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Ft. Ransom Landowners want Keystone pipeline pump station quieted

FT. RANSOM, ND- Landowners living in Ft. Ransom near the Keystone pipeline are not happy with noise coming from a Keystone pump station. The pump station is responsible for regulating the pressure of the oil as it moves along the pipeline route. The pump station has been producing an annoying loud whine for over three years.

Bruce Pantzke, a landowner and Dakota Resource Council member who lives less than a mile from the pump station, wants something to be done about the unnerving noise coming from the pump station as soon as possible.

“I moved to Ft. Ransom for the quiet and serenity of the Sheyenne River Valley, and now I live next to a pump station that makes a high pitched whine. The whine from the pump sounds like nails on a chalkboard,” said Pantzke

Pantzke and several other folks have joined Dakota Resource Council in an effort to create a community group that will work to quiet the pump station. So far the group in the Ft. Ransom area has filed an informal complaint with the North Dakota Public Service Commission as well as sent letters and called TransCanada officials regarding the noise produced by the pumper station.

Reggie Brummond, a sportsman from Jamestown, has hunted and fished in the Sheyenne River Valley for many years and finds the noise of the pumper station destroys his recreational experience.

“When I go to Ft. Ransom to hunt I do not expect to hear a loud whine while I am waiting for a deer. For the sake the valley, something needs to be done to quiet the pump station; otherwise, I am going to need to find somewhere else to hunt,” said Brummond

There are 18 landowners who live within 3 miles of the pump station. In addition, two state parks (Ft. Ransom State Park, and Little Yellowstone State Park), which lie less than 4 miles from the pump station. Visitors in the parks can hear the whine of the pump station within the both park boundaries. The sound of the pump station has a definite impact on the recreational value of these parks.

“This noise issue has most definitely reduced the quality of life, the serenity and peace of the valley, as well as the value of properties in the surrounding area,” said Pantzke

The landowners in Ft. Ransom want the pump station to be quieted. They are calling upon TransCanada to be a good steward and do what is necessary to preserve the quiet of the Sheyenne River Valley.