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From: Mills, Cheryl D <MillsCD@state.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 3:33 PM
To: H
Subject: Fw: Letter re pipeline

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From: Jones, Kerri-Ann
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 02:11 PM
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Subject: RE: Letter re pipeline

We do not view the latest rating as negative. [redacted]

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[redacted] This

particular pipeline is receiving more attention than any other. The pressure from various interest groups has been enormous -- from both sides of the issue.

There is great range of opinion regarding what is needed for this EIS to be graded adequate. [redacted]

[redacted] Based on State work on previous pipelines and the similar FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) process for natural gas pipelines that cross international borders, we are doing a very thorough and comprehensive effort. Both previous, somewhat similar permits have been litigated. One is still an active case.

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From: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 12:24 PM
To: Jones, Kerri-Ann
Subject: Re: Letter re pipeline

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From: Jones, Kerri-Ann
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 11:42 AM
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Cc: Steinberg, James B
Subject: RE: Letter re pipeline

[redacted]
[redacted] TransCanda is the applicant and they pay the bill for the contractor. We have a team here in State -- OES, EEB, L, H and PA who reviews, edits and manages the process. [redacted]

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From: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 10:30 AM
To: Jones, Kerri-Ann
Cc: Steinberg, James B
Subject: Re: Letter re pipeline

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From: Jones, Kerri-Ann
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 10:10 AM
To: Mills, Cheryl D
Cc: Steinberg, James B
Subject: RE: Letter re pipeline

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The authority to issue Presidential Permits for facilities at the border was delegated to S, if she finds that the permit would be in national interest. In addition to the EIS, a national interest piece will also be prepared once the EIS is final.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 9:49 AM
To: Jones, Kerri-Ann
Cc: Steinberg, James B
Subject: Re: Letter re pipeline

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----- Original Message -----

From: Jones, Kerri-Ann
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 07:45 AM
To: Mills, Cheryl-D
Cc: Steinberg, James B
Subject: RE: Letter re pipeline

EPA reviews/rates the adequacy of the environmental impact statements. The letter that has just been sent rates our Supplemental Draft EIS as "insufficient information." This is the middle ranking on their three level scale -- adequate, insufficient information, and inadequate. (The draft EIS that went out last year was rated as inadequate.) The contents of the EPA letter address the main technical issues [Redacted] We will not be responding directly to the letter - but rather addressing EPA's concerns/observations in the final EIS.

General press/message points:

- We have worked closely with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as well as numerous other federal agencies, over the past year to analyze the environmental impacts of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline.

•The Department will take EPA’s concerns into consideration as we organize and incorporate the more than 100,000 comments received on the Supplemental DEIS.

•We look forward to continuing to work with EPA on the issues described in their letter commenting on the Keystone XL Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

•Once the Department issues a Final EIS, interested federal agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency, will have 90 days to provide their opinion on whether issuance of a Presidential Permit for the Keystone XL pipeline would be in the national interest.

Let me know if you want more info.

Best,
Kerri-Ann

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 1:18 AM
To: Steinberg, James B; Jones, Kerri-Ann
Cc: Mull, Stephen D
Subject: Re: Letter re pipeline

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Will search

[Redacted] - why are you up btw

----- Original Message -----

From: Steinberg, James B
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 01:05 AM
To: Mills, Cheryl D; Jones, Kerri-Ann
Cc: Mull, Stephen D
Subject: Re: Letter re pipeline

The epa letter was sent during the last day of the comment period.

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From: Mills, Cheryl D
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2011 12:27 AM
To: Steinberg, James B; Jones, Kerri-Ann
Cc: Mull, Stephen D; Mills, Cheryl D
Subject: Letter re pipeline

There is a reference to an epa letter in today's AP that S inquired about.

In particulae, the article says "epa said that despite two lengthy reports, the State dept still has not done sufficient analysis of the project's impact. . .").

Did I miss the epa letter?

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