## TransCanada Sues Obama Administration Over Keystone

## **Timeline of Recent Actions on Keystone Pipeline**

| United States   |              | TransCanada   |
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| During the permit review, some raise concerns over KXL's environmental impact on the Sand Hills region of Nebraska  | Sept. 2008   | TransCanada applies for a Presidential Permit for the Keystone XL Pipeline (KXL), which would transport crude from Alberta, Canada to the U.S. Gulf Coast   |
| Obama Administration rejects TransCanada's application, stating that the 60 day decision deadline did not allow enough time to fully assess impact                                    | Jan. 2012    | TransCanada "disappointed, [but] remains fully committed to the construction of Keystone XL"  |
| State Department announces it will take a more prominent role in overseeing the environmental assessment of the new application   | May 2012     | TransCanada submits a new application to the State Department   |
| State Department releases final version of the environmental impact report, which concludes that KXL is unlikely to prompt a greenhouse-gas emissions surge                           | Jan. 2014    | Chief Executive of TransCanada says that with the release of this report, "the case for the Keystone XL, in our view, is as strong as ever."  |
| House and Senate approve Keystone XL bill after Nebraska<br>Supreme Court Rules the pipeline can pass through their state.<br>However, Obama vetoes the Keystone XL bill as promised. | JanFeb. 2015 | TransCanada now waits for the President's final decision on the project once the legal and environmental reviews are complete   |
| The State Department is reviewing the request   | Nov. 2015    | TransCanada requests a halt in the review of the project possibly pushing the decision to the next presidency   |
| The NAFTA arbitration process will not occur until six months from Pres. Obama's November 7 rejection of the Keystone Pipeline  | Jan. 2016    | TransCanada sues the Obama administration for rejecting the Keystone XL on two counts deeming the decision "arbitrary and unjustified" under NAFTA and also claiming Obama's decision violated the constitution |

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