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Re: Keystone XL Project Special Permit Request
Docket No. PHMSA-2008-0285; date requested 10 October 2008

Dear Mr. Wiese:

On October 10, 2008, pursuant to Section 60118 of the *Pipeline Safety Act*, 49 U.S.C § 60118, and 49 CFR § 190.341, TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, LP (Keystone) filed with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) a request for a special permit relative to the regulations at 49 C.F.R. § 195.106, to permit Keystone to design, construct and operate the Keystone XL Pipeline Project at hoop stresses up to 80 percent of the specified minimum yield strength (SMYS), for mainline pipe totaling approximately 1,375 miles of new 36-inch pipeline. At this time, Keystone has elected not to further pursue the pending special permit application. Accordingly, Keystone hereby withdraws the referenced special permit application for the Keystone XL Pipeline Project.

Very truly yours,

Robert E Jones, P.Eng
Vice President