

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**

**ROGER CHASE, BEADLE 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. Roger Chase, 20451 398th Ave, Huron, SSD 57350

3 **Q. What is your occupation?**

4 A. I am a Beadle County farmer and real estate broker.

5 **Q. Please briefly describe your operation.**

6 A. I have 37 years of experience in various facets of farming, real estate brokerage, and  
7 elected office. Our operation includes farm ground/cow-calf/feeding. We grow and sell corn  
8 every year to Agtegra-Huron, Prairie Grain Partners-Hitchcock/Tulare, and other neighboring  
9 farmers.

10 **Q. Please describe your affiliation with Summit and Glacial Lakes Energy.**

11 A. The proposed carbon pipeline route would cross land that I own. Other than the pipeline  
12 route, I have no relations with Summit. I am a shareholder in Glacial Lakes Energy.

13 **Q. What is the basis for your testimony?**

14 A. I seek to see agriculture succeed for the next generation and to testify that the Summit  
15 project is good for farmers, ethanol plants, and South Dakota in general.

16 **Q. Why is the Summit project necessary for you/your neighbors/South Dakota/Ethanol**

17 A. This project is necessary to move our ethanol industry to the next stage of success. We  
18 need to ensure that our existing processing facilities can continue to sell to markets outside of  
19 South Dakota for generations to come.

20 **Q. What does Summit mean to you in terms of opportunities to grow your operation?**

21 A. We signed easements with Summit to construct a carbon pipeline. We grow and sell corn  
22 to the ethanol plant and buy back distillers' grain for feeding cattle on our farm. This has  
23 allowed us to feed and finish more of the cattle we raise.

1 **Q. What context is missing from the concerns stated by others?**

2 A. Ethanol buys and uses a tremendous amount of corn and has done so much to provide  
3 economic stability to our communities and state. Our farm has a market for the corn we raise  
4 and the opportunity to buy back distillers' grain to feed to our cattle. This enhances our farm  
5 production that we did not have when I was growing up.

6 **Q. What fears do you have if the project is not completed?**

7 A. Ethanol plants utilize 50-65% of the corn we raise in South Dakota. Farmers need this  
8 market to ensure we have every available market to maintain a strong market for our grain. If  
9 this project does not happen in our state, ethanol plants will be at a competitive disadvantage as  
10 compared to other states' plants that can receive carbon credits.

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

12 A. Residents and neighbors in Beadle County are receptive of this proposed pipeline. The  
13 county understands the importance of getting this project completed.

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

16 A. I am very comfortable with the proposed pipeline. My farm is located next to a larger  
17 airport and has other everyday hazards that concern me more than a buried pipeline. I breathe  
18 the air from the ethanol plant every day and would like to have cleaner air near my farm. I don't  
19 understand the concerns of neighboring counties and desire to stop the project.

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

21 A. I do not have concerns about the proposed pipeline. Pipeline projects have modern  
22 technologies that can slow or stop the flow if an issue arises. I'm comfortable with the  
23 representatives from Summit and have had a good working relationship with them.

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

2 A. Yes. We have land in the proposed route, and our main farm where we have a residential  
3 structure, farm buildings, grain bins, and cattle lots are all in the proposed route.

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

5 A. We signed easements with Summit in order to protect, evolve, and maintain our way of  
6 life. Our interactions with Summit were positive, and we were able to reach an easement  
7 agreement that we and our next generation are comfortable with. Our questions and concerns  
8 were answered, and we are hopeful this project can move forward soon.

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

10 A. Yes. This land has several easements for electrical power lines, buried rural water lines,  
11 fiber internet lines, and overhead aviation restrictions.

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

13 A. Easements are needed to provide the services and quality of life benefits we enjoy. Rural  
14 water and internet are available to our farm that would not be available without easements.

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

16 A. Yes.

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18 Dated this 14th day of October, 2024.

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20     /s/ Roger Chase

21 Roger Chase