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SD Public Utilities Commission  
Capitol Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
500 E. Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Proposed CO2 Pipeline SCS Carbon Transport LLC

Dear Commissioner Chris Nelson, Commissioner Gary Hanson, and appointed third person:

This is a follow up comment in regards to the crop monitor program implemented for the Dakota Access Pipeline. I would like to make it clear that I have no issues with the company that implemented the program (I am going to avoid using their name at this time). The company did as they were instructed. However, I believe there is a need for improvement on how the crops are monitored.

Construction and reclamation crews cannot accurately return soils as they once were. This results in uneven soil conditions which eventually are impacted even more as the soil settles. The crop monitor is instructed to test the soil through the years in very specific areas. That means the other areas are not considered, even if there is no crop or decreased crop.

If additional digging is necessary in the future due to a leak or issue, the crop monitor program does not apply. This decision should be reviewed.

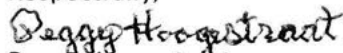
My point is-I believe that the crop monitor program gave the farmers a false hope. I believe that there is room for improvement but I am no expert in the world of monitoring crops. I am only basing my thoughts on my experience.


I do not want to be part of a problem but part of a solution.

My desire is that there is no need for a crop monitor program because you will NOT grant a permit to construct this very dangerous pipeline.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments.

Respectfully,

  
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