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Respected Members of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission:

On February 15, 2022, Minnehaha County Auditor Bennett Kyte received correspondence from Brett Koenecke fulfilling the statutory requirement to notify the receipt of an application pursuant to SDCL 49-41B-15 and 49-41B-17.

The proposed carbon dioxide transmission pipeline, PUC Docket HP22-001, enters the southwest portion of Minnehaha County and runs approximately northwest, covering 26.64 miles across the western portion of Minnehaha County<sup>1</sup>.

In service of the citizens of Minnehaha County, the Minnehaha County Commission has provided opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed pipeline, these comments are summarized below:

- The potential inappropriate use of eminent domain for private benefit;
- The proposed setbacks and the potential health and safety of both humans and livestock
- The lack of appropriate bonding or other “exit strategy” should the pipeline cease operation
- The lack of appropriate emergency response training provided to local authorities to handle any potential crisis events
- The concern that previous conditions imposed by the Public Utilities Commission are not enforced
- That Summit Carbon Solutions agree that landowners be held harmless from all liabilities and claims for damages

The Minnehaha County Commission deferred action regarding the proposed pipeline until after the March 23, 2022 PUC public hearing. Summit Carbon Solutions provided an overview of their process during this public hearing and concerned citizens gave their input on this process.

The Minnehaha County Commission firmly concurs with these concerns related to PUC Docket HP22-001 in its current form. Further, the Minnehaha County Commission urges the Public Utilities Commission to

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<sup>1</sup> Summit Carbon Solutions Application to the SD Public Utilities Commission, Document Number SCS-0700-ENV-05-PE-009-A, p. 10.

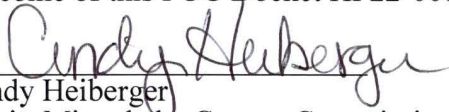


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seriously consider the comments of the citizens of South Dakota as a primary variable in determining the outcome of this PUC Docket HP22-001.



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Chair, Minnehaha County Commission

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