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Against the reasons
In the application to the SD PUC for a permit for the Keystone pipeline under the Energy Conversion and Transmission Facility Act under 2, 2, F Pipeline it says maximum operating pressure will be 1440 lbs pressure per square inch. Dr Aberdeen Buster said it could go to ^{about} 2000 lbs pressure. Why can't they tell us & print the Truth. They say 435,000 barrels a day to 591,000 barrels per day. If you up the barrels that much the pressure will have to go up. By 2015 they want to nearly double the 4 million barrels a day shipped.

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It says there are no lateral side lines in S.D. Ralph in the Aberdeen paper says there is a possibility. With the Gorilla Project released the day after PUC had meetings of confidentially parts of Trans Canada, ^{they were} & told them to open them up by 5 pm on ^{Friday} June 15, and they are still confidential on internet what are they trying to hide. If everything is so good as they say about the project why are they hiding facts from us. Think about it, there is a smoke oil line

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proposed to come through S.D. & by Elk
Point. At the same time we hear ~~Elk~~
~~Point is buying~~ land ^{is being bought} for a refinery.
Would one spend Billions of Dollars to
build a refinery if they are not assured
of a product being delivered to them
to refine. One does not have to smart
to know these are together. Dusty
on TV Sunday night at 10:30 you
even made the statement you felt the
2 might be linked together.

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Dusty you also said "The company
has thousands of pipelines and they
are no stranger to this line, but
Dusty they do NOT have a crude
oil pipeline like this. This is the
1st crude oil pipeline. Nicole Aiken
told us in Aberdeen at our
meeting this is the 1st one. So how
can they know so much about the
outcome of the project. I have studied
many of their pipelines and all their spills
& fires and all the land ruined. An oil
spill in Glenavon the week before April
21, 2007. 4000 barrels were skimmed off
a slough. What did this do to the water,
fish, and land & plant life.

Trans Canada admits there will be spills. 1000 barrels (42,000 gallons) oil spill may occur anywhere along Trans Canada Keystone Pipeline once in 12 years, a 10,000 barrels (420,000 gallons) oil spill may occur in 39 years, and a spill of more than 10,000 barrels might occur in 50 years. The United States Geological Survey estimated that an average of 83 crude oil spills occurred in US during 3 year period of 1994-1996, with each spill about 50,000 barrels or 2,100,000 gallons of crude oil. This will ruin a lot of land and rivers.

TransCanada has had 576 spills in the past 6 years for an average of 96 spills in 1 year. What about the loss of crop production, property values, and future earnings of the farmers as a result of the contamination by an oil spill. A crude oil leak near Bemidji Minnesota in 1979 was never fully cleaned up and soil remains sterile 28 years later,

What if there is a pipeline accident. The pipes are too shallow, Trans Canada says they only have to be 2 feet deep, but they will go $1\frac{1}{2}$ ft ~~deep~~ deeper, that is $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft deep. ~~That is in application to PUC.~~ The other information says 4 ft deep. So what is it $3\frac{1}{2}$ or 4 ft. There is a lot of difference in the figures. What even tells us they will comply with any of these?

What if there is a pipeline accident. The pipelines are too shallow and they are not thick enough. Trans Canada needs to have a ^{fund} ~~fund~~ to compensate those affected by pipeline accidents.

I want to see a 20 year easement not a perpetual easement of ^{more} more than 100 years. Then if Trans Canada does not keep their obligations it is terminated.

The easement says one or more pipelines. Trans Canada is talking about 1 pipeline. It looks like when we sign it they can do whatever they want with our land. We've worked too hard to pay for our land and make a living for our family and I will not sign something that gives someone the right to do whatever they want with it.

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If we sign the easement & give
TransCanada all my rights to my land
and all my rights to take action against
them if it comes to this. If there is a
oil leak and the gases hurt our lungs
or a explosion and someone is killed
we can't do anything about it. If they have
such a good record and have such a
good pipeline why are they having
to be discharged from this?

Trans Canada wants to know everything
about our land but we are suppose
to be kept in the dark about what
they want to do ~~to~~ it by keeping
everything confidential. We should
of had all the information years ago
as they moved along planning it.
On internet there are 45 corporations,
3 not available to public & 7 areas
were open to public. If its all so
good & great why is it hiding all
these from all us.

