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ELIZABETH ORLANDO, ESQ.  
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RE: **Keystone Oil Pipeline Project**  
Applicant for Presidential Permit: **TransCanada Keystone Pipeline**  
Draft EIS

Dear Ms. Orlando:

Please be advised that we represent the City of Fargo, North Dakota, which believes that several major issues concerning drinking water supplies are not addressed in the present Draft Environmental Impact Statement issued August 10, 2007 for the Keystone Oil Pipeline Project. Thank you for your call yesterday, and for agreeing to do what you can to help the City.

Fargo only recently became aware of this project, and neither TransCanada nor the N. D. Department of Health appear to have been noticed or understood that the Sheyenne River, crossed by the proposed pipeline, is both a direct source of drinking water for Fargo from time to time, as well as a planned conduit of water from the Missouri River to the Red River. Both the Missouri and the Red Rivers are primary sources of drinking water in much of North Dakota.

While we understand that the period for formal comment expired 45 days after the Draft EIS issued, we are asking that you accept input from Fargo. The City's engineers advise that they will have a technical workup of the Fargo's concerns available in approximately three weeks. We would appreciate your advising us of the most efficient way to get Fargo's concerns to you.

Yours very truly,



P. A. Madsen

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