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Commissioner Nelson  
Commissioner Hanson  
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Subject: Summit Carbon Solutions Pipeline PUC Docket # HP22-001

Commissioners:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Summit Carbon Solutions Pipeline. My first concern is in regards to safety. I am a landowner in Minnehaha County and I have recreational property in Lake county. This proposed pipeline is less than 200 feet from my home and less than a mile from my recreational property. I have a small acreage on my dad's land. The proposal is for the pipeline to be on my dad's land but again it is less than 200 feet from my home according to page 8 of Appendix 6C (file append6C031122). This pipeline is in close proximity to the Dakota Access Pipeline, what type of damage would occur if there were a leak/explosion that close to the DAP? There is a DAP shut off valve on my dad's property, what potential damages would occur to the above ground shut off valve? In Lake County the pipeline appears to cross between Round Lake and Brandt Lake. If there were a leak in that area what type of damage would there be to the lakes, Skunk Creek and the Big Sioux River?

Another concern is liability and insurance. Pipelines write easements that give potential liability to the landowner or farmer. If a farmer accidentally damages the pipeline, he could be sued by the pipeline company for damages. If there is a leak that damages or injures a third party, the landowner could be sued and held responsible. Where do we obtain liability insurance for a hazardous pipeline running through our land? The landowner and farmer are exposed to substantial liability risks. If there was an accident, they could lose their land and everything they own.

What happens after the big tax credits expire in 12 years? Will Summit sell the pipeline to another company? Causing more issues and headaches to landowners. What if they abandon the pipeline? Would we, as the landowner, be responsible for the removal or upkeep of the pipeline?

This is a privately held company asking for our land to make huge profits from tax credits! They were asking for permission to survey and wanted easements signed before they even submitted their application to the state. To me that is like digging a hole and starting construction on a house before purchasing the land and getting a building permit!

We did not ask for this pipeline to come through our land but now we are taxed with obtaining a lawyer, attending meetings, and reaching out to community leaders to voice our concerns. I believe in the ethanol industry and I want my future generations to carry out our family farming traditions. I also believe there is a better way to reduce carbon emissions. I do not want the proposed pipeline to be moved so my neighbor has the headache, I am asking the commission to reject the application of Summit Carbon Solutions.

Regards,  
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