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Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2022 9:04 AM
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Cc: Van Gerpen, Patty
Subject: RE: [EXT] Dakota Fest-Summit Carbon Solutions

Dear Mrs. Lems,

Thank you for your email regarding the upcoming Dakotafest forum. I share your concern with the way the PUC's involvement in this forum was portrayed in the on-line agenda. This office has requested that the agenda be immediately updated to accurately reflect the purpose of PUC staff involvement.

This forum is being sponsored by the South Dakota Farm Bureau. PUC staff, not commissioners, were invited to participate to provide information to the public on the permitting process. Given the high profile of Dakotafest in the world of South Dakota agriculture, it is appropriate for a PUC staff person to provide factual information on the permitting process to attendees.

Your suggestion that the panel should include someone who may offer a different view of the subject matter than the other panelists has been passed on to the sponsor in the interest of helping the sponsor make this as informative a panel as possible.

Your email and this response will be posted in the public comments section of docket HP22-001.

Sincerely,

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