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**From:** Rafferty, Tom D.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2007 11:12 AM  
**To:** 'tellings@polarcomm.com'  
**Subject:** RE: Keystone Pipeline affects on local water wells

Dear Mr. Ellingson,

Thank you for your comments concerning the proposed Keystone Pipeline.

I want to let you know that your comments have been given to the commissioners and will be placed in the public input file in this case.

It is important to note that because this is a formal case before the Commission, both written and verbal comments submitted to the Commission, are not part of the formal evidentiary record on which the decision must be based. However, the comments that are not part of the formal record may form the basis for investigation and testimony that becomes part of the formal record. Comments become part of the formal record when they are made or submitted at a formal or technical hearing, where they must be made under oath and subject to cross-examination.

If you need more information about this case, please contact me or anyone else at the Public Service Commission and we can help you.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Terry Ellingson [mailto:tellings@polarcomm.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 10, 2007 11:23 PM  
**To:** Fahn, Patrick J.  
**Subject:** Keystone Pipeline affects on local water wells

Mr. Fahn,

I am a landowner that is opposing the Keystone pipeline due to the fact that if it leaks it will directly affect my livelihood by contaminating my water wells that provide water for my farm and my Registered Simmental beef cattle herd. Our well is only 15 feet deep, a very shallow well but it is a very productive well, providing enough water for 100 beef cows and 100 calves during the winter and also providing water for our homes. We only live one half mile from the proposed pipeline, a leak would quickly contaminate our local water supply because it is so shallow. Our well probably does not show up on any data bases because it has been here since my father bought the farm in the early 50's. How much earlier it was here I am not sure. My mother has a house on the farm and also my wife and I. Please consider the possibility that local farmers will be severely impacted should this pipeline be placed in their proposed route. My farm site is one half mile south of Dahlen, ND., with the pipeline running just east of County Road 14.

Thanks for your consideration.

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