

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. OP-0003
of TransCanada Keystone Pipeline,)
L.P., Calgary, Alberta, seeking)
approval for Route Approval of the)
Keystone XL Pipeline Project)
Pursuant to the Major Oil Pipeline) July 12, 2017
Siting Act.)

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Notice is hereby provided to all parties that the Public Service Commission has entered into a contract with retired Lancaster County District Judge Karen B. Flowers to act as Hearing Officer in the above-captioned proceeding.

As Hearing Officer, Judge Flowers will preside over the Hearing which will commence at 9:00 a.m., Monday, August 7, 2017. Judge Flowers will rule on procedural and evidentiary matters under the Nebraska Rules of Evidence in connection with the proceeding. In addition, Judge Flowers will conduct the pre-hearing conference, rule on pre-hearing motions, issue subpoenas as may be requested by the parties.

Judge Flowers' role will not include issuing an advisory opinion on whether to grant or deny the Application at issue in the proceeding. The Public Service Commission is statutorily responsible to determine if the proposed route of the major oil pipeline is in the public interest as provided in Major Oil - Pipeline Siting Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 57-1401 to 57-1413.