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To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] HP24-001

Dear PUC Commission,

My comments are regarding docket HP24-001.

I would sincerely ask you to deny the application for Summit Carbon Solutions for these reasons:

1. The safety of the people who live near the proposed pipeline. We all know that the likelihood of a rupture may be small, but is it worth risking the lives of SD residents? Summit Carbon Solutions says that there will be shut-offs to prevent ruptures; but, at the pressure these pipelines are at, even seconds before shutoff can mean lives lost.
2. The lasting effect on farmland. We have seen the result of excavating farmland to put in pipelines. The land is not the same as they promise. Also, for those farmers who have tile lines through that land, those will never be the same. The company promises to repair them to their original condition for the life of the pipeline. What happens when Summit sells to someone else or files bankruptcy? Will they be repaired then? The chance of tile lines not working after being excavated under is great. So, if you have a plug, who are you going to get to repair a tile line that is 3-4 feet deep when a carbon monoxide pipeline is at 5-6 feet deep? You wouldn't find me doing that.
3. The length of time this pipeline actually being used. New ideas are being suggested constantly for ways of curbing global warming. Can't we wait for some better way of doing this than thousands of miles of pipeline at the expense of millions of taxpayer dollars being given to a private company? Regarding my thoughts on global warming, what was it that caused the melting of the glaciers millions of years ago? Was it increased CO2 then? God is in control and we should leave it up to Him to determine our climate. Yes, we should do our part, like giving credit to those farmers who do their best by no-tilling, etc.

Thanks for listening to these comments.

Sincerely,
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