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Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 9:56:09 AM
To: PUC
Subject: Support for TransCanada KXL Pipeline Re-Certification - SD PUC - 2015

Dear Commissioners:

Re: Support for TransCanada KXL Permit Re certification - SD PUC, 2015

I'm writing to respectfully urge the Commission to carefully consider the past pipeline permit certification and the updated facts pertaining the re-certification same for TransCanada.

The project remains as important the U.S. as it did when the earlier permit was awarded, and now even more so, to safely move volumes of U.S. produced domestic oil from MT and ND, some of which is now being moved by rail due to constraints in pipeline systems in that area.

I always maintain, ***the best predictor of future performance is past behaviors.*** Please consider the past behaviors of TransCanada in the work they do in building and operating their existing network of pipelines (gas and oil) in both SD and the U.S. Despite a vocal minority of opposition, these existing pipeline systems quietly do their job every day in a safe and efficient fashion. It stands to reason the KXL pipeline will be the same in the future and bring a collection of side benefits (taxes, temporary construction jobs, permanent jobs to maintain the pipeline) to the citizens of SD in Counties and communities where the pipeline asset is located.

I respectfully call on the PUC to exercise prudent judgement in balancing facts and rhetoric and make the best decision for the citizens of SD on re-certifying the previously granted permit.

Sincerely,

R. & T. Latimer
[redacted]
Omaha, NE, 68130

Latimer Family
Omaha, Nebraska, USA

From: PUC
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 1:11 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: HP14-001

Latimer family:

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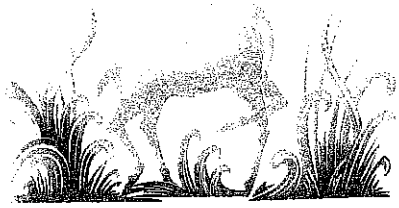

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Dear Sirs:

NO to EXL Pipeline
Use $ to advance
Railroads. Any spills
then can be seen &
dealt with above ground.
Spoil the water
supply & we are ALL
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(tho no one says it
out loud) that it
is in Low supply
already. Eulyla Foster

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August 4, 2015

Eulyla Foster
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Fulton SD 57340[redacted]

Dear Ms. Foster:

Thank you for your postcard regarding the Keystone XL pipeline certification docket. It will be posted in the electronic public record so my fellow commissioners and other parties in this docket can read it.

You can access the docket by going to www.puc.sd.gov and clicking on Commission Actions, Commission Dockets, Hydrocarbon Pipeline Dockets, 2014 Dockets, and then you will see this docket, HP14-001. I have enclosed some information accessible from our website's home page, a Pipeline Siting Information Guide and a Keystone XL Pipeline Frequently-Asked-Questions document, that may be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

Chris Nelson

From: Sierra Club on behalf of Donna Carr, M.D.[SMTP:SIERRA@SIERRACLUB.ORG]
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 1:33:03 PM
To: PUC
Subject: Please reject the recertification of Keystone XL (Docket HP14-001) Auto forwarded by a Rule

Aug 4, 2015

South Dakota PUC

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I am also troubled by the decision to exclude aboriginal rights and off-reservation rights from the discussion on the whether the KXL pipeline permit should be granted recertification. Construction of this pipeline would put indigenous sacred sites and significant cultural areas at risk.

Finally, I profoundly disagree with the PUC's decision to preclude testimony on climate change from the recertification process. The carbon-intensive tar sands that Keystone XL would unlock will significantly exacerbate climate change, which puts South Dakota's agriculture, water resources, and tourism at risk.

I urge the PUC to think about what's truly in the best long-term interest of South Dakota and reject the recertification of the Keystone XL pipeline.

Sincerely,

Dr. Donna Carr, M.D.
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Encinitas, CA 92024[redacted]
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Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 1:56 PM
To: [redacted]
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From: Sierra Club on behalf of Elizabeth Phillips[SMTP:SIERRA@SIERRACLUB.ORG]
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 12:45:03 PM
To: PUC
Subject: Please reject the recertification of Keystone XL (Docket HP14-001) Auto forwarded by a Rule

Aug 3, 2015

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Sincerely,

Ms. Elizabeth Phillips
[redacted]
Rapid City, SD 57702[redacted]
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From: PUC
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 1:01 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: HP14-001

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