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NDSHPO REF. : 06-00881 Department of State (DOS)/ND PSC TransCanada Keystone Oil Pipeline Project Applicant for Presidential Permit: Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)

Dear Ms. Orlando:

We have received and reviewed project documentation: TransCanada Keystone Oil Pipeline Project Applicant for Presidential Permit: "Final Environmental Impact Statement [FEIS] for the Keystone Oil Pipeline Project," United States Department of State [DOS], January 2008.

Our comments are directed at consultation and review of outstanding North Dakota aspects of the Keystone project. As indicated, (pp. 3.11-4 to 3.11-6; 3.14-8; 5-14 to 5-16) aspects remain to be completed and reported.

Finally, we look forward to receiving forthcoming DOS correspondence and report(s)/supporting documentation (Programmatic Agreement, [PA], Appendix R) covering the remaining aspects of the project. Thank you for the opportunity to review the document, and to further consultation on the project. If you have questions please contact either Paul Picha at (701) 328-3574 or Susan Quinnell at (701) 328-3576.

Sincerely,

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