

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 6:19 PM

To: Nelson, Chris

Cc: Hanson, Gary (PUC)

Subject: Re: Operating Procedures

Mr. Nelson,

The Native American Tribes are still waiting to be heard in your July 27, 2015 hearing. As a reminder I included our last correspondence between us which proves that you tried to lie to me and to the public about your proceedings. The choice is yours, however your decision is ours to debate and or litigate. As said before "I feel that your commission has **discriminated** against the Native American Tribes whose voices were silenced by your exclusionary practices and unfair **rulings**. I also feel that your rulings jeopardizes South Dakotan's health and safety by disregarding climate reports that hold within them substantial value to these said hearing that deal with this accident prone industry. An industry whose "accidents" contaminate the air, water supplies, and surrounding lands. These types of rulings point to a **violation** of your oath of office. You are in a nutshell, favoring or only allowing one side of the Keystone XL pipeline argument to be presented by implementing these exclusions of **opinion** before your scheduled hearing. I would urge your commission to reconsider your decisions towards the Native American Tribes and the scientific climate data and most **importantly** the impact this will have on your/our natural resources."

Sincerely,

Andrew Weaver

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From: Sierra Club on behalf of Dalaine Bloom[SMTP:SIERRA@SIERRACLUB.ORG]

Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 1:05:06 PM

To: PUC

Subject: Please reject the recertification of Keystone XL (Docket HP14-001) Auto forwarded by a Rule

Jul 22, 2015

South Dakota PUC

Dear PUC,

I'm writing to urge the South Dakota PUC to reject TransCanada's application for recertification of the Keystone XL pipeline construction permit in South Dakota.

The Keystone XL pipeline, which would pump toxic tar sands from Canada through our state to the Gulf of Mexico, is all risk and no reward for South Dakota.

TransCanada has yet to reveal an emergency response plan showing that they can even respond to a major oil spill. Increasing these risks is the fact that the proposed pipeline route places it through 200 miles of high-risk landslide areas in South Dakota and crosses significant waterways, including the Missouri River, a major source of drinking water.

The impacts of so-called "man-camps" and the increased risks of crime, sex trafficking, and sexual violence on vulnerable South Dakota and Native communities, have not been taken into account either.

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 am a Native South Dakotan and A Native American. My Late and Great Father, Frederick P. Whiteface fought in World War II. His Brother, and Our Wonderful Uncle Clifford Whiteface fought in WW II, THE KOREAN CONFLICT AND THE VIETNAM WAR too. I do not think that I should have to live in a Country where People other than We The People get to decide what kind of items and chemicals go into Our lands! This does not benefit South Dakota in the long run and can

and most likely will contaminate Our Water and Other Precious Resources. These Precious Resources maybe PERMANENTLY RUINED AND CONTAMINATED! All so People that We don't Know or live Here in Our State can become RICH!! It WON'T CONTAMINATE THEIR WATER AND LANDS! WHY SHOULD WE LET THIS HAPPEN?! WE DON'T WANT IT AND PLEASE, REJECT IT, Now!

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,

Mrs. Dalaine Bloom

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Rapid City, SD 57701 [REDACTED]

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RESOLUTION 15-22
LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the United States relies - and will continue to rely for many years - on gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel, as well as renewable and alternative sources of energy; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners (SDACC) urges the United States Congress to support continued and increased development and delivery of oil from Canada to the United States; and

WHEREAS, pipelines are the safest method for the transportation of petroleum products when compared to other methods of transportation; and

WHEREAS, safety and the environment are legitimate concerns, the Keystone XL expansion project through South Dakota will meet or exceed all US pipeline safety regulations; and

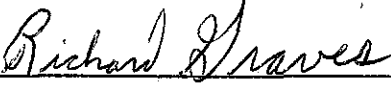
WHEREAS, the Keystone XL pipeline is critical to the creation of South Dakota jobs and to our state's economic, and energy development; and

WHEREAS, TransCanada and the Keystone Pipeline currently provides over \$3.8 Million in additional property tax revenue to eleven (11) South Dakota counties annually; and

WHEREAS, the Keystone XL expansion project is expected to increase the valuation of the nine (9) South Dakota counties through which it passes by 9%; now

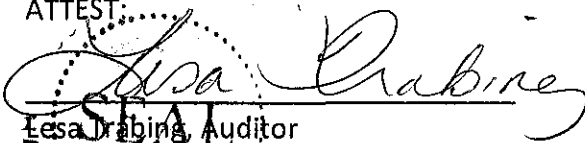
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hanson County Board of Commissioners supports the Keystone XL expansion project and the continued and increased development and delivery of oil from North American oil reserves to American refineries through the State of South Dakota.

Dated this 21st day of July, 2015.



Richard Graves, Chairman
Hanson County Commissioners

ATTEST:



Lisa Crabine, Auditor
Hanson County
(SEAL)
Hanson County