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Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 11:35 AM
To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] docket number (HP22-001)

Good morning,

I have attached a letter I would like attached to PUC docket number HP22-001, which should be the summit carbon solutions pipeline.

Please let me know if you receive this email,

Thank you for your time

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

Members of the PUC board,

I am writing this letter to you to make you aware of opposition to the Summit Carbon Solutions proposed CO2 pipeline. I farm and ranch with my family in northern Hyde County. The pipeline is coming right through the heart of all our land, and I have what I believe to be some very legitimate concerns. Below I have those concerns listed.

1. I have a very great concern for the transporting of a hazardous liquid going through a pipeline under very high pressure, with valves being 20 miles apart. With the liquid being under a pressure (psi we have been told from 2000-2400 psi), if a leak does occur how much will escape with the valves being so far apart, and from what we were told it takes those valves 15 seconds to close "if" they detect a change in pressure.
2. I have a very great concern for the depth of the pipeline being proposed. 4 feet does not seem deep enough. With the construction practices that are going to be used, will the soil have any compaction when they are completed? We as farmers have very large equipment, and that equipment is heavy. We have had equipment stuck 4 to 6 feet deep before we were able to get it out, I sure do not want to be stuck on a pipeline that has hazardous materials flowing at a very high psi. CO2 displaces oxygen when released into the air and is heavier than oxygen, it will flow along creeks and low ground. This is a deadly gas that has been used as an asphyxiant at livestock slaughterhouses.
3. I have a great concern for the practices that are being talked about from Summit Carbon Solutions. It seems as if the story changes every time you talk to a representative at a meeting, which they have had no public meetings in Sully, Hyde, & Hand counties. We have not had one interaction with a Summit representative about our land, just letters that show up in the mail.

4. I am a volunteer fireman on the Highmore Fire Department. We as a fire department, and the county emergency management have had NO contact with Summit Carbon Solutions with the talks of training, what equipment will we have to buy to deal with this CO2, and what expense will that cost us as a department. We are strictly volunteers, and we prefer to spend what money the public donates to us in a responsible fashion. We feel that Summit should be making departments aware before this project starts so we can budget funding to get what we will need on the department, or be transparent with the departments, which has not happened.
5. Liability is a huge concern. We have had conversations with our farm insurance and insurance companies are very unsure if they will be able to provide liability insurance in case anything does happen to the pipeline while passing through your own land.
6. Money. This whole project comes down to the bottom line of money. The federal government is offering tax credits to the ethanol industry and to companies which are saying they will “sequester” this CO2. We as landowners are not getting much of a fair shake as I can see it. Summit Carbon Solutions is saying they want “voluntary easements” because then they can say to the South Dakota PUC that they have landowners who are on board with this project. I have not heard of anyone that I know that is in favor of this project. The dollar amounts that they are offering to landowners is very minimal compared to the amount of money that they will profit from this project. Landowners should be compensated on an annual basis or get some sort of profit share for what they are helping this company achieve, instead of the very minuscule one- time payment they are offering.
7. Eminent domain. The definition of eminent domain in the dictionary is as follows:
 - a. the right of a government or its agent to expropriate private property for public use, with payment of compensation.

I realize that the PUC has no authority in granting eminent domain, but if you do approve this project, you are opening the door for that possibility of eminent domain to be used by a private company, solely using this pipeline and process for a profit basis, going across private land and landowners while transporting a hazardous liquid.

I am asking that you vote NO on the Summit Carbon Solutions petition. There are many concerns from farmers/ranchers, landowners, volunteer fire departments, and anyone that will live have to live with this the rest of their lives. When considering this pipeline permit please ask yourself, “Would you like this pipeline running through your front yard?”

Thank you for your time,

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