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Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety
Administration

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Mr. Joseph E. Macmanus
Executive Secretary
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr. Macmanus:

Thank you for your memorandum requesting the views of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding the application for a Presidential Permit by TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, L.P. (TransCanada) for the proposed Keystone XL Pipeline Project (Keystone XL) in accordance with Executive Order 13337.

DOT is responsible for ensuring the safety of new and existing pipeline systems. DOT's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) is responsible for administering the Department's national regulatory program to assure the safe transportation of natural gas, petroleum, and other hazardous materials by pipeline.

In response to the January 16, 2015, letter regarding the application for Presidential Permit by TransCanada to construct, connect, operate and maintain pipeline facilities on the border of the United States and Canada, and based on PHMSA's review of the Final SEIS documents, DOT has no views on the merits of the application for a Presidential Permit for Keystone XL. The regulatory concerns of our Department focus on whether the project meets or exceeds Federal pipeline safety regulations and the additional conditions related to pipeline safety, which were included in the Final SEIS.

Sincerely,

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Acting Administrator

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