

From: fisch [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2022 10:30 AM
To: PUC <PUCPF@state.sd.us>
Subject: Re: [EXT] HP22-001

Mr. Nelson, Thank you for your response to the two meetings I referenced in my letter posted on the PUC docket. You state the Oct. 27, 2021, meeting between Summit and your staff members was appropriate, which I accept. Then, why did one of your staff members deny to me at 9:20 a.m. on Oct. 27, 2021, that any such meeting took place? I subsequently had it confirmed through Summit that they indeed had met at 8:00 a.m. with your staff on Oct.27. I then made a follow-up call to your same staff member at around 1:20 p.m. that same day informing your staff member that a meeting with Summit had occurred ,and I was not told the truth initially, and this dishonesty was not acceptable. I then merely asked if some of us landowners affected by this CO2 pipeline could come and meet with PUC staff to discuss our concerns and be advised about the application process. I got a rude response that your staff would not meet with any of us concerned landowners, and that we would get our chance at the permit hearings. As for the Senate Commerce Committee hearing I referenced, I am aware that you left before Summit began talking, and I applaud you for that. The point I was making was that this hearing was not on the public agenda that Summit was even going to be allowed to present to the committee. After Summit was allowed to address the committee members, the hearing was abruptly adjourned with out allowing opposing landowner views. I contacted Chairman Crabtree later that day as well as committee member Schoenbeck and requested that they allow some of us affected landownwers to come before their committee at their convenience to give our perspective to the committee members. I was told that they would get back to me about my request, but I have never heard back. I hope you can understand why many of us are suspicious about the courtesy given to this private, out-of-state company by our elected leaders and state officials while those of us that are having this CO2 project imposed on us against our will are not given the same courtesy. Transparency and fair treatment are essential to those of us impacted by this proposed scheme, and Summit has failed in this regard. I hope that you will take action to remedy the situations I have pointed out to you. Sincerely< Ed Fischbach

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