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August 13, 2012

North Dakota Public Service Commission (ND PSC)
(Sent via email pdf letter)

Re: TransCanada Keystone Pipeline Fort Ransom Pump Station
11948 – 58th St., Ransom Co. N.D.
Noise Issue Update, August, 2012

Dear Sirs:

The attached formal communication (2 page document) has been developed to update affected landowners and neighbors of TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP (TransCanada) ongoing efforts to address concerns raised with respect to intermittent noise level increases from the Fort Ransom Pump Station (the Station) located in Ransom County.

Residents and Agencies receiving the attached formal communication include:

B. Pantzke (neighboring landowner)
W. Kiebke (neighboring landowner)
L Hanson (past Township Supervisor)
K. Bishop (current Township Supervisor / Co. Commissioner)
M. Hammer (neighboring landowner / tenant)
D. Anderson (neighboring landowner)
K. Ketterling (neighboring landowner)
T. & L. Hanson (neighboring landowners)
B. Keopplin (Chairperson, Sheyenne River Valley)
J. Kwapinski (Park Ranger, Fort Ransom State Park)

Additionally a personal meeting was conducted with Mr. Bruce Pantzke at his property on August 3rd, 2012 to review this same correspondence and provided a personal overview of the mitigation work now underway.

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Fort Ransom Pump Station noise issue update

Should you have any questions regarding this matter or the details as to activity now underway at our facility, please contact myself, at 402-492-7454.

Sincerely,



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Attachments

2 RSL Generic update letter to Fort Ransom Neighbors – Noise Issues & Actions 081312



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Dear :

In follow-up to our January 2012 correspondence regarding the TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP (TransCanada) ongoing efforts to address concerns raised with respect to intermittent noise level increases stemming from the Fort Ransom Pump Station located in Ransom County, North Dakota, the following communication is intended to provide an update to affected landowners and neighbors of the site.

Subsequent to supplementary operational noise assessment completed in November 2011, TransCanada completed near-field noise measurements of on-site equipment in March 2012. The near-field noise study was completed to support the review and evaluation of noise mitigation (reduction) alternatives. The measurement results were used to update a noise propagation model developed for the site and focus mitigation planning on the dominant sources of intermittent noise level increases. The results were also necessary for detailed engineering design of noise mitigation solutions.

Based on the near-field noise assessment and mitigation design efforts, TransCanada is planning to install additional materials to assist in sound dampening at the site by the end of August, 2012. Specifically the steps we will take include the installation of additional acoustical lagging on select segments of above ground large diameter piping near the pressure control valve and to wrap that valve with a blanket of acoustical insulation.

As stated in our previous correspondence, the results of post construction noise monitoring at Fort Ransom Pump Station show that the operation of the site is in compliance with the noise criteria utilized by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and voluntarily committed to by Keystone during its permitting process.

Notwithstanding the regulatory requirement, TransCanada has taken the landowner noise concerns very seriously and is committed to implementing a solution to address the offending noise levels. TransCanada is confident that our actions specific to this issue will further reduce noise emission from the site and temper the intermittent noise increases.

TransCanada will continue to keep landowners, neighbors and the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) informed on the status of noise mitigation implementation.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter or our next steps near term in August, please contact myself, at 402-492-7454.

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