

Memorandum

To: Commissioners Kroshus, Fedorchak and Christmann

From: Patrick Fahn

Date: August 14, 2019

Re: Case No. PU-19-204

Summary of public input/comments in PU-19-204: Dakota Access Pipeline (as of August 13, 2019)

294 filings of a Standing Rock Sioux Tribe template that request a hearing and are concerned about:

- The impacts of an oil spill on fish, wildlife, and domestic wells in close proximity to the pipeline.
- The environmental risk of the increased flow of oil not just at the pump station, but for the full length of the pipeline.

55 filings of a Dacotah Chapter of Sierra Club template that request a hearing and are concerned about:

- The legitimate concerns of North Dakota citizens need to be heard, not ignored.
- Increasing the capacity of the pipeline increases the potential for and impact of a harmful oil spill.
- Repeat the concerns expressed in the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe template

4 filings of a miscellaneous template that request a hearing and are concerned about:

- The dangers of pipeline spills, doubling of pipeline capacity and additional pressure. No data to support the industry assurance that increasing flow does not raise spill potential.
- Tar sands crude is highly corrosive and represents an unusually perilous threat.
- The Dakota Access Pipeline has already leaked 11 times.

38 unique filings request a hearing and are concerned about:

- Several may be in response to Lakota leaders' outreach.

Emmons County landowners

- The pump station is less than ½ mile from the pipeline crossing under Beaver Creek and the creek crossing is 3.8 miles upstream from the farm. A spill in Beaver Creek will destroy water habitat for fish, waterfowl, and furbearers.
- Sharp turns in the pipeline on each side of Beaver Creek.
- Will tar sands be pumped through the pipeline?

Other

- Damage to the drinking water supply and the earth
- Need an environmental impact study

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- Increased flow through the pipeline.
- Jeopardizes water held sacred by the Lakota people.
- A major leak under the Missouri River will be disastrous for downstream communities that depend on the river for their drinking water.
- No leak containment system and leak detection system associated with the crossing point beneath the Missouri River at Lake Oahe.
- Doubling the flow rate requires quadrupling the pressure in the pipe which will exacerbate the rate of degradation of the pipeline's wall thickness.
- More than double the oil forced across tribal lands of the Lakota people. Huge social and environmental impacts.
- The people of Standing Rock Sioux tribe are the ones who will immediately be suffering the most harm by pipeline spills and explosions.
- Doubling the oil through DAPL, when is it enough?
- DAPL has already leaked 11 times, spilling 6,132 gallons of oil. More than doubling the oil passing through the pipeline poses even greater risk to the people of North Dakota and surrounding watershed communities. Serious public health issue.
- There hasn't been a single line that hasn't leaked at some point and this is a terrible thing for the environment.
- We should stop using the treaty land of the native people in ways they do not want.
- The water, health and safety of the people downstream is in serious jeopardy.
- Respect for indigenous peoples sacred lands and waters.