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To: Billings Gazette, Miles City Star, Great Falls Tribune, Helena's Independent Record, Missoulian, Montana Standard, Daily Inter Lake, Glasgow Courier, Phillips County News, Circle Banner, Ranger-Review, Fallon County Times, Daniels County Leader, Sheridan County News, Terry Tribune, The Herald News, Culbertson Searchlight

Dear Editors:

Please publish the following legal notice in your newspaper once a week for the next two weeks, preferably in consecutive Sunday editions, if you have one, beginning December 12, 2010:

Legal Notice

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality is releasing the DRAFT Keystone XL Pipeline Rate Impact Study for public comment. This rate impact study was completed by the Montana Office of Consumer Counsel for the portion of the Keystone XL Pipeline proposed to be located in Montana. Section 69-2-216, MCA, requires completion of a rate impact study for any project, such as the Keystone XL Pipeline, that requires the issuance of a certificate of compliance under Montana's Major Facility Siting Act.

Under Section 69-2-216, MCA, the rate impact study is supposed to be included in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) prepared by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The rate impact study for the Keystone XL Pipeline was inadvertently not included in the Draft EIS.

The rate impact study is being made available at this time for a 30-day public review and comment period. DEQ will forward any comments received to the Office of Consumer Counsel. Following the close of the comment period, the Consumer Counsel will respond to the comments. DEQ will include the responses in its final environmental review of the Keystone XL Pipeline.

Copies of the draft rate impact study can be found at: <http://deq.mt.gov/MFS/KeystoneXL/KeystoneXLIndex.mcp> or by requesting a copy from DEQ.

Comments on the enclosed rate impact study may be sent to:

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Questions may be directed to either Greg Hallsten at (406) 444-3276 or Tom Ring at (406) 444-6785. Your comments are due to DEQ no later than January 5, 2011.

To expedite payment, please send your invoice, original tear sheet, and affidavit of publication to DEQ at the address above to the attention of Dick Morrow. Please indicate that the bill applies to Doc # 50311.71. Thank you.