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April 21, 2015

South Dakota Association of County Commissioners
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Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for your resolution 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 online 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.

On the PUC website's homepage, you will find links titled Pipeline Siting Info Guide and Keystone XL Pipeline Updates. These documents explain the processing of a pipeline siting case according to the South Dakota laws governing this commission. The latter links to some of the most-often heard questions about the project and process, and the answers. Copies of these documents are also enclosed.

Sincerely,

Chris Nelson

From: Lanny V Stricherz [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2015 5:48:56 PM
To: PUC
Subject: HP14-001: No to Keystone XL
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Dear Mistrs Hanson and Nelson and Ms Fiegen as well as staff,

I am writing to you today regarding Keystone XL Pipeline certification in docket HP14-001. I am asking for you to reject Trans Canada's application based on several grounds. First as I am sure you are aware, Trans Canada has not lived up to the promises they made to the taxpayers of the school districts whose land they crossed with the original Keystone Pipeline.

Second, we are at a crossroads at this time in world history on whether or not we are going to continue to burn fossil fuel and also ignore the possible damage that we can do to our own land, water and air in the process, and including in the process of burning the fossil fuel, destroying the very atmosphere of the planet on which we live.

Finally, because of the Native American teen suicide epidemic which has escalated recently on the Pine Ridge Reservation, with 11 suicides of children between the ages of 12 and 18 from December 1, 2014 to March 23 of this year, I have written to the President and would ask that you join in the effort to get the recently disclosed solar panel manufacturing that the President talked about to be brought to the Pine Ridge.

We need to solve our energy needs, but we need to do it responsibly. We can also help to give hope to a segment of our society that has been ignored and has lost hope by creating jobs in the energy sector, but jobs that would provide clean energy.

Sincerely,
Lanny Stricherz

[REDACTED]
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

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From: smore[REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2015 8:09:39 PM
To: PUC
Subject: HP14-001: No on Keystone XL
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For these reasons and more, reject Keystone XL.

Sincerely,
Shirley J. Harrington-Moore

[REDACTED]
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

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From: Carl Kline [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 8:22:34 AM
To: PUC
Subject: Re: Keystone Pipeline Hearings
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My mailing address is:

Carl Kline
[REDACTED]
Brookings, SD 57006
[REDACTED]

On Apr 21, 2015, at 8:16 AM, PUC wrote:

Thank you for your message. Please provide your mailing or street address along with your message. The street/ mailing and email address will be removed for the public version of your message that will be placed in the Keystone XL Pipeline docket for which you are commenting.

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
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From: Carl Kline [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 7:26:16 AM
To: PUC
Subject: Keystone Pipeline Hearings
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April 21, 2015

Dear Public Utilities Commission,

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When I started thinking about this letter, the focus was simply the proposed Keystone XL pipeline. I'm deeply and passionately opposed to it, as I'm convinced it will dig us farther into a fossil fuel future that means climate catastrophe. But more importantly, I love this good earth we've been given and don't want to see any bit of it lost or destroyed; not the pine trees in the Black Hills; or the golden eagles flying down the canyon; or the bison running down the hill; or the cougar eyeing the deer; or the sweet flowing waters of Rapid Creek. It's all precious and sacred to me.

But as I sat down to write you about the pipeline, I was looking at a picture of our grandchildren. They are at an age in the picture where all five are sitting on or close to our laps. Like all grandparents, we want the very best for them and their future. And I must confess, sometimes I feel sad about the world I'll be departing and they'll be inheriting. I've begun to realize that there's a fundamental issue at stake with the pipeline. It's about violence, about how we understand the world and choose to act in it. Are we at war, or can we live in harmony?

For a long time I've been thinking how when I was born, the world was just giving birth to nuclear weapons. When I was still small, two of them visited absolute horror on civilian populations. That's part of the legacy of my generation to my grandchildren. That man-made hell of nuclear weapons is still very much with us and threatens through accident or hate to visit us again.

More recently, I've become aware of the dangers to human health and the health of all living things by the war we wage against "pests." So we kill the bad bugs with toxic chemicals, like glyphosate, only to see them become worse bugs and as we watch our children develop more insidious diseases. I'm convinced the pesticide legacy of my generation is a poisoned nest for my grandchildren.

I'm reminded of how much we're at war with each other, as our U.S. Senate is unable to even ask for background checks on gun sales. It's as if people are at war with the government, or the police, or the criminals, or their neighbors and family members, or even school children and marathon runners. It's all fear and war and little harmony, though 99% of the nation desires and deserves it. My grandchildren need it.

