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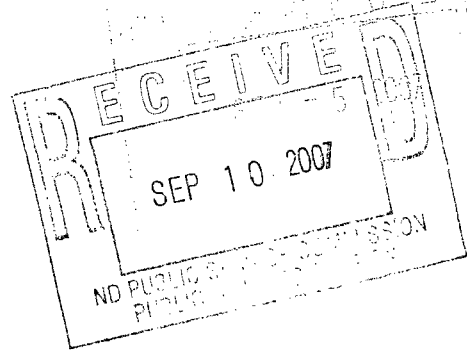
# City of Park River

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Public Service Commission  
State Capitol  
600 E Blvd. Ave.  
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Re: Keystone Pipeline Project



Dear Commissioners:

The Park River City Council asked that I write you this letter as a follow up to the public hearing held in Park River on July 24, 2007.

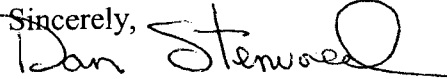
As you may recall, the original proposed location of the pipeline was to run near State Hwy. 32 and over the Fordville Aquifer, which provides the City of Park River with its drinking water. The City previously had indicated its concerns to Keystone as well as the State Water Commission regarding this location, and as a result, the pipeline route was moved some miles to the West.

At the hearing, some of the residents who live along the Forest River provided testimony that much of the flow of water coming from the West actually gets absorbed into the aquifer rather than continuing downstream due to the porous nature of the gravel above the aquifer.

The reason the City Council wanted me to write was to ask that in approving a pipeline route, the Commission consider whether the proposed pipeline route has been moved far enough to the West, or, as an alternative, could be moved far enough East of State Hwy. 32 so that any leak would not infiltrate the Fordville Aquifer, as it appears that the current proposed location sits right at the top of the drainage area and any leak would flow downhill and be absorbed into the aquifer.

Other than this concern, the City of Park River trusts that the Commission, in making their decision, will approve a location that does not jeopardize the potential contamination of the Fordville Aquifer serving the water needs of the City of Park River, City of Minto, and the Walsh Rural Water District.

Sincerely,

  
Dan Stenvold, Mayor

