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Dear Mr. Ehling,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Department of Public Safety's response to your data request for Dakota Access Pipeline EMAC materials. The Department reviewed your letter and amended our initial response. Please see the amended response attached.

Upon review, the Department is now providing total travel, equipment, commodity and other itemized costs. Nonetheless, the Department asserts the itemized lines that remain redacted could be used to determine how various police procedures, investigative techniques are conducted and therefore could compromise future responses and which could render these processes and techniques ineffective. Consequently, those itemizations are withheld pursuant to Minn. Stat. §13.82 Subd. 25.

The Department also considered your comments regarding personnel data. The data that was redacted in the EMAC documents are not public data under Minn. Stat. §13.82 Subd. 14. Specifically, regarding your requests for personnel names, email and phone numbers deployed to the DAPL incident. Certain staff and their families have been the targets of death threats and assaultive behavior. Even though the Morton, ND situation has been resolved, these threats persist due to the volatility of the ongoing pipeline protests nationwide. As such we have an obligation to protect these staff and family members until such time as the potential for danger has passed. We have, however, removed the redaction from the personnel cost columns regarding regular salary, overtime and fringe benefits.

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Should you care to discuss the matter further, or if I can be of further assistance,
please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. Joseph Newton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

E. Joseph Newton
General Counsel