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TransCanada says they will have 20 employees in the US to operate the 1073 miles of this pipeline, 23 pumping stations and 43 mainline valves with operation staff located in Omaha, Ne. If there would be 3 shifts of the 20 that would be 60 or 7 employees on ~~duty~~ at one time. That means if they go ^{duty} alone that would be ^{approximately} 1 man to 155 miles by 2's would be 328 miles to care for & by 3's 539 miles to care for. That's not enough & they need to be stationed by each pumping station so if there is a problem they can shut down immediately. They say computers will be working to do some of the jobs we know computers they fail & often. We are a mile from a pumping station with 1400 to 1700 lbs pressure at the start of flow by the station by us if there was a break and major oil spill our land & livelihood of earning for the land is over. Many spills are told about in and it's not near as safe for spills as they think it is especially with no previous line like this for TransCanada. This is very dangerous to us. Our pressure per square inch is a lot higher than where some of these major failures were.

In the SDPUC application for permit
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Transliterated say there are 3 structures within
1 mile of ^{Carpenter} pumping station. The town
of Carpenter is within 1 mile of station.
There are ~~49~~ buildings or dwellings,
A small child could count better than that.
If you need could name them for you.

12 homes 5 businesses 1 church 25 structures 6 ^{large} first tanks = 49
Houses Businesses Extra Buildings

Madsen Farm			
Mary Opsahl			0
Harold Laks			2
Pearls House			1
Maynard Opsahl			2
Wicks house			1
Breda house			3
Jacobsons			1
Iverson			1
Walter House			1
Wicks House	Arsons	Wicks	
Trailer House			1
Ma & Pas House	✓ Wheat Growers	1 supply Buildings	1
	✓ Fertilizer Plant	6 first Tanks	2
	✓ Post office		
	✓ Carpenter Store		2
	✓ Cafe		
	Old Cafe	well house	1
	✓ Methodist Church		

