

Dear PUC,

Recently, a BDM water line broke north of Britton, causing many homes and livestock to be without water for several days. It took extra time to fix the line, because of the location of the pipe. It ran through a low spot and was under water. This brought to my mind how dangerous and reckless it would be to run an oil pipeline through our sandy soil, with a water table that is so high, and an aquifer that is so close. Wise Counsel has suggested this pipeline's route be moved to heavier soil comprising more of clay. Why do our own elected officials want to put at risk, our drinking water so easily? Do we care if this change in route costs TransCanada more money? Their wealth can easily handle it. If our water supply is tainted, so that a foreign company has a better profit loss statement then shame on all who don't care. Please make TransCanada move their pipeline, so we don't have to look back on this someday, and wish we had. Please protect our land and water. Thank You

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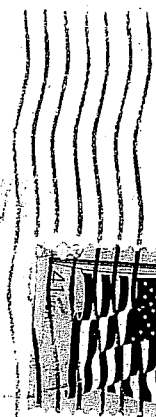
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