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RE: Summit Carbon Solutions Carbon Dioxide Pipeline HP24-001

Dear Commissioners,

I am a Minnehaha County resident who will be affected by the proposed Summit CO2 pipeline. I live within one mile of the proposed route, and I own land that will be impacted. I attended a recent PUC meeting in Sioux Falls and was unsatisfied by the proposed pipeline plans and the safety information provided. South Dakota is full of wide-open spaces. Why is this project being routed through the most densely populated area of the state? What safety protocols protect us if there is a rupture? Why are insurance companies refusing to underwrite policies regarding the pipeline?

There are many other unanswered questions, especially concerning the end of the project. Once the proposed pipeline has outlived its usefulness, who is responsible for removing it and reclaiming the land? The landowner, who opposed its construction in the first place? Where is the provision or bond set aside for this potentially expensive removal project? After making their millions, Summit is leaving landowners on the hook. This alone demonstrates the true measure of the Summit plan: railroad the landowners into submission, make huge profits, then walk away. This lack of corporate accountability is totally unacceptable.

It is completely inappropriate for a private company to be allowed to seize property through the eminent domain process. Eminent domain is for the public good: e.g. interstate highways and power transmission lines. Summit is a for-profit corporation that will be making millions of dollars, maybe billions by the time the project is concluded. This is not an acceptable use of eminent domain.

I strongly oppose the granting of permits for this project.
Please say NO to eminent domain for private gain!

Sincerely,

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