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Dear Commissioners,

The Keystone Pipeline has been a learning experience for everyone and the Keystone XL is reflecting those experiences.

The Keystone was set up for 130-140 mile spreads in South Dakota. Neither spread got reclamation completed in their construction year. The XL is divided into 80 mile spreads as a remedy.

The role of the Liaison was set up to be reactionary. When there was an issue the Liaison would respond. It appears that the role of the Liaison in the XL Project is becoming more pro-active. With the lessons learned from the Keystone Project, the Liaison can anticipate and avoid a lot of the landowner issues and road problems that were associated with the Keystone.

The job of the Keystone Liaison will be paramount this year. The land division of the Keystone will be phased out this summer. There is still land to be reclaimed on right-of way in Marshall County from 2008 construction and a sizeable amount of reclamation left from 2009 construction. The Keystone landowners only resource person will be the Liaison who is to be here for them at least a year past reclamation.

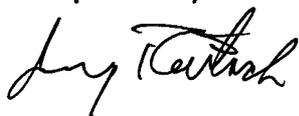
The job of the XL should be more proactive and as such should start now to get the groundwork done before construction. Spreads 5 & 7, scheduled for 2011 construction are each about 80 miles long and are separated by spread 6. The distance of travel to cover construction is roughly 240 miles.

Construction for 2012 in South Dakota will include spreads 4, 6, & 8. I believe this will cover 314 miles.

Would it be reasonable to have the Keystone Liaison work a year past reclamation on the Keystone as originally intended, hire a Liaison for the XL and then in 2012 have the Keystone Liaison help cover the 314 miles on the XL?

Would it be unreasonable to take a pause to reassess the Liaison's job description and limits and make a decision at your next meeting?

Respectfully Submitted

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