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COMMENTS ON HP23-001

Dear members of the South Dakota PUC,

My name is David Mendel and I live with my wife Judy south of Doland, SD approximately five-eighths of a mile from the planned 24" mainline. My wife and I have supported value added projects during our 50 years of agricultural production. Having local ethanol plants as a buyer for our corn and a source of distiller's grains for feed has been a huge positive impact on our farm.

I attended one of the local public input meetings and heard repeated concerns about safety, carbon sequestration, and climate change. Certainly, pipeline safety is of monumental importance and should be a top priority for the installers and operators. I cross numerous buried pipelines on a regular basis and see no impact on humans, animals or land. It seems to be a much safer means of transportation than trucks or rail.

Property rights are important to all of us who own property and they need to be protected and respected, however if a small number of landowners can stop a major project it seems unreasonable. We can argue regarding climate change and carbon sequestration and its role impacting our environment but we need to live in a state of reality, also. The reality is that the great majority of the civilized world believes it.

The potential economic impact on our farms, townships, schools, counties, states, and Midwest region is tremendous. With increasingly fuel-efficient vehicles it is important to the ethanol industry and corn producers to expand into new markets. Lowering the carbon score of ethanol would make that possible.

Thank you for the job you do and for allowing me to share some of my _____ thoughts about the summit carbon solutions permit application. I am hopeful that the commission will be able to approve the application with any needed safety modifications.

Respectfully,

Doland, SD 57436

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