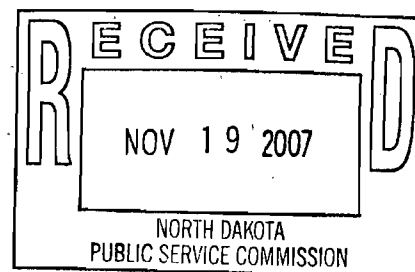


3340 123rd Ave. S. E.
Oriska, N. D. 58063
November 16, 2007



Mrs. Wiefald, Mr. Cramer, Mr. Clark
Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Ave. #408
Bismarck, N. D. 58505

Dear Commissioners:

Attached is a front-page article from the November 8 edition of the "Valley City Times Record," our local newspaper.

In the lead article by J. Stephenson, the Keystone project representative, Jeff Rauh, is quoted:

"Restoration of our construction activities may not be completed in the year of construction." "So we may have to come back the following year to complete restoration in Barnes County."

The paper defines "restoration projects" to "include burial and inspection of the pipe along with creating trenches and conducting inspections."

So, is this a threat? Does the Keystone rep. have the nerve to threaten us BEFORE you have even allowed them to come into the state?!

If so, what is North Dakota to expect if they do receive official permission to be here? Will they leave the mess and do "restoration" when they get around to it? Who is going to make them comply with any or all of the stipulated rules and regulations? Please protect us now while you can.

Your comments appreciated. Thank you

Yours truly,


Daryl and Ramona Klein

cc. Judge Al Wahl

Thursday, November 8, 2007
Barnes County - Home of Lorraine Larson

HI-LINERS IN TOURNEY HUNT
- SPORTS, page 8

VALLEY CITY
Award-winning
Times-Record
SERVING BARNES COUNTY COMMUNITIES FOR 128 YEARS

75¢ Barnes County's Official Newspaper

www.times-online.com

Volume 1

Oil spill concerns prompt new hearing on Keystone pipeline

Delays could slow construction here

By Jay Stephenson
Valley City Times-Record

■ Leaks could contaminate Fargo drinking water sources: Lake Ashtabula, Sheyenne River

Gil
str
sh
off

By
Val

T

A possible delay in the Keystone Pipeline project is not good news for Barnes County, according to a project representative with the company.

"Restoration of our construction activities may not be completed in the year of construction," said Jeff Rauh, a project representative with Keystone Pipeline. "So we may have to come back the following year to complete restoration in Barnes County."

Restoration projects include burial and inspection of the pipe along with creating trenches and conducting inspections.

Another impact, Rauh says, is easement acquisition, a term used for getting landowners to agree to have the pipeline buried on their property.

"There are several landowners who have told us they are waiting until the end of the PSC (Public Service Commission) process before they'd like to work with us on our purchase of an easement from them," Rauh said. "So this delay sets this process back for us."

When landowners do not agree to have a pipeline placed on their property, the company must go through a timely process exploring other options, according to Rauh.

"This delay in the process will set us back in the need to acquire the right-of-way, and if we don't have a contiguous path from one end of the county to the other, then we might have to disrupt our construction process," Rauh said.

Rauh also said there will be two workforces constructing the pipeline, each with 400 to 600 laborers. The construction delay would also delay when these workers are expected to be in Barnes County.

Jennifer Feist, director of the Valley City Barnes County Development Corporation, says a delay in workers arriving to Barnes County would not have a serious financial impact as long as the project still goes

See IMPACT, page 3