

From: PUC
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Mr. Fischbach,

As explained previously, the Public Utilities Commission staff member you spoke with on Oct. 27, 2021, was not included in the staff meeting with Summit Carbon representatives. He was not aware that such a meeting had been held until later. He was honest in his response to you since he was not aware of this when you called that day.

As far as requesting a meeting, you were offered the public input meetings as the best opportunity to meet with the commissioners and staff as well as the applicant's officials. These meetings are held soon after the filing of a siting permit application with official information provided by the applicant regarding the project. PUC staff communicate with formal parties to a docket as a docket is being processed.

The PUC and I did not and do not draft or issue notices or agendas for the South Dakota Legislature, including the Senate Commerce Committee hearing you referenced. I am not aware of your request to legislators or the status of their responses.

Your additional follow-up email and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the [HP22-001](#) docket.

Chris Nelson, Chairman
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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