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Nebraska regulators approved the Keystone XL pipeline, removing the last big regulatory hurdle for the oil project after years of bitter protests from environmentalists and landowners, and giving President Donald Trump a victory in his campaign for U.S. "energy dominance."

The Nebraska Public Service Commission voted 3-2 to approve the route through the state for the pipeline that will transport up to 830,000 barrels per day of crude from Canada and North Dakota to oil refineries on the Gulf Coast. Former President Barack Obama had blocked the permits for the pipeline in 2015, citing the oil sands' impact on climate change, but Trump quickly reversed that decision after taking office.

Today's approval comes just days after the original Keystone Pipeline ruptured and dumped 210,000 gallons of oil into a rural area of South Dakota. But Nebraska law barred regulators from considering spills or pipeline safety in its decision-making process.

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