

EXHIBIT B-1

DECLARATION OF:

Maxine Brings Him Back-Janis
Enrolled member of the Oglala Lakota (Sioux) tribe

Declaration of Maxine Brings Him Back-Janis

(name)

pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, under penalty of perjury.

1. I am over the age of eighteen, suffer no legal disabilities, have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below, and am competent to testify. I understand I am making the statements in this Declaration under oath. This Declaration is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
2. I am a member of *Oglala Lakota (Sioux) Tribe*

(tribal membership)

- 3 Do you own, reside upon, or stand to inherit land impacted by the Dakota Access Pipeline? *Yes*

Do you practice your Native religion/spirituality on the land or around the water impacted by this pipeline?

The Missouri River Lake Oahe reservoir brings life sustaining sacred mni (water) to our tribal communities on the Pine Ridge reservation. The religious and spiritual ceremonies, such as, the Sundance and sweat ceremonies require water as part of the ceremony. The Missouri river is our source of the mni wiconi (water giving life) for these religious and spiritual practices of our people.

4. Do you practice your traditional Native religion/spirituality? If so, what practices and/or rituals do you keep?

The spiritual practices are not regimented like western religious practices. I practice to keep in harmony and balance.

How often? *How often is not dictated by me, but more so, by a higher calling from my Creator.*

5. What is the relationship of Lake Oahe to your religious/spiritual practices?

The sacred water is the essence of our relationship with our Creator who is the giver of life.

6. What do you think will be the impact of the Dakota Access Pipeline running beneath Lake Oahe on your religious/spiritual practices?

The impact of running the pipeline beneath Lake Oahe violates the practices of a people whose lifeways are to maintain the ecosystems of unci makha (grandmother earth). There will be substantial impact unimaginable and yet to be seen.

7. Do you want Bruce Afran to represent you in the claims his legal team is filing in order to stop the Dakota Access pipeline from carrying oil on your tribal lands? *Yes*

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: _____

2/14/17
(date)

(signature) *M. Kim F. [unclear] Back Jan*