

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
TRANSCANADA KEYSTONE PIPELINE, LP)
FOR ORDER ACCEPTING CERTIFICATION)
OF PERMIT ISSUED IN DOCKET HP09-001)
TO CONSTRUCT THE KEYSTONE XL)
PIPELINE)**

**ORDER GRANTING
REQUEST TO WITHDRAW
PARTY STATUS**

HP14-001

On September 15, 2014, TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP (Keystone) filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a Petition for Order Accepting Certification under SDCL §49-41B-27 (Petition) seeking an order accepting certification of the energy facility permit issued in Docket HP09-001 for construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline (Project). On June 29, 2010, the Commission issued an Amended Final Decision and Order; Notice of Entry (Decision) granting a permit to Keystone for construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline. Because it has been more than four years since the permit was issued and construction has not commenced, Keystone now seeks an order accepting certification pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-27. On November 4, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Granting Intervention and Party Status granting intervention to forty-two intervenors. On February 17, 2015, Sierra Club filed a letter requesting withdrawal of its party status. On February 18, 2015, South Dakota Wildlife Federation filed a letter requesting withdrawal of its party status.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 2, 2015, the Commission considered the requests to withdraw party status. The Commission voted unanimously to allow the two parties to withdraw.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the requests of South Dakota Wildlife Federation and the Sierra Club to withdraw as parties to this docket are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of March, 2015.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.
By: <u>[Signature]</u>
Date: <u>3/4/15</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

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KRISTIE FIÉGEN, Commissioner

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner