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November 5, 2007

North Dakota Public Service Commission:

The Steele County Commission met at 8:00 a.m. this morning to discuss concerns presented regarding the proposed TransCanada Keystone Pipeline Project. The following resolution was presented and adopted by the Steele County Commission.

Members of the Steele County Commission have followed the facts and issues presented to the Public Service Commission pertaining to the proposed pipeline. It is the understanding of the Steele County Commission, that proper guidelines were followed in terms of the required public hearings. The county commission believes that public safety and protecting a quality water supply have been thoroughly addressed during the regulatory process. The North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Water Quality staff testified before the Public Service Commission that it is comfortable with the proposed Keystone Pipeline route.

The Steele County Commission has gone on record in support of the underground crude oil pipeline and would also like it noted it that it does not approve the re-opening of the hearing process. Re-opening the hearing would set a dangerous precedent and allow others to question the Public Service Commission's review process.

Members of the Steele County Commission respectfully request that the North Dakota Public Service Commission adhere to its requirements and follow the process as it is defined.

Sincerely,



Linda Leadbetter
Steele County Auditor

WHEREAS, the Steele County Commission has, as a part of its mission, the desire to improve the lives and provide for the safety of the citizens of Steele County and to maximize the tax base of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Steele County Commission has been informed of the possible installation of an underground crude oil pipeline and associated facilities through Steele County, North Dakota; and


WHEREAS, the Steele County Commission has been provided information regarding the safety and environmental impact of said proposed pipeline; and

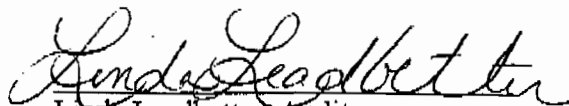
WHEREAS, the Steele County Commission has met, on various occasions, with representatives of the proposed TransCanada Keystone Pipeline; and


WHEREAS, the Steele County Commission understands that procedures and public hearings were conducted in accordance with North Dakota Century Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Steele County Commission, Steele County, North Dakota, do support the TransCanada Keystone Pipeline Project and believes that TransCanada will be a positive corporate neighbor, a good steward of the land, and a positive contributor to the economy of North Dakota during the construction of the pipeline and beyond.

Dated at Finley, North Dakota this 5th day of November, 2007.


Lance Fugleberg, Chairman


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