

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-045  
LOWER BRULE SIOUX TRIBE**

**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BIG BEND TO  
WITTEN TRANSMISSION LINE**

**WHEREAS**, the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and

**WHEREAS**, as empowered by the Constitution and Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1, (e) the Tribal Council as authorized by law to safeguard and promote the peace, safety, morals, and general welfare of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe and to regulate and conduct of trade and the use and disposition of property upon the reservation provided that any ordinance directly affecting nonmembers of the reservation shall be subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe has previously been notified of intent of construction of a transmission power line from the Big Bend Dam to Witten, SD, under the impression that it would **only** be used to support power to areas of Nebraska and Kansas which are experiencing a reduction/restriction of availability of electrical power in their area; and

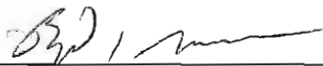
**WHEREAS**, having noticed there has been no recent contact regarding this issue after the rejection of the Keystone XL Pipeline, in a sincere effort to be proactive in fully understanding the utilization planned for this transmission line, the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe inquired as to the proposed use of the transmission line; after such inquiry it is our conclusion that we were initially given insufficient information that would negate the claim that it would provide power to a proposed pipeline; and

**WHEREAS**, with the aforementioned, newly discovered information in mind, as well as the approaching transfer of Administration in Washington and the expectation of aggressive energy development by the incoming Administration, the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe would like to make clear that they do **NOT** support pipeline development or the development of infrastructure intended to support pipelines, specifically the construction of the transmission line from Big Bend Dam to Witten; and

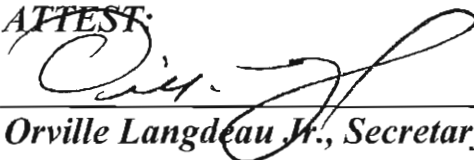
**NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED**, that the Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council will not support the crossing of the Lower Brule Sioux Indian Reservation by this proposed Transmission Line

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Council assembled in Regular Session with a quorum present on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016 by the affirmative vote of five members for, none against, one absent, and none not-voting.

  
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**Boyd Gourneau, Chairman**  
**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Orville Langdeau Jr., Secretary/Treasurer**  
**Lower Brule Sioux Tribe**