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Sent: Monday, March 7, 2022 11:42 AM
To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] Summit Carbon Solutions Pipeline (HP22-001)

Commissioner Nelson, Commissioner Hanson, and Acting Commissioner Haeder,

We are opposed to the Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline (HP22-001).

Commissioner Nelson, you repeatedly state that "the commission is not involved in eminent domain as we have no such authority in law. Eminent domain matters are handled by circuit court". We strongly disagree with your statement. You ARE involved with the use and/or abuse of eminent domain! If you deny the permit, then Summit Carbon Solutions could not use eminent domain against unwilling landowners.

Unfortunately, we had the Dakota Access Pipeline cross our land. After you, the PUC, granted their permit, we did not have the financial means to fight against the condemnation of our land. Promises were made to us by the DAPL that were not kept. The conditions that were set by you, the PUC, for the construction of the pipeline were ignored. Ever since the DAPL was installed, we have spent years trying to restore our land to its previous condition. Before planting each year, we are amazed at the countless number of rocks (which were never there before) that need to be picked in order to not damage our equipment. Crop yields have not returned to the pre-pipeline state since no care was taken from the Dakota Access Pipeline to return the land to its original state. After our burdensome and tiring dealings with Dakota Access and their underhanded ways, we want nothing to do with them! As a result, we just try to make the best of it. Other DAPL landowners express the same sentiment.

We are very concerned about the safety of this very hazardous pipeline that could rupture and put numerous lives in danger. Pipelines will leak. Are you willing to take that risk? Are you aware of how close it is to populated areas? This pipeline is UNNECESSARY! South Dakota has the largest ethanol producer in the nation and they are not part of this project. Ethanol plants can reclaim carbon onsite eliminating any need for a hazardous pipeline. Carbon dioxide is used to euthanize animals at packing plants. Once again, we are asking you to please not take this risk and put countless lives in danger when there is a leak.

As South Dakota landowners, we feel helpless when these big companies with deep pockets bull doze us over and seek to use eminent domain. If you, the PUC, approves Summit Carbon Solutions request for a permit, you leave us with the liability and risk while we continue to pay taxes on the land in addition to the endless worry of our safety. Not to mention the inability to obtain liability insurance on land with a hazardous pipeline running through it. If we were to accidentally damage the pipeline, then we would be held responsible to the pipeline and any third parties. Once more, landowners CAN NOT obtain liability insurance on land with a hazardous pipeline running through it.

The liability, risk, paying taxes on land that was taken by eminent domain, endless worry of our safety and the lack of obtaining liability insurance is completely UNFAIR and an INJUSTICE to landowners.

You were elected to be the voice of the people. We hope that you are not being influenced by Summit Carbon Solutions or by influential politicians. This is a **for-profit** pipeline company with PRIVATE investors for PRIVATE gain. It is NOT for the public good which is what Summit would like us to think! Take a stand and do right for the citizens and landowners of South Dakota! DENY the Summit Carbon Solutions permit.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

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