And most alarming and most relevant to the decisions you will make about the pipeline, is our war on the earth. Perhaps it's the fundamental war that feeds all the others. Somehow, we've lost our connection to the earth as our home, to "God's Body," as the theologian Sallie McFague puts it; or to Mother Earth, as Indian nations have long understood.

If you will just look at those pictures of the tar sands fields in Canada and the wonderful boreal forest that's being destroyed by that mining; if you will just talk to the Indian nations being decimated by toxic air and water from the mining process; if you will just watch those huge machines, grabbing trees and pulling them out of the earth to clear the pipeline path in Texas; if you could just walk the fields of those stolen by the first Keystone and see the fruitful grasses turned to weeds; if you would just walk through the stench and back yards of the spill in Arkansas or canoe the Kalamazoo river in Michigan, even now, years after that spill, or walk the rivers edge in Yellowstone or fish for shrimp in the Gulf or talk to the shrimpers; if you would do this, then you might have some first hand knowledge of the despoiling of the planet by fossil fuels and the war we're waging on nature and on those living close to the pillage.

But one fears, you'll instead watch the news of "natural" disasters, like Hurricane Sandy, shake your head in disbelief with the rest of us and maybe offer a silent prayer for the victims.

Sadly, we're beholden to a spirit of war in this country. We're unable to see that we're all related; that what we do to the trees we do to ourselves; what we do to the insects comes home to bite us; what we do to another impacts our own spirit; what we do to the earth we do to our home.

I agree with Martin Luther King, Jr. We have a choice, between nonviolence and nonexistence. And it's never been more evident and more pressing than now with our war on the earth. As some have remarked, at least with nuclear weapons our war madness is reversible. And we've made some modest strides. But with climate change, what we're doing to our earth home will be with us, even without the pipeline, for generations to come. The carbon we've already put in the

environment is too much with us. And all of this while those more harmonious alternatives are readily available; wind, solar, geo thermal, hydro, wave action.

There's a film I've been showing my students for several semesters. It's called "A Sea Change." It's a great film. It's about a grandfather and his grandson on a search together for the truth about climate change and what's happening to the oceans. We don't hear much about carbon in the oceans, so the film is educational as well as engaging. One learns about pteropods. I had no idea there was such a thing and their importance in the ocean ecosystem. We're connected to them!

So I like the film because it's educational, because it ends with hope and faith in the rationality of the human community, and because it's about a grandfather intent on trying to leave a better planet for his grandchild.

Thank goodness for all those other grandparents working to do the same, who aren't at war with the world but wanting to live in harmony with it. And my prayer for you is, that you will help your generation leave a more promising and peaceful legacy for your grandchildren, one without the Keystone XL pipeline.

Sincerely,
Rev. Carl Kline, Grandparent
Brookings, SD

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, April 20, 2015 8:08:29 PM

To: PUC

Subject: HP14-001: No on Keystone XL

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kim zimbelman

[REDACTED]
Manhattan, KS 66503

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HP14-001 - Message (HTML)

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Subject: HP14-001

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From: Wendy Schmitz [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 11:05:46 AM
To: PUC
Subject: Re: FW: HP14-001: No on Keystone XL
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Does not sending my full name and street address disqualify my message? Interesting.

Wendy M. Schmitz
[REDACTED]
Deadwood, SD 57732

Wendy M. Luedke

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From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 11:13 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: HP14-001

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From: Jeanette Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 2:46:57 PM
To: PUC
Subject: Re: HP14-001: No on Keystone XL
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Jeanette Williams

[REDACTED]
Vermillion, SD 57069

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Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 3:03 PM

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From: Wendy Schmitz [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 1:21:16 PM
To: PUC
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I am against Keystone XL - there is very little benefit and a lot at risk. I do not trust TransCanada's safety record nor do I believe carving up our land will bring jobs and wealth to our communities.

For these reasons and more, reject Keystone XL.

Sincerely,

Wendy M. Luedke

[REDACTED]
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From: Sherry [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 12:53:12 PM
To: PUC
Subject: Re: HP14-001: No on Keystone XL
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My address is [REDACTED], Sioux Falls SD, 571023

Sherry Korthals
[REDACTED]

Dear South Dakota Public Utilities Commissioners Hanson, Nelson, and Fiegen:

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For these reasons and more, I expect you to soundly reject Keystone XL.

Sherry Korthals
[REDACTED]

Sioux Falls, SD

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From: PUC

Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2015 3:17 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: HP14-001

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