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RE: Keystone XL Pipeline Certification

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

The Pennington County Commission is writing this letter to express our support for the Keystone XL Pipeline and urge the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission to approve the order accepting certification of the permit issued. The Keystone XL Pipeline will not only improve American energy security and booster out economy for years to come, but we will immediately see thousands of jobs created to construct, monitor and maintain this pipeline in the future.

Pennington County strongly believes that the pipeline is in our country's national interest because it will improve our national security, provide a long-term, stable energy supply to the United States, create jobs and spur economic growth. The pipeline will provide more than 700,000 barrels of oil each day from the Dakotas, Montana, Oklahoma and Alberta, Canada to refineries along the Texas Gulf Coast reducing our dependence on oil imports from unreliable sources. The pipeline has been found by the State Department EIS to have minimal impact on the environment and will have a degree of safety greater than any other crude oil pipeline in operation in the United States.

Locally, the Keystone XL Pipeline will cross portions of Pennington, Harding, Butte, Perkins, Meade, Haakon, Jones, Lyman and Tripp Counties in South Dakota. In our current times of decreasing revenues and increasing expenses, the pipeline will provide these Counties with critical tax revenues.

We urge you to support the Keystone XL Pipeline for these reasons and approve the order accepting certification of the permit issued.

Sincerely,
The Pennington County Board of Commissioners

Lyndell Petersen, Chairman

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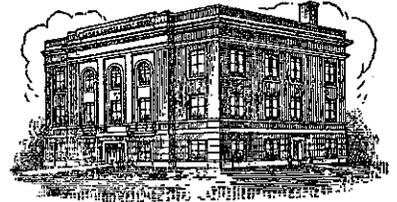
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RE: Keystone XL Pipeline

Dear Commissioners,

The Lyman County Board of Commissioners would like to offer support for the Keystone XL Pipeline. Lyman County is in favor of the project as it will create a safer, more economical solution to carrying oil in the United States and keeping it here.

As a small section of the pipeline will lay in Lyman County, the potential for additional Property Tax dollars along with the economic stimulus that will be generated during construction of the project will go a long way in helping Lyman County continue building up its current infrastructure.

The many benefits of the pipeline for all of South Dakota are enough for us to encourage your certification for the South Dakota Permit.

Thank you for your time,

Leroy Choal, Chairman
Lyman County Board of Commissioners

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