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Dear Public Service Commissioners'

I would like to make a few more comments to have on the record about the TransCanada Keystone Pipeline.

First there is of course the spills, I would like to make you aware that while we were having our hearing in Park River on this project there was a major spill in Burnaby, B. C. at least 50 homes had to be evacuated; the oil crept on to the water; long term toxic effects on wildlife; environmental concerns are being raised; blame is being placed on each other. This oil line is operated by Kinder Morgan Canada. Then the mess in Coffeyville from oil So spills are real and very damaging plus costly to clean up, if ever.

Then there is the global warming/ green house gases. According to the NRDC Press Release on June 11 2007 Canadian tar sands are estimated to contain 1.7 trillion barrels of crude bitumen. The problem comes in getting it out of the ground. After lagging for years, production has doubled over the past decade. The Alberta government and the government of Canada have laid out an aggressive new package of tax breaks, subsidies and discounts royalties to ramp up extraction even more.

To get at tar sands, companies use huge amounts of natural gas-enough to heat 4 million homes last year alone, to generate steam that is pumped deep under ground.

From start to finish the process generates three times the global warming emission of conventional gasoline. Emission from tar sands production totaled 125 million tons in 2003.

"The irony is that extracting energy from the Alberta tar sands actually requires an input of massive amounts of energy. It's counterproductive, could contribute triple the global warming pollution as conventional oil, and devastates the environment. It just doesn't make sense," said NRDC senior attorney Susan Casey-Lefkowitz.

Industry and political leaders are pushing us blindly down a dangerous and expensive energy path. The vast amounts of energy needed to make these fuels means that overall emissions from every gallon could double or even triple. Mining fuels to put in our gas tanks would have devastating impacts on local communities and the landscape. It will suck up valuable water in places where it is already in short supply. Said NRDC Energy Analyst Devron Lovaas.

People are saying that the pipeline will benefit ND in the way of Tax Revues. ( Which I doubt when you figure the costs to repair roads, clean up leaks, and the liability for ND that goes with it.) but why should us North Dakota's whom have paid taxes all our life's to the state suffer because of it? We are the citizens whom have made this state our home and have left our money here; not like Keystone will do.

The state of ND has a lot of potential to produce our own energy. (Wind- towers , Biofuels) for example. That will be taken away if Keystone takes productive farm land away. Nothing will grow when the temp. of this crude is 74 degrees at all times. Plus a leak will render the land sterile. It will not be just one pipeline but several. As the amount is to great for one pipe so there goes another pipe then you need another to bring the refined oil back up so there is the 3<sup>rd</sup>. So there goes a quarter of land.

We DO NOT believe that it is a common carrier as ND will be just a pass through state. A Keystone map shows how the pipeline lines up perfectly with an existing pipe going to Texas. Is that because they can get cheap labor from the Gulf of Mexico to refine it and then send it back to Canada? I have enclosed the map

Although the Keystone charts and graphs are impressive and I am sure their representatives have very high college degrees they do not know the lay of the land like the landowner does. They know where every rock is, low spot that doesn't drain, pothole.etc. The owner knows his land like the back of his hand. So how can Keystone come in and say this is the best place for a pipeline? North Dakota is an Agricultural State not an Industrial State!

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