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RE: Docket #HP22-001 – Summit Carbon Pipeline Project

South Dakota PUC members,

This fall a Summit Carbon Solutions representative visited us seeking permission to survey our land for a possible pipeline project. We were reluctant to sign for survey permission as we were unsure that this kind of a pipeline would be safe, feasible, or necessary. First, he said if we didn't sign we would be harassed by the next and then the next person until we signed. Second, he said he had no answers to our questions about the pipeline because first they needed to survey the land to see if it was even a possibility and then they would figure out how it would all work and how to make it safe, etc. He said they had to prove to the PUC that the project was feasible and safe after they determined it was from the survey information and their planning. He said the pipeline wouldn't be happening for a couple of years. We asked what happens if we don't want to sign an easement for a pipeline we aren't sure is even necessary. He said we would have no choice if the PUC approved it because eminent domain laws would allow them to take our land. We have been ignoring phone calls and messages wanting us to sign an easement before a permit was even sought from the PUC!!!

--When did they have time to plan it all out between then and now and why the easements before the permission?

--Have other options for CO2 emissions and uses been explored? Does SD have a CO2 problem?

--How feasible is this project once the government tax credits run out? Would the project work without them? Are our ethanol plants in trouble? Will CA even buy our fuel?

--What happens if the project is abandoned? What happens if they sell their easement rights to another company or even another country? Can they build more pipelines along this one?

--We can't purchase liability insurance for this pipeline. Where is our liability protection if the company comes back and places the blame for a leak or rupture on us?

--Where is the protection for our lives, our cattle, our environment, and our drinking water if there is a leak or worse yet, a break?

--Who is going to train our local emergency crews and provide needed equipment for a possible pipeline failure? How will they even get to us to help in the remote areas many of us live in? Will their vehicles even work to get here?

--How does a high pressure pipeline work with all of the twists and turns in and around water lines, electric lines, phone lines, Northern Border Pipeline, etc.? Will the pipe stand up to corrosion as I have heard that water is used to help transport the CO2? What powers these pipelines? What emissions does that produce?

--Would you want this dangerous, quickly planned out pipeline traveling through most of your land and even running directly behind your home and alongside your farm and with no say? (See Section 1-126-69) Our home is directly south of the pipeline. I believe it will have to cross Northern Border Pipeline very near our farm. Would they disturb each other?

--How can they use eminent domain when they are not the government and when the project is a for profit adventure which only benefits those who own it?

--Where is the public good in running a hazardous material across our land and through our communities not buried very deep and without proof that it is safe? Also, if it is for the public good and use, why aren't the profits shared with all who would have their land and teeth in it?

--Have you researched the number of CO2 pipelines that have been developed and how many are still in operation?

--Are you aware of the potentially deadly rupture of a CO2 pipeline in Mississippi?

--Can you look me and my family in the eye and tell me that you feel this pipeline is totally necessary, for the public good of all citizens of South Dakota and without a doubt safe so we don't have to worry about driving out through our pastures to check cattle or to let our grandchildren play in our backyard next to this hazardous waste transportation project?

Thank you for your consideration and I sincerely hope you are able to find the answers to our questions as well as those of many other concerned citizens of our great state of South Dakota. Please consider our welfare and our future. We are thankful you are here to protect and help the people of South Dakota.

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