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Subject: [EXT] PUC Docket #(HP22-001)

Please see attachment for my letter concerning Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline permit request. PUC Docket #HP22-001. Thank you.

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March 22, 2022

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building 1st Floor
500 E Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: PUC Docket 3 (HP22-001) Summit Carbon Solutions LLC, Petition for a Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Permit

Commission Chairman Chris Nelson
Commissioner Kristie Fiegen
Commissioner Gary Hanson

I grew up on a grain farm/hog/cattle farm three miles west of Leola, SD. For a time after graduating High School, my husband and I lived in Aberdeen, SD, Mitchell, SD, Glendive, MT, and Williston North Dakota. We opted to move our family "home" to Leola 24 years ago to raise our family. Currently I am an independent insurance agent and city councilwoman. It is from this point of view that I am writing my concerns about the permit application you received from Summit Carbon Solutions LLC (SCS).

I believe that you, as the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, need to thoroughly examine all opinions and facts on the matter of SCS requesting a permit to build a pipeline to carry CO2 to the Williston Basin. SCS says in a handout from a presentation that they gave to the McPherson County Commission, "The Co2 will be permanently and safely stored deep underground in North Dakota." Do they know for certain that it will be stored safely and that it

will stay there forever? I believe that carbon capture and sequestration is an unproven technology. Do we know for certain the ecology in deep earth? There are too many unknowns. What about ground water and water wells, etc? Will they be contaminated?

Which brings me to our source of water in Leola, SD. We depend on WEB water. What if this is disrupted through the process of building the pipeline or down the road when the pipeline begins to deteriorate? What about those that depend on ground water and wells on their farms and ranches? This not only affects our little community; this will affect our whole state.

I also have concerns that the cost of our electricity will increase. The pumping station that is proposed to be built five miles west of Leola is close to a MDU substation. Is this where that energy is going to come from? Will our city have blackouts or brownouts? These outages can cause equipment failure and breakdown.

I have safety concerns. If there is a leak or rupture of the pipeline once it is operational, will we experience loss of life, either human or animal? What about our plants and soil? CO2 is an asphyxiant and an inebriant. A ruptured CO2 pipeline could affect anyone in the vicinity. We don't need a catastrophe like this that could cause indefinite implications for many generations, not just the next one.

What about liability issues? Is Summit Carbon Solutions LLC willing to absorb the liability and cover the risk? When the pipes begin to corrode or the pipeline goes out of business, who is responsible for decommissioning the pipeline? I just can't see that a landowner's liability will be sufficient to cover what SCS will not cover. Why should it be up to the landowner to try to get a multimillion-dollar liability policy to cover for SCS? Speaking of landowners, why should they give up their land for private gain? I don't care how much SCS will pay; is it worth it?

Lastly, I am a landowner's daughter. My Mom's land will be affected by this pipeline going through her property. A couple of years ago a power line was erected on her land; the Northern Border pipeline also goes across her land. How many more utilities, etc., does she have to allow?

I urge you to deny this permit application from Summit Carbon Solutions LLC. I believe there are other technologies being developed or in use to better the environment for future generations. Once again, please do your research and consider carefully South Dakotans' concerns about this issue.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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