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NEBRASKA PSC DECISION VICTORY FOR KEYSTONE XL OPPONENTS, 350 MADISON ASSERTS

News reports earlier today that TransCanada received its final permit from the Nebraska PSC to build the Keystone XL pipeline “are dead wrong,” said 350 Madison spokesperson Peter Anderson.

“The company’s application to build a dirty and leak-prone tar sands pipeline across the Great Plains on its preferred and federally permitted route were, in fact, denied by a unanimous 5–0 decision,” Anderson emphasized.

He explained that “the only thing that was approved, by a 3–2 decision, was an alternative route. That is one that TransCanada does not want, and it will take years for the company to renegotiate contracts with shippers and to secure new federal and state permits. It will never be built.”

“That’s the good news,” he continued.

“The bad news is that this means Enbridge, which competes with TransCanada, will redouble its efforts in Wisconsin and Minnesota to build the last new tar sands pipeline through the Midwest. TransCanada will stake claim to now become the lead pipeline company with the best chance to transport the last small vestigial increase in Alberta tar sands oil that was still being planned before global oil prices collapsed in 2014. That collapse made any future growth in Alberta tar sands oil production financially ruinous,” he explained.

“Fortunately for Wisconsin, over the past year landowners along the pipeline corridor and citizens concerned about major climate disruption have been mobilizing to launch massive opposition the moment Enbridge announces its new pipeline through the state,” Anderson said. “Most recently on October 27,” he said, “175 pipeline fighters from across the state rallied in Marshfield, laying out detailed plans to defeat the new pipeline in order to protect landowner rights and to insure a livable world for our grandchildren.”

“No new tar sands pipeline will ever cross the dairy state,” Anderson concluded.

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