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Re Summit Carbon Solutions' proposed CO² pipeline through eastern South Dakota

We are writing as South Dakota Landowners and citizens in opposition to the Summit Carbon Solutions CO² pipeline. Specifically, we are opposed to allowing them to use eminent domain to acquire property on which to run the pipeline. Portions of this pipeline will run across or very close to land, homes, farms and communities where we live and work.

Eminent domain is necessary for projects that have a clear benefit to the general public. Rural water projects, powerline projects, road and highway projects and even petroleum pipelines clearly benefit a vast majority of the public. In contrast, the Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline will benefit relatively few people who will primarily be the small group of investors who are pushing for approval of this pipeline.

Summit Carbon Solutions (Summit) claims the following public benefits from this project:

- Reducing CO² greenhouse gas to reduce climate change
- Allowing ethanol plants to lower their CI score allowing them to sell their product into more profitable low carbon markets,
- Economic benefit through construction and operations jobs that will be created.

Summit claims that the amount of carbon this project will capture, and store would be equivalent to taking 2.6 million cars off the road. As impressive as this sounds, it is less than 1% of cars currently operating in the US and it only addresses CO² emissions and ignores other important greenhouse gasses. This would have an infinitesimal impact on climate change and the overall amount of greenhouse gas in the atmosphere. We fully support Summit investing 4.5 billion in an effort to curb climate change, but with a net effect of less than 1%, relative to cars on the road, there appears to be no measurable public good from their current effort that would support use of eminent domain.

Summit and their supporters are heralding this project as something that will save the ethanol industry. This supposes that the industry needs saving and that there are no other options for the ethanol industry to deal with carbon. Currently there are ethanol plants that utilize or convert carbon on-site to reduce their emissions. There are technologies and processes being refined now by NASA and Oak Ridge National Laboratory that convert carbon into energy and ethanol. Imagine if developers were willing to put \$4 to 5 billion into one of these strategies that would really eliminate greenhouse gases, not just move them around. Ethanol producers can also simply continue to sell their product into markets that are currently available. This carbon capture pipeline is NOT the only

option open to the industry. Just because it appears to be the cheapest option currently available, doesn't mean it is the best, cheapest or safest long-term solution.

The economic benefit of this project would be a short-term boom during construction then negligible from that point on; a few employees at the local pumping/compressor station. Certainly not a clear public benefit. In exchange our community gets a hazardous material pipeline forced upon landowners, through eminent domain, that will be a constant worry to folks in close proximity to it.

We would also like to ask about the easements that are being requested, are they specific for this pipeline and the material that they propose to transport, or, as in other areas, do they allow the pipeline to be used for other materials when it is no longer profitable to transport CO²? Will they allow other pipelines or utility assets to be placed within the easements without the landowner's permission?

Is the high-pressure liquid CO² that will be transported in this pipeline going to be regulated as a hazardous substance or is it going to be largely unregulated as commodity carbon?

Residents in our area have safety concerns with this pipeline. We have seen the effects of the pipeline rupture in Mississippi where many escaped death by only minutes as emergency responders and their vehicles were disabled by the fast spreading, ground hugging sea of asphyxiating liquid CO² that was released on an unsuspecting community. Summit blames that incident on the Hydrogen Sulfide that was present in the liquid CO² and ignores the fact that large volumes of liquid CO², rapidly released, will sink to the ground and spread into all nearby low lying areas starving every human or animal in its path of oxygen. At a recent meeting in Leola SD, the Summit representatives denied that this was a possibility simply repeating "It will just dissipate very rapidly".

We also have concerns with the pipeline crossing other utilities like water pipelines, gas and electrical lines. Will there be adequate separation between these utilities and what will be added costs to maintaining the existing lines when there is an additional high pressure line running through the area.

Who will ensure that our local emergency responders have proper staffing and training to handle a pipeline rupture or a massive leak at a pumping/compressor station? Who will bear the cost of the training and special equipment that will be needed to protect our communities?

As landowners in South Dakota, we rely on the Public Utilities Commission to protect our property rights. The right of eminent domain should not be granted to the high bidder or be available to well financed, politically well positioned investors. It should only be granted for true Public Benefit. This project fails that test and should not be allowed to use eminent domain.

We appreciate your service and taking the time to read our letter and consider the points we have made. We strongly urge you to reject this project and its use of eminent domain.

Sincerely

Concerned citizens of McPherson County

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