

I am reapplying for party status on behalf of AGM Farms, LLC of which I am an owner. My initial application has not yet been officially denied but PUC staff has recommended denial, it was discussed, and deferred until the next meeting.

As such I would like to clarify my initial request and add other reasons for my request.

First, I listed that my land was 3 miles away from the pipeline on my initial application and then verbally reported 2.5 miles at the hearing. I did not know about the 2-mile restriction at the time I filled out the application and was just generalizing as to make sure I didn't overstate the facts. I know I still don't fall in the 2-mile restriction but I am very aware that SCS has moved their proposed route many times since inception and has not been very forthcoming with notifying the newly affected landowners and I could very well find myself in their crosshairs.

Second, I had stated on my application that as a taxpayer, I felt I was entitled to party status as this project is being funded with my tax dollars. It was stated at the hearing that being a taxpayer in itself is not reason for involvement. That is taxation without representation. And to add to that statement, SCS has disallowed my representations, legislatures, county commissioners, and township supervisors from representing me. AGAIN, taxation without representation.

Third, I attend church at Cowboy Way Church, located at 46089 263rd St, Hartford, SD. This is within ½ mile of the proposed route. Every time I attend church I will cross directly over the pipeline (within a few feet) and will be within ½ mile of the pipeline at every Church function. There is also a Lutheran church located within a ½ mile on the other side of the pipeline. I get many questions from other church members as to the status of the pipeline and concerns over how close it will be located to the church building and the pastor's residence which is on the same property. Not sure why a church has less priority than a school but that's for another discussion.

Forth, I attend many county, city, and township meetings and as such take a great interest in what goes on in my county. To be excluded from these hearings and not to have a voice restricts my ability to be actively involved in the very county that this pipeline is being proposed.

Fifth, I already have a natural gas pipeline running through my property so I know the restrictions it causes. However, I have no problem with this pipeline as it is an actual public utility, unlike the CO2 heist. If this CO2 pipeline is allowed to proceed it will open the door to more CO2 pipelines so I have great interest and again could be directly affected.

So, as I have stated, I think I have many good reasons to request party status to a project that directly affects me in the county that I live, work, and take an active part in.

Thank you for your consideration and I am always available for any questions.

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