

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF SCS CARBON TRANSPORT LLC FOR  
AN ENERGY FACILITY PERMIT TO  
CONSTRUCT THE SUMMIT CARBON  
SOLUTIONS PIPELINE

DOCKET NO. HP22-001

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**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF  
ERIN SALISBURY, M.A., RPA**

**ON BEHALF OF**

**SCS CARBON TRANSPORT LLC**

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November 1, 2022

**Q. Please state your name.**

A. Erin Salisbury.

**Q. What is your education?**

A. I have a bachelor's and master's degree in anthropology, with emphases in archaeology.

**Q. Briefly describe your employment and experience.**

A. I have worked in cultural resources management in the United States for approximately 21 years. My primary experience is in cultural resources oversight and management of large infrastructure projects in the United States.

**Q. Please describe your duties with SCS Carbon Transport LLC.**

A. As part of the project team, I oversee the cultural resource management activities and act as Tribal Outreach Program Manager. Specifically, regarding cultural resource management, I work with Summit's contractors in developing field methodology, reviewing field data, survey reports, and project recommendations. I also work with Project engineers to avoid sensitive and/or significant site locations, am involved in permit application preparation, and agency consultation. As Summit's Tribal Outreach Program Manager, I am responsible for preparing project informational mailings for Tribal Leadership and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPO)/Cultural Resource Managers. I coordinate with THPOs regarding their interest in the cultural resources surveys to understand areas of interest, how they wish to participate in surveys, and to provide survey reports for their review. I've also invited, on Summit Carbon's behalf, Tribal Leadership and THPOs to conduct their own Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) surveys if interested and permitted by landowners. In this role I have also organized informational webinars for Tribes and state/federal agencies, held and participated in meetings with THPOs, Tribal Environmental Offices, and Tribal

Councils, and managed Traditional Cultural Specialists/Tribal Monitors in the field. The program also includes outreach to Tribal Employment Rights Offices (TERO) to obtain lists of Native-owned businesses for consideration for involvement in the project. Trainings are also being considered for individuals who are interested in being employed on the project.

**Q. When was initial contact made to the Tribes regarding the Project?**

**A.** The initial letter was mailed on August 27, 2021. The letter was also sent via email on August 30, 2021. This initial letter provided a brief introduction to the Project and included an invitation for Tribes to participate in cultural resources surveys where landowner access has been granted. The start of surveys was scheduled for 30 days out from this letter to give Tribes an opportunity to participate. Additional emails were sent and phone calls made, particularly to THPOs, as a follow up to the initial letter.

**Q. Which Tribes are being contacted regarding the Project?**

**A.** The 62 Tribes who are contacted include: Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Boise Forte Band of Chippewa, Cherokee Nation, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of the Cheyenne River Reservation of South Dakota, Chippewa Cree Indians of the Rocky Boy's Reservation, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Comanche Nation of Oklahoma, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Crow Tribe of Montana, Delaware Nation, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Forest County Potawatomi Community, Fort Belknap Indian Community, Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Ho-Chunk Nation of Wisconsin, Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, Kaw Nation, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community of Michigan, Kialegee Tribal Town, Kiowa Tribe, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Little

Shell Chippewa Tribe, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Lower Sioux Indian Community, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation – Three Affiliated Tribes, Fort Berthold Reservation, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Meskwaki Nation (Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa), Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Northern Arapaho Tribe of the Wind River Reservation of Wyoming, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Oglala Sioux Tribe (Pine Ridge), Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, Osage Nation, Otoe-Missouria Tribe, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Prairie Island Indian Community, Red Lake Band of Chippewa, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska, Sac and Fox Tribe of Indians of the Mississippi in Oklahoma, Santee Sioux Nation, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation, Spirit Lake Nation, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, Upper Sioux Indian Community, White Earth Nation, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, and the Yankton Sioux Tribe.

**Q. How many Tribal monitors participated in cultural resources surveys?**

**A.** Since the cultural resources surveys started in September, 2021 a total of 36 Tribal Monitors from 9 Tribes participated in fieldwork. Those Tribes include the Rosebud Sioux, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation – Three Affiliated Tribes, Northern Cheyenne, Mille Lacs Ojibwe, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, Yankton Sioux, Little Shell Chippewa, and Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of Fort Peck. In addition, the Upper Sioux THPO office conducted field visits in Minnesota. Additional Tribes have expressed interest in participating in surveys as the field season progresses. In South Dakota, specifically, the following Tribes have participated in surveys: Three Affiliated Tribes, Rosebud Sioux, Northern Cheyenne, and Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate.

**Q. How much of the route is subject to cultural resources survey?**

A. SCS has elected to target 100 percent inventory or cultural survey of the route, not just high probability areas and federal jurisdictional areas. As of July 2, 2022, archaeological inventories have been conducted for approximately 360.90 miles (12,929 acres) of the 300-ft wide centerline route through South Dakota, which equates to approximately 73% of the route. The remainder of the route will be inventoried when landowner access is granted. Where Summit has been granted permissions to access a property, the Tribes are also afforded the opportunity to accompany archaeological crews along the entire route, or to conduct their own studies if permitted by the landowner.

**Q. Have any significant site locations been identified during the course of fieldwork?**

A. Yes, archaeologists and Tribal Monitors have identified sites that are eligible or potentially eligible to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and/or that are sensitive to Tribes. Route changes have been implemented, and all of these resources have been avoided.

**Q. Does this conclude your written pre-filed direct testimony?**

A. Yes.

Dated this 1 day of November 2022.



Erin Salisbury