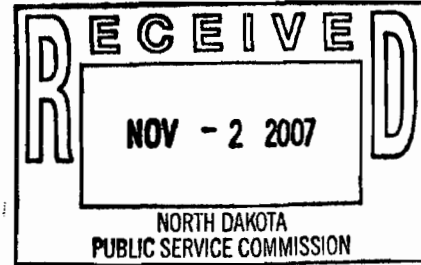


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To: Public Service Commissioners:
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RE: TransCanada Keystone Pipeline.

We know that we have written to you before on our concerns about this Oil Pipeline. But didn't know if you are aware that (Keystone) now has plans to use a thinner metal for some of the pipe. Mostly in the rural areas, which doesn't make any sense considering that there is less of a chance of noticing a leak / spill or another risk because it is less populated.

Also it has been brought up several times to consider changing the route to follow a highway which is already state or federally owned. The suggestion was always turned down saying they can't because of the construction danger and people are there. Well on a drive down US Hwy 2 towards Devils Lake; construction is happening right now for a water pipeline along Hwy 2 some places right on the shoulder of the ditch other places further in the ditch then others are in the field. Also to avoid some swamps they plan on crossing the Hwy. A zigzag effect. Why can this happen for a water line but not for an oil pipeline. Is it because it isn't as cost effective for Keystone?

It shouldn't matter what it will cost them. They will just pass it on to the consumers. They will profit at the cost of our state and country.

They should ask permission of where they could put the pipeline line not where they want to put it.

It has been stated several times that this pipeline is just the start of many lines in the same corridor. Question needs to be asked (Why can a foreign company come in and dictate what is for their best interest and what they want?)

Keystone claims they will hire people from the area to work on this, when they will be contracting work done themselves. You can not find workers to do farm labor how will they find laborers to put in a pipeline? Nowhere.

It is the duty of the PSC to find the best route if you really believe we need this toxic oil. Once there is a leak there goes our water supply, (Aquifers, Lakes, Streams, Rivers, and our private wells)

It is your duty to protect us, our beautiful state & country not a private, for profit foreign company that is not going to be a common carrier.

Are they going to be required to put up some sort of large bond , if you decide to let them into our state!

There are better routes that are further away from the Fordville Aquifer and also Lake Ashtabula why not make keystone take those routes?

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