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PUC Docket #(HP22-001) (Summit Carbon Solutions LLC, Petition for a Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Permit)

Dear members of the South Dakota PUC,

I am writing to voice our opinion on the date for the HP22-001 docket hearing. I do not think the hearing should be moved to April like Summit Carbon Solutions (SCS) would like. April/May is a hard time to have a hearing because many affected people involved in this case are calving and/or planting. This creates a hardship due to personal operational responsibilities.

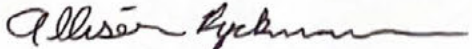
According to the rules, the PUC would rule on this case within a year of the docket being open. SCS requested to extend the date of the hearing until June of 2023. If SCS had not done this, the hearing would have been before February 7th, 2023. According to the PUC regulations, the PUC must rule within 1 year of SCS opening the docket.

Summit Carbon Solutions argues that they are losing millions of dollars because of the current date set for the hearing of September of 2023. If the April/May timeframe is the timeframe for the hearing, people involved in production agriculture will lose huge amounts of money due to the timing of the hearing. I believe SCS knows this creates a conflict with the opposition and could potentially limit the number of people in attendance at the hearing. I strongly urge you to leave the hearing until later in the year. As many of you know, there is no really good time for production agriculture to participate in a hearing, but the April/May timeframe is arguably one of the least favorable times. Due to the weather and it being one of the busiest times of the year is a big factor in reasoning.

SCS claims the opposition is using the September date as a delaying tactic. SCS is the party that extended the deadline for the hearing, not the opposition. Please leave the hearing date for September.

Thank you for your consideration

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