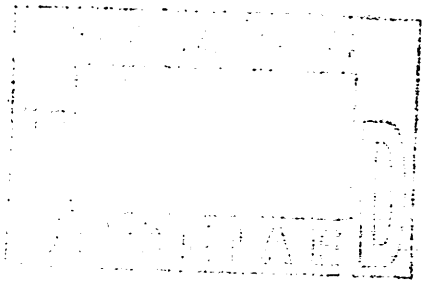

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Nebraska Public Service Commission
1200 N Street, Suite 300
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RE: Application of TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, L.P.: Docket No. OP-0003

Dear Public Service Commission:

On April 26, 2017, the City of Seward received a letter from the Nebraska Public Service Commission requesting the views of governing bodies of the counties and municipalities in the areas around the proposed route of the TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline.

According to the Application of the TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, L.P. for route approval of the Keystone XL Pipeline Project, Page 8, Section 2.1.3 - Keystone Mainline Alternative Route of, pursuant to the Nebraska Major Oil Pipeline Siting Act, "The route would shift away from its co-location with the existing Keystone Mainline pipeline for 28.5 miles by routing west around the Seward County wellhead protection area. Keystone made this adjustment to be consistent with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality's (NDEQ) recommendation to avoid wellhead protection areas. This route would then rejoin the existing Keystone Mainline pipeline route and continue through Saline County and terminate in Jefferson County."

The Keystone Mainline Alternative Route provides a shift away from the City of Seward's wellhead protection area and has the approval of the City of Seward Council as the preferred route. By making the adjustment, TransCanada has demonstrated compliance with the recommendations of the NDEQ.

The City of Seward thanks the Public Service Commission for considering our input on this important project.

Sincerely,

Joshua Eickmeier
Mayor

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