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**From:** Todd Kranda <kranda@kelschlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 21, 2012 9:07 AM  
**To:** Gruman, Mark E.  
**Cc:** Nitschke, Darrell D.; Fahn, Patrick J.  
**Subject:** RE: TransCanada Keystone - Fort Ransom Pump Station  
**Attachments:** Update Letter PDF Copy to NDPSC 20120120.pdf

Mark – Please find attached an update letter from Robert Latimer of TransCanada with regard to the ongoing efforts to address noise level concerns for the affected landowners with the Fort Ransom Pump Station in Ransom County. While the recent noise report demonstrated that the noise levels are below the limits TransCanada Keystone is trying to minimize noise for the surrounding area. The original update letter was sent to the PSC by USPS on Friday January 20, 2012. Please provide a copy to each PSC Commissioner and any PSC staff as you deem appropriate. Todd

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**From:** Todd Kranda [mailto:kranda@kelschlaw.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2012 10:15 AM  
**To:** 'Gruman, Mark E.'  
**Cc:** 'Nitschke, Darrell D.'; 'Fahn, Patrick J.'  
**Subject:** FW: TransCanada Keystone - Fort Ransom Pump Station

Mark –

I am forwarding to you this email message with the new attachment of the operational noise report (Ft Ransom Ambient Noise Study Final) along with a copy of the prior email shown below and attachment of the receptor map (Ft Ransom Noise Receptor Map) that was sent to the PSC (Pat Fahn and Darrell Nitschke) on November 28<sup>th</sup> regarding the noise concern by Bruce Pantzke with the Fort Ransom pump station. This email is also in response to the December 28, 2011 letter that was copied to my office regarding the informal noise complaint by Mr. Pantzke.

All of TransCanada Keystone's noise monitoring work was completed in late November, 2011 and reviewed in mid December 2011. The monitoring work delivered good data to demonstrate that the TransCanada Keystone Pipeline is meeting the required federal noise guidelines at all three locations that were observed with the Fort Ransom Pump Station site.

Nevertheless TransCanada Keystone is committed to being a "good neighbor" and they are exploring whether there is a feasible resolution to try to further quiet the pump station site down more than currently exists even though the levels are within the standards established. TransCanada Keystone is now in discussions internally as to recommendations made by the noise consultant and from that, they will look at any other actions or possible solutions to further reduce the noise generated from the pump station. TransCanada Keystone is targeting to have some formal communication out by the end of next week to all involved externally as to any next steps to try further address or resolve the concern expressed.

If you have any questions regarding this issue or any other matter with the TransCanada Keystone Pipeline please feel free to contact me.

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Email update re noise issues

Todd

Attachments as stated

c: Darrell Nitschke and Pat Fahn

**From:** Todd Kranda [mailto:kranda@kelschlaw.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2011 4:34 PM  
**To:** 'Fahn, Patrick J.'; 'dnitschk@nd.gov'  
**Subject:** TransCanada Keystone - Fort Ransom Pump Station

Darrell and Pat –

The following is for general informational purposes only. No response is requested.

I was recently briefed by TransCanada Keystone regarding a landowner along the pipeline route and his concern about intermittent noise with a pump station. The noise issue is being investigated and will be dealt with depending upon the results of the study being completed but in the meantime I thought that I would share the information with you so that you can forward it to the individual commissioners as you deem appropriate.

The noise issue that Keystone has been working through concerns the Fort Ransom Pump Station in Ransom County ND. A local neighbor named Bruce Pantzke resides and works in Fargo and has a recreational hunting and retirement property on the rim of the Sheyenne River Valley located approximately 1 mile southeast of the Pump Station. Mr Pantzke has had a dialogue with Keystone since approximately the fall of 2010. Various commitments have been made by Keystone to review and try to better understand his issue with an aim to provide a fix if necessary.

To date, Keystone has completed a short period of noise monitoring (July 31/Aug. 1) at Mr. Pantzke's property. However, the test period was not in the best conditions nor was the duration of 4 hours long enough to understand the situation nor discover any solid evidence of the existing noise conditions. Apparently the noise issue is not one of a constant nature, but varies with likely environmental/line operation conditions.

Keystone is working to conduct a much longer period (up to 72 hours) of noise monitoring by a consulting engineering firm who will set up monitoring at 3 distinct sites closest to the Fort Ransom Pump Station location. By all indications Keystone expects the noise level to be compliant with the limitations. In fact during a site meeting on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> with 3 units running, no one in attendance could hear the pump units operating (3 running at the time). Keystone is committed to do what it takes to investigate, hear the landowner feedback and then, if required, mitigate any excessive noise upon management review of the issues known.

The detailed noise monitoring at three different locations around the Fort Ransom Pump Station is scheduled for next week, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Keystone should have good and reliable information by the end of December to fully understand the noise issue and what, if anything, can be done or needs to be done pursuant to the requirement to manage the noise levels allowed at the pump stations along the route. Attached is a map of the Fort Ransom Pump Station location and the proposed three test sites for the monitoring.

Todd

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