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500 E. Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: Docket: HP 14--002

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UTILITIES COMMISSION

Commissioners of the South Dakota PUC

I am writing you today to express my disapproval of the Dakota Access pipeline. There will be a serious economic and environmental condition that will negatively affect South Dakota. The proposed route will stop growth in some of the fastest growing areas of South Dakota. Land values will be negatively affected for those with the pipeline on their property, and for landowners near the pipeline. With less development and lower property values, this will reduce state and local tax revenues permanently. Dakota Access has stated that the pipeline will be depreciated over time and South Dakota will end up with no tax revenue after a few years. Dakota Access won't be paying tax on what goes through the pipe and landowners won't be fairly compensated from a company running a business on their land.

The proposed route will damage many acres of farm land and drain tile. In many cases the land will never be back to its most productive state. You will be able to see crop damage many years after the pipeline is installed. Crop damage will continue long after the crop payments have ended.

The Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan for the pipeline leaves many exceptions for Dakota Access not to repair drainage tile back to its original condition. As a farmer this is very concerning to me. I feel this proposed project does not serve or benefit South Dakota. Please deny the permit to build the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Sincerely,

Matthew Anderson


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