

To The Public Utilities Commission

To start I am not much for the pipeline. My concerns are pretty much the same that you have heard and will hear. I am a land owner and renter of land that the pipeline will cross and run close to. My concern is with leaks and spills. If a leak or spill occurs, I maybe thinking on a very large spill which could happen, and contaminates our ground water for human and livestock use what would happen. If a spill or leak occurs and a large area is affected our farms could suffer due to the closeness of our crop land to the pipeline. If no crops or feed could be grown then the livestock part of our farm would also suffer. A fair part of our crop ground including where it crosses is considered highly erodable by the Soil Conservation and Farm Service Agency. If this soil is contaminated to the point that not much will grow how do I stay in compliance with their Rules.

If there are damages due to leaks from what I have been able to find out is that monetary damages will be awarded. Hopefully enough to pipe water

in if the aquifer is not contaminated.
As far as soil contamination I would hope
the monetary damages would not be for
what the land is worth because we do
not wish to sell it. Past generations worked
hard for this land and future generations
might want to keep working the land.

How do you put a dollar figure on that.
As far as the easement contract. I tried
to have some changes made. A couple
changes were made but as far as what
would happen or what I wanted to happen
in case of a leak or spill that affected the
water or soil could not or would not be
written into the contract. I wanted
it added in case of a leak or spill I had
at my hand a written document to refer
to. ~~go to more than one pipeline an easement~~

And my last comment is do not let them
exercise Eminent Domain. These people deserve
the right to refuse this pipeline or their
easements or at least have it read the way
they want to. TransCanada came to us
we didn't go to them.

Thank You. *Rick Hastings*

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