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Dear PUC Commissioners:

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Last week there was a break in the BDM pipeline and our farm and others served by this pipeline were without water for several days. The old adage: "You never miss the water till the well runs dry" came to mind. We, in this state are so used to the availability of clean water that it becomes taken for granted.

Pipelines do break. The results of the break in one of the pipelines could be catastrophic in its effects on our clean water supply. There is another adage that comes to mind: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

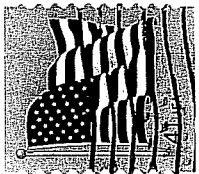
It would be something of an inconvenience for the oil people to reroute this pipeline around our precious aquifer, but compare to the problems this area would face in the event of a leak, their cooperation would cause minimal trouble.

After all, they're not doing us a favor to demand our land for their pipeline. We are doing them a favor to ^{allow them to} use our land for this purpose. The very least they can do is cooperate with such a reasonable request.

We're depending on you!

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