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To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>

From: The South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Subject: PUC case #HP22-001 - In the Matter of the Application by SCS Carbon Transport LLC for a Permit to Construct A Carbon Dioxide Transmission Pipeline

Dear South Dakota Public Utilities Commission members:

The South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry has been following the progress of Summit Carbon Solutions and their proposal to build a carbon pipeline to move and store carbon emissions safely and in accordance with federal and state policies and regulations.

The Public Utility Commission's recent consideration of delaying consideration of this application until September seems to us to be unreasonable and moreover effectively delays the project by an entire construction season. The Commission has an enormous responsibility to evaluate these proposals in a manner that balances to concerns of opponents but also with consideration for the companies making significant investments in South Dakota designed to achieve public policies that benefit all citizens.

Delaying the next step of this process seems to be a step toward allowing the process to achieve the goals of the opponents without regard to the facts of the application. The South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry has heard many stories of regulations strangling projects with never ending processes. We believe the PUC and the Commission's staff should reject efforts by opponents to delay only for the sake of delay and instead move to a hearing in the near term where all facts and evidence can be considered

Please pursue the evaluation of this application in a timeline that was to be expected when the application was submitted and in line with state law that requires a decision by the PUC by mid-June.

Respectfully

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