

April 22, 2022

Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear PUC Members:

I am writing this letter to oppose the use of eminent domain by both Summit Carbon Solutions, LLC and Navigator Heartland Greenway for the proposed CO2 pipeline projects Docket Number HP22-001. Our family has been caretakers of this land for approximately 80 years now. We do not want eminent domain to take that away from us.

Unrestricted and inappropriate use of eminent domain threatens and undermines private property rights. I do not want for-profit companies utilizing this authority to take away our rights. It must be proven that this usage is for the public good. These private companies are only trying to benefit for themselves.

The use of this pipeline will also be used for fracking as oil companies are owners of the pipeline. Why should the government help to pay for this project? What happens when this concept is obsolete or better solutions are available for CO2? Who will clean up and remove the pipeline? I am referring to those test wells that were abandoned and the state had to pay to cap them off as an example.

The loss of economic value on residential and agricultural land used by the pipelines will be harmful to all of us in the state of South Dakota and our neighboring states. What are the effects of pipeline construction on long-term soil and water health? Studies need to be done on this topic. What (yearly) training will local volunteer first responders obtain to alleviate a pipeline failure if one were to occur. Injecting CO2 accidentally or on purpose into an aquifer could have disastrous effects on our water supply.

I want the PUC to deny the use of eminent domain/not allow these private companies to gain access to our land for their own profit for both Summit Carbon Solutions, LLC, Navigator CO2 Ventures, Heartland Greenway CO2 pipeline project and any future private companies thinking that they can take our land away from us to destroy it. South Dakota needs to stand strong on this matter.

Thank you for your attention and consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,



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