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Re: Landowner contacts, Case No. PU-06-421

Dear Mr. Kranda:

On 28 September 2007 and 03 October 2007 the Commission provided copies of documents in the Commission's Public Input File in Case No. PU-06-421, TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP siting application. Some of these documents concern the contacts with landowners regarding easements. In the past, specifically at the hearing, TransCanada assured the Commission that it would address easement acquisition practices used by land agents that have resulted in landowner complaints to the Commission. The Commission continues to receive complaints from landowners concerning TransCanada's easement acquisition process. The Commission has also been informed that, during the easement acquisition process, landowners are informed that certain state agencies have approved the route.

While easement negotiations are not currently an issue in the TransCanada siting application, the Commission is very concerned about the nature of the contacts and takes seriously its role in resolving utility/consumer differences.

At its 03 October 2007 agenda meeting, the Commission requested that TransCanada respond to this letter in writing at its earliest convenience providing information about standard procedures used by the company's easement acquisition, whether agents are conforming to the standard procedures, and how those procedures may be changed to ensure mutually responsible company/landowners easement negotiations.

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