

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Application of Dakota)
Access LLC for a Certificate of Site)
Compatibility and Route Permit for the Dakota)
Access Pipeline Project in Mountrail,)
Williams, McKenzie, Dunn, Mercer, Morton)
and Emmons Counties, North Dakota)
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Case No. PU-I 4-842

**PETITION TO INTERVENE OF
RUSSELL KUNKEL**

Pursuant to N.D.A.C. § 69-02-02-05, Russell Kunkel, by and through his attorneys Derrick Braaten and Matt Kelly (collectively, “Petitioners”), hereby petition to intervene in the above-captioned proceedings. In support of this petition, Petitioners state and allege as follows:

1. Mr. Kunkel resides at 4515 County Road 85, New Salem, ND 58563. He received documents from Dakota Access, LLC and offers for an easement over his land for the Dakota Access Pipeline Project, and has also received repeated requests for survey permission on his property.
2. Mr. Kunkel’s property will be crossed by the Dakota Access Pipeline Project, and he is concerned about impacts to his land. Mr. Kunkel has not yet been able to reach an agreement with Dakota Access regarding an easement on his property, and feels it is necessary to protect his interests by ensuring that he is represented in these proceedings.

3. Petitioners have a direct and substantial interest in these proceedings, as well as legal property rights which may be substantially affected by the ND Public Service Commission's findings and conclusions in this matter. Petitioners are intimately familiar with the land they own and rent, and can provide the PSC with specific information related to its routing determination in this proceeding, with respect to their individual lands.
4. Petitioners are not adequately represented by existing parties, and Petitioners' intervention would not unduly broaden the issues or delay the proceedings, particularly given the early nature of the proceedings.
5. Petitioners are not necessarily in support of or opposed to the relief sought by the applicant in this proceeding, but intend to oppose such relief if it allows Dakota Access to cross the lands they own and rent in a manner that will cause unnecessary or unreasonable damage to the land and to their farming operations.

Dated this 14th day of May, 2015.

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AFFIDAVIT OF RUSSELL J. KUNKEL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
)ss.
COUNTY OF MORTON)

Russell J. Kunkel, individually, being duly sworn, states under oath as follows:

1. I live at 4515 County Road 85, New Salem, ND 58563.
2. I have received documents from Dakota Access, LLC and offers for an easement over my land for the Dakota Access Pipeline Project, and have also received repeated requests for survey permission on my property.
3. My property will be crossed by the Dakota Access Pipeline Project, and I am concerned about impacts to my land. I have not yet been able to reach an agreement with Dakota Access regarding an easement on my property, and feel it is necessary to protect my interests by ensuring that they are represented in these proceedings.

