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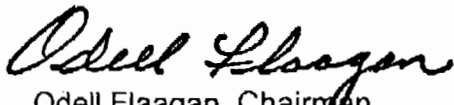
Dear Commission:

The Nelson County Commissioners would like to take this opportunity to express their opposition to the reopening of hearings on the Keystone Pipeline. The City of Fargo had ample time to attend previous hearings and did not attend. We understand that all state and federal regulations have been met and feel there is not reason to drag these hearings on any longer. The counties that are involved with Keystone Pipeline stand to lose a large amount of taxes if the pipeline is delayed any further.

The Nelson County Commission supports the Keystone Pipeline project and would like to see it move forward as proposed.

Attached is a resolution passed at the October 17, 2007 Nelson County Commissioners meeting.

Sincerely,



Odell Flaagan, Chairman
Nelson County Commission

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the proposed Keystone Pipeline, a property of TransCanada Pipelines, Ltd., will bring substantial economic benefits to the residents of Nelson County; and

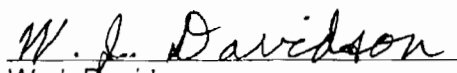
WHEREAS, Nelson County Commissioners believe that transporting oil by underground pipeline is the safest and most reliable way to transport oil to production facilities; and

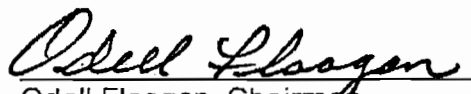
WHEREAS, Nelson County Commissioners are satisfied that TransCanada will be required to take all steps necessary to obtain permits from both federal and state regulatory agencies and county authorities to ensure the safety of the public and environmental protection of the land; and

WHEREAS, Nelson County Commissioners call on TransCanada to respect the rights of landowners across North Dakota and be a good steward of the land which it shall cross.

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Nelson County Commissioners support the Keystone Pipeline Project and urge the North Dakota Public Service Commission to grant approval to this envisioned venture.

ATTEST: Dated this 17th day of October, 2007


W. J. Davidson
Nelson County Auditor


Odell Flaagan, Chairman
Nelson County Commission