

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF SCS CARBON TRANSPORT LLC FOR  
A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A CARBON  
DIOXIDE PIPELINE.

HP24-001

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**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF**

**CHAD BLINDAUER, DAVISON COUNTY, SD**

**ON BEHALF OF**

**SUMMIT CARBON SOLUTIONS, LLC**

**EXHIBIT #**

December 13, 2024

- 1 **Q. Please state your name and business address for the record.**
- 2 A. My name is Chad Blindauer. My address is 24699 407th Ave, Mitchell, SD 57301.
- 3 **Q. What is your occupation?**
- 4 A. I am a Davison County farmer and rancher.
- 5 **Q. Please briefly describe your operation.**
- 6 A. I have 30 years of experience in various facets of farming. Our operation includes farm  
7 ground, cow-calf, and feeding. We grow and sell corn every year to POET.
- 8 **Q. Please describe your affiliation with Summit and POET?**
- 9 A. I sell corn to POET.
- 10 **Q. What is the basis for your testimony?**
- 11 A. I seek to see agriculture, Summit, and ethanol succeed and to testify that the Summit  
12 project is good for farmers, ethanol plants, and South Dakota in general.
- 13 **Q. Why is the Summit project necessary for you/your neighbors/South  
14 Dakota/Ethanol?**
- 15 A. The Summit project is necessary to ensure the future of ethanol and, in turn, the viability  
16 and profitability of SD corn producers.
- 17 **Q. What does Summit mean to you in terms of opportunities to grow your operation?**
- 18 A. We grow and sell corn in order to protect, evolve, and maintain our way of life.
- 19 **Q. What context is missing from the concerns stated by others?**
- 20 A. Ethanol buys and uses a tremendous amount of corn and has done so much for our area  
21 corn farmers.
- 22 **Q. What fears do you have if the project is not completed?**
- 23 A. I fear that the excess corn will continue to weigh on prices.

1 **Q. Has your county acted against the project?**

2 A. To my knowledge, Davison County has not acted against the project.

3 **Q. How do you feel about that? How do you feel about other counties which have tried**  
4 **to stop the project?**

5 A. I feel the counties trying to stop the project are very short-sighted to give up the revenue  
6 that would come into the counties.

7 **Q. Do you have safety concerns about the Summit project?**

8 A. I do not have any safety concerns.

9 **Q. Is your ground part of the Summit project?**

10 A. Yes. My ground is part of the Summit project.

11 **Q. How was your easement experience? Were you fairly treated and compensated?**

12 A. We signed easements with Summit in order to protect, evolve, and maintain our way of  
13 life. Our interactions with Summit were positive, and we are excited to see this project take  
14 effect.

15 **Q. Does your ground currently have other easements?**

16 A. No.

17 **Q. What has been your overall experience with easements, both Summit and others?**

18 A. My experience with other easements is unknown at this time, but my experience with  
19 Summit has been positive.

20 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

21 A. Yes.

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23 Dated this 20th day of October, 2024.

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3     /s/ Chad Blindauer    

4 Chad Blindauer