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Subject: [EXT] docket # HP22-001

RE: HP22-001
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Please consider my concerns regarding the proposed CO2 pipeline projects that would run through eastern South Dakota. I am a landowner in the Valley Spring township of Minnehaha County. I grew-up and worked on our family farm and farmed after my father's retirement for 15 years. A total time and work investment of over 35 years. This property and community are who I am and means so much to my siblings and me. We grew up with our neighbors who are still making their living off this land. They are honest, hard-working South Dakotans who are not looking for favors, but to be treated fairly.

Equality of sharing in profits vs. risk of loss:

Profit: This project appears to be at the total cost of the land owners and total benefit of the CO2 pipeline investors, many who are millionaires. The use of eminent domain for a PRIVATE enterprise that will collect a proposed \$9 billion dollars over just 12 years is neither ethical or morally responsible.

Risk: Land owners will be responsible for damages when pipeline ruptures occur. And based on the requirement that the depth of the pipeline only needs buried to be 3 feet depth, there will be ruptures. Even graves in South Dakota are dug to 6 feet depth due to the harsh winters.

I am not hiring the contractor who is building the pipeline yet I and all other landowners are liable if there is a fault in construction or an act of nature that may cause rupture or loss of service. Insurance is not available to cover such risk and even if it were, it would be at the landowners' cost. Is this fair? Would you voluntarily enter your property or acreage into this project? Would you buy land where the liability of lost service is unlimited and non-insurable? We are not being asked to volunteer, but being told we are in the project.

Productivity: Farmers are the best tenants and caretakers of the land. American farmers are the most productive workforce in the world due to work ethic, innovation and caring for the land they farm. It is their life blood. Minnehaha County is blessed with some of the most productive land in the United States. THE WHOLE UNITED STATES. The landowners/farmers have only made it more productive through modern farming practices which are expensive. Construction companies are going to be working on a schedule. The project will go on regardless of weather and field conditions. Have you ever seen a farmer tilling, planting or cultivating when the field was wet? This project will negatively impact yields and land value for years into the future.

Property valuation/tax adjustment: Will the state of South Dakota, Minnehaha County, Brandon Valley School District decrease the appraised valuation of the property for loss of production and decrease in property valuation? I have not heard that any level of government, which we pay for and is supposed to be of service to us, is willing to participate on any loss of revenue of possible risk entailed with this project.

Poet: South Dakota's own and one of the country's most respected and successful ethanol producers has taken a wait and see approach to joining this project. Poet has pledged to achieve carbon neutrality, has not committed to connect to either of the proposed pipelines that would essentially go right by their front door of their production facilities.

Ask: Would a knowledgeable, informed landowner enter into this deal voluntarily? Would you as a citizen of South Dakota offer to have the pipelines run through your property with unlimited risk of expense and harm to property? I am not being asked, I and other landowners are being told this is what is going to happen. This is a one-sided deal weighted heavily in favor of the pipeline investors and against the citizens of South Dakota
I am asking you to step back and look at both of these pipeline projects and ask if this is fair to all parties. Hard working South Dakotans that willingly pay for our government agencies to represent and protect their investments and livelihood are asking that you consider and recognize the inequity of the pipeline proposals.

Respectively,
Kim Bonander