oil from a reliable and secure onshore oil source such as the oil sands of northern Alberta will help reduce the United States' reliance on oil from offshore sources such as the Middle East and will help bring added competition to the world oil markets thus improving the lives of our citizens; and

Whereas, the Clark County Commission believes that transporting oil by underground pipeline is the safest and most reliable way to transport oil to production facilities; and

Whereas, the Keystone Pipeline will run through 10 counties in South Dakota, including Clark County, and will generate more than \$9 million in property taxes; and

Whereas, Clark County will receive an estimated \$1,369,565.98 in ad valorem property taxes in the first year the Keystone Pipeline operates; and

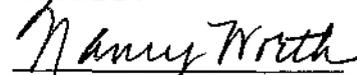
Whereas, the Clark County Commission is satisfied that TransCanada will be required to take all steps necessary to obtain permits from federal and state regulatory agencies and county and township authorities to ensure the safety of the public and the environmental protection of the land; and

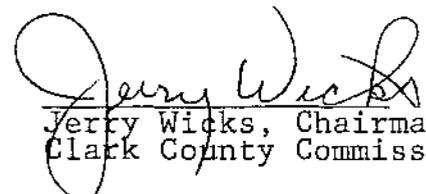
Whereas, TransCanada has assured the Clark County Commission that it will work closely with townships to respect the rights of landowners across South Dakota, be a good steward of the land which it shall cross, and work diligently and cooperatively with regard to the condition of township roads during and after construction.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Clark County Commission does support the Keystone Pipeline Project and believes that TransCanada will be a positive corporate neighbor, a good steward of the land, and a positive contributor to the economy of South Dakota during the construction of the pipeline and beyond.

Dated this 18th day of December, 2007.

ATTEST:


Nancy Worth, Clark County
Auditor


Jerry Wicks, Chairman
Clark County Commissioners