

Commissioners:

I have come here to testify on my behalf in regards to the proposed pipeline. I am not testifying in opposition to the pipeline as it is apparently needed, and would be a huge step forward in North Dakota's infrastructure.

The proposed Dakota Access Pipeline crosses approximately 2 ¼ miles of Hovde Ranch. The pipeline crosses diagonally through Sections 6, 5, 8 and 9 in Township 150 North Range 100 West in McKenzie County North Dakota. The pipeline would be located 600 feet from our home located in Section 5. It would also pass thru our planned feedlot expansion area. The ranch currently feeds 500 to 800 head of calves in a feedlot located in Section 5. The ranch has an existing North Dakota Health Department feedlot permit for 1750 head. The restrictions in the pipeline easement would impose a severe hardship on construction and operation of the feedlot expansion.

The proposed pipeline also crosses 17 other pipelines on and adjoining our ranch, as well as a county road and a township road. Five of these pipelines would be crossed at an approach angle of approximately 20 degrees. In my conversations with other pipeline companies, they have indicated that such an angle is unacceptable, and poses a risk to the integrity of the crossed line. Dakota Access states in their easement that any future crossings of their line should be made at a minimum of a 45 degree angle, and a 90 degree crossing angle is preferred. The proposed route also crosses these five lines a third time within 600 feet of the 20 degree angle crossing. These multiple crossings increase the risk to these other pipelines, and would make repairs to any of the pipelines more difficult.

I have offered Dakota Access an alternate route that would accomplish three goals. It would increase the separation from our house to approximately 1320 feet. It would reduce the number of pipeline crossings to 5 rather than 17, as well as making the crossing angles acceptable. One of those crossings would be at a 45 degree angle and the other 4 lines would be crossed at a 90 degree angle. The alternate route would also avoid our feedlot expansion area, thus reducing the hardship imposed on the ranch and our family. This offer has been rejected at least 3 times, with Dakota Access representatives stating the route could not be altered. Granted this route would lengthen the line slightly and may increase construction costs slightly, but I feel the benefits far outweigh the costs. Dakota Access representatives were out last week and we again discussed moving to the alternate route. They indicated to me that I could expect to hear from them this week, but as of this morning I have heard no reply.

Hovde Ranch has a long history of stewardship for the land and livestock. Homesteaded in 1907 by my grandfather Olaf Hovde, the stewardship efforts have been recognized by the McKenzie County Soil Conservation District presenting my parents Hjalmer and Margaret Hovde their district conservation award in 1966. In 2004 Hovde Ranch was again recognized with the McKenzie County Soil Conservation District award when it was presented to Lynn and Patti Hovde. The Hovde's stewardship efforts were recognized again in 2007 when the North Dakota Stockmen's Association presented us with the State Environmental Stewardship Award at their annual convention. The Hovde's stewardship received national recognition in 2008 when the National Cattlemen's Beef Association presented Lynn and Patti Hovde along with Nathan and Kristi Hovde with the Region 7 Environmental Stewardship Award, thus making the Hovde's one of the 7 finalists for the national award. Region 7 represents the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas.

Given this background of caring for the land and livestock, granting permission for a pipeline is not taken lightly. Pipelines in general have a fairly good safety record and this record can be improved by taking the best possible care in installing and operating. Some of the best information on the land being utilized for a pipeline can be obtained from the landowner.

Thus I believe the preferred alternate route is in the best interest of Hovde Ranch, the State of North Dakota's best interest, and in the best interest of Dakota Access.

Respectfully submitted,

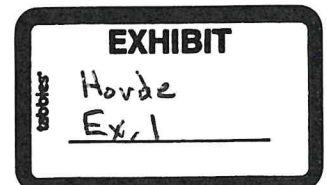
  
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WATERBODIES	400 FOOT SURVEY CORRIDOR	STATE BOUNDARY
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