If station in spunk county will add more

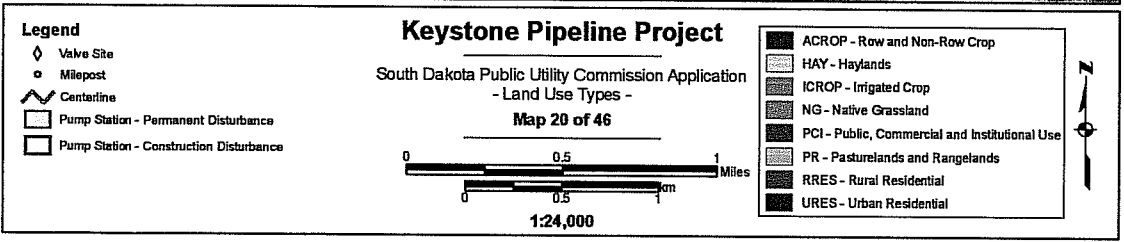
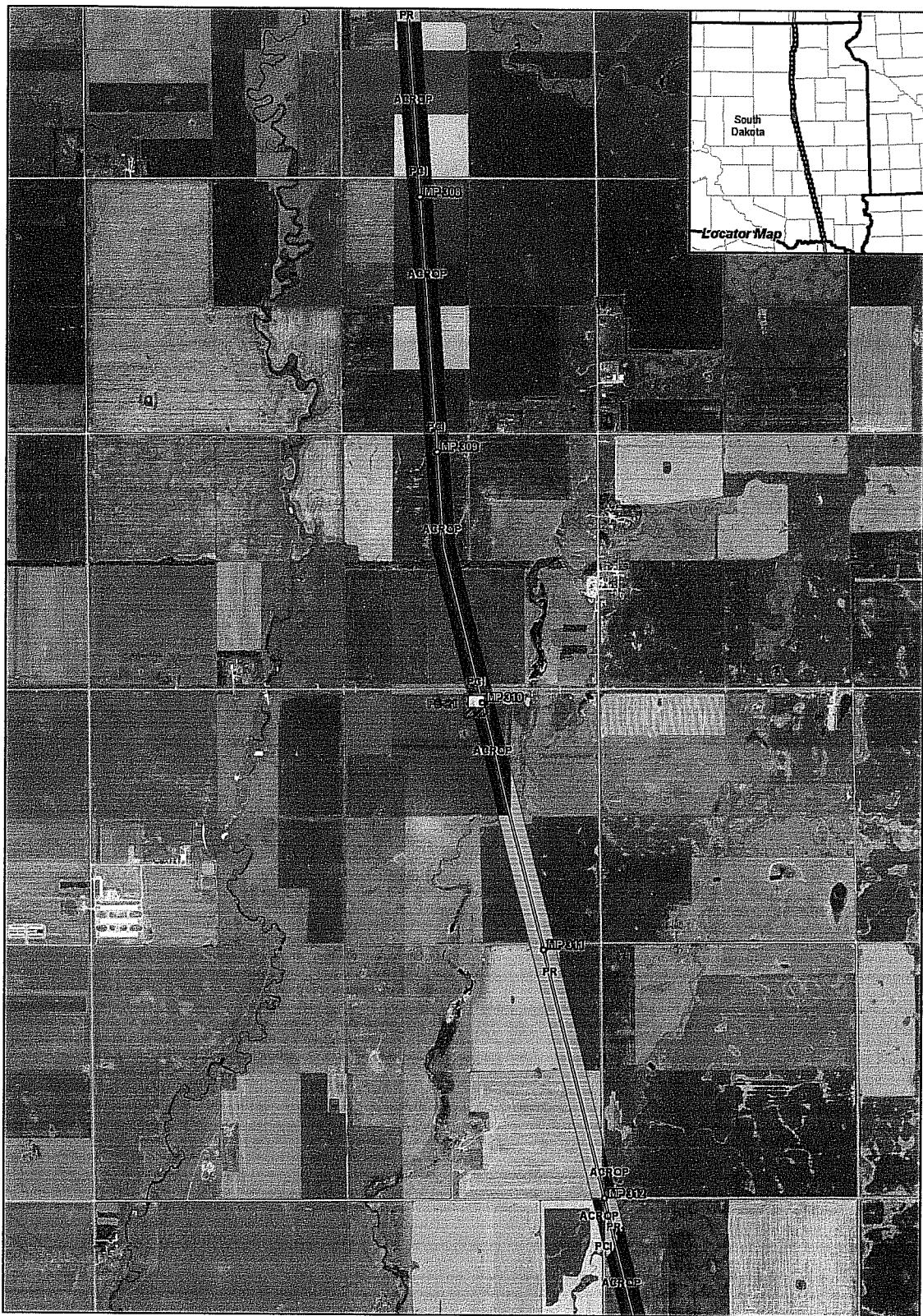
House	Extra Buildings
R Opshal	1
Salem Waldner	16

The ~~proposed~~ ^{lying} The land buyers are doing to us is not the way we South Dakotans do business. I have a elderly uncle & Aunt that get a call ^{about} every 2 weeks to sign. They have to sign now. All permits have been OKed and the project is ready to begin digging. ~~that~~ He wants to come & see them so bad & they don't want to see him because we told them he's lying the Project has not been OKed. They too want business & can't get

3 other neighbors I know were lied ^{to} to too & they signed. Why did they not have to wait to get the permits and then go get the easements

Jeff Rauh told us in Aberdeen he wants to know who agents are telling these lies they will be stopped. It is over a month since the children went to the court house

Our land is ~~improved~~ ^{improved} ~~for~~ ^{as} ~~the~~ ^{premier}
or rangelands. ~~which~~ ^{which} includes lands that were
plowed at sometime in the past and replanted
to pasture grass, and wetlands. This is not true
then estimation of kinds of land is not ~~not~~ correct as
in there 3 miles the graph is backwards.
Being you say it is grassland are you going to
plant a strip of grass in our tilled field,
when you are finished ??



If Trans Canada Needs to have The Pipeline so bad They should go to the interstate and get oil through our state they show From Sisseton to Elk Point, the state already owns the ~~interstate~~ right of way. There would be far less disruption of productive farmland there is plenty of room in the ditch for construction, the highway would provide good access for inspection, operation and emergency response. In the event of a leak TransCanada will respond quicker to a Governor calling than they will if the call is from a farmer or landowner ~~in some remote rural areas.~~

These are my ^{feelings} on the project and I do ask you to Please deny TransCanada from shoving this project on us.

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