

Social License for Energy Projects

Keystone Oil Pipeline – an unfinished Case Study

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Keystone Oil Pipeline

- Links growing crude oil supply with US refiners
- "Keystone" in service 600,000 Bbl/day
- "XL" under regulatory review (53 months now), roughly 700,000 Bbl/day "new"
- 1.3 Million Bbl/day total system
- Critical energy infrastructure creating critically needed jobs
- Keystone XL will create \$20
 billion of stimulus
- Keystone XL has the ability to reduce US reliance on OPEC crude by 40%





- Security of Supply
- Supply Diversity
- Foreign Policy
- Economic Benefits
- Environmental Impacts (FEIS)



Benefits of Keystone to US



- Access for Canadian and American crude oil
- An ongoing, stable and secure source of crude oil for the U.S.
- Significant and ongoing stimulus to U.S. economy*
 - \$20 billion in economic benefit to the American economy
 - 20,000 high-quality, well-paying jobs for American workers
 - More than \$585 million in contribution in taxes for the states and communities along the pipeline route
 - An additional \$5.2 billion in property taxes over the operating life of the pipeline
 - Provides U.S. based producers with new options to move crude oil to American refineries





Keystone XL route helps facilitate growth in U.S. crude oil production





- Bakken deposit in Williston Basin hailed as the single largest oil find in U.S. history
- Three Forks deposit located below may rival Bakken
- Pipeline capacity has been exhausted, limiting further increases in domestic production in eastern Montana and the Dakotas
- Keystone XL will take on Bakken shipments at Baker, Montana
- Bakken shippers have made firm commitments of 65,000 bpd
- Regional production forecasted to grow by >200,000 bpd by 2015



Canada's GHG Emissions In Context



Global Energy Related Emissions By Country



GHG emissions from oil sands:

- less than 0.1% of global GHG emissions
- 5% of Canada's GHG emissions
- GHG intensity reduced by 33% from 1990 to 2007



Well-to-Wheels Greenhouse Gas Emissions for Oil Sands and Other Crudes





Source: IHS CERA September 2010 Special Report Oil Sands, Greenhouses Gases, and US Oil Supply: Getting the Numbers Right



Pipelines in the Ogallala Aquifer





Over 2 million barrels of crude oil transported through the aquifer daily

Nearly 25,000 miles of liquid hydrocarbon pipelines within the Ogallala Aquifer

State	Total Pipelines	Crude Oil Pipelines	Liquid Pipelines*
Nebraska	8,700	940	2000
Wyoming	2,100	930	1300
Kansas	18,100	2000	4500
Colorado	3,100	260	680
Oklahoma	6,400	300	980
Texas	50,200	8900	13200
New Mexico	5,200	1600	2300
Total	93,820	14,930	24,960

Distances are in miles *Includes Crude Oil





"The public's unwritten acceptance of a business or industry which allows it to operate"

Source: Lovelace, M. "Social License" Humboldt Watershed Council http://newforestry.org





- It is not the same as "reputation"
- It is not the same as "favorability"
- It is perception based -- the facts don't matter
- It involves the complexity of influence and politics





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Q: Will Hydrocarbon based energy projects always struggle against this definition of Social License so long as the GHG debate persists ?

