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Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 11:35 AM
To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: Fwd: [EXT] Re[2]: Navigator's Heartland Greenway Pipeline - Corps of Engineers Permitting

To the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission,

Please add to Comments for SCS Carbon Transport LLC docket HP22-001
and Navigator Heartland Greenway LLC docket HP22-002

Thank you,
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From: [REDACTED]
To: Senator Mike Rounds
Sent: Mon, May 1, 2023 11:16 AM
Subject: Re[2]: Navigator's Heartland Greenway Pipeline - Corps of Engineers Permitting

Senator Rounds,

Thank you for the message.

I believe this country is on a very slippery slope with many issues. One very important fact is Congress and many Federal and State Politicians are unaware or forgetting the reason our founding fathers wrote a Constitution- The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution addresses **private property** as sacred and shall be protected from **private businesses and eminent domain. This is a very fundamental right of every US Citizens.**

Navigator and Summit, both private businesses are looking to cash in on federal tax money, from **all** tax payers, to build a hazardous carbon dioxide pipeline. Both are private companies with two large foreign investors (Saudi Arabia, South Korea). Follow the money. They want politicians approval to ram this project down the throats of private landowners with the threats of eminent domain or permanent easements. Just these reasons alone are wrong, very wrong for **any reason**. This leaves many farms and family farmers no room to even negotiate and gives these private companies their land **forever**. These companies are not common carriers, but private carriers. What they want to transport is a waste like sewage to be put in a hole in the ground in North Dakota. It is not a commodity to be sold to consumers for their use. It must be put into the ground to receive federal tax credits.

These private companies definitely are not doing this out of concerns for lowering CO2. They have admitted they wouldn't do this project if it weren't for the federal tax credits. You know there are many new projects to capture CO2 on the horizon and these hazardous pipeline projects may not be needed in the next few years. Cheaper methods will treat the carbon dioxide on site.

Navigator and Summit know this and are in a hurry to get their pipeline projects going. Just this week Summit announced they are selling their tax credits to NextGen before Summit has even been granted a permit by the South Dakota PUC to build this hazardous pipeline. This arrogant move alone shows they believe they will be granted a permit. Summit has given thousands of dollars in bribes already to states governors, legislators and medias long before a public announcement was made to the general public. These two companies still won't confirm the selected route thru a farmers land and want farmers to sign easements so vague even lawyers say your giving away what ever they want to take. The government needs to be envolved to protect farmers from these companies abusive power.


Our own governor in her book "Not my first Rodeo" page eight says her father told her to never sell the land. She also doesn't want farmland sold to China. But has not said a word about these companies taking a farmers private land. These project would end up owning a stripe of land all across the upper center of the United States. I don't want Saudi Arabia, South Korea or big oil owning any private land in South Dakota. Once they have the land they can sell to whom ever they want per their easements. I have read their contracts.

The rupture of a CO2 pipeline in Mississippi harmed hundreds. The Federal Department of Transportation agency PHMSA is still working on regulations updates because of that carbon dioxide rupture. Many people had life threatening issues and medical costs. But no recourse because the pipeline company filed bankruptcy. I spoke to a PHMSA officials who said the agency is getting no help from above to move new regulations long. These new regulations need to be completed before any granting of a state permit by the PUC or construction. We do not need another East Palestine Accident like Ohio.

I am asking you to get involved. I know you are very capable and love South Dakota. You helped me get rid of Canadian mail order when governor.

Thank you for ready this letter.

Dennis M. Jones


Sioux Falls, SD 57108

On Mon, May 1, 2023 at 09:00 AM, Senator Mike Rounds wrote:

I appreciate you contacting me. Whether you have concerns about legislation, need help with a federal agency or want my office to assist with an upcoming trip to Washington D.C., I am excited to hear from you.

This is just to let you know we've received your e-mail and a specific response will be

forthcoming.

You may also wish to explore www.rounds.senate.gov which provides information about my policy positions and general information about my office.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you.

Sincerely,

Mike Rounds