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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Dear PUC,

I have land within 2 miles of the Groton ethanol plant, every time there is a SE wind my son & grandsons homesteads have to smell the production. They tolerate that. I was told that the Summit project would use massive amounts of water to cool their equipment. I have a BDM water pipe line going through my property, a few years ago they asked for permission to put another one through, which I granted because the was more demands for water then they could provide. Since that time Aberdeen asked for a pipeline from there also. Web Water turned down a request from Aberdeen, they (Aberdeen) are always short of water they have water restrictions every summer. The aquifer does not have unlimited amounts of water and can't be refilled with a good rain. During a previous drought I seen boat ramps all along the Missouri river that were out of the water. It was so low one of the pipelines to a reservation was out of the water also. Brown County is short of water, we can't allow it to be taken away from the public that depends upon it for themselves and their livestock. In Brown county people depend on both Web Water and BDM aquifer. The climate change hoax will be exposed and coal & oil will be used again and corn will be used to relieve word hunger. God knew what he was doing when he provided the earth with an abundance of coal & oil. Technology has been providing better ways of using both of them that doesn't harm the environment, plus natural gas which we have an abundance has a lower carbon foot print. Stopping USA from using our resources isn't stopping China from building new coal plants on a weekly basis, which minimizes the effect of USA. USA is already the lowest user of carbon foot print in the world. Also stopping wild fires in the USA would make a huge difference.

A new report came out that stated the plants & trees use 31% more co2 that previously reported. Scientists report that the earth just went through a cool period and is now entering a warmer period which is a natural occurrence in past history of the earth. Just as I have witnessed two 50 year floods in my life time that have been previously reported in history.

These all are very serious considerations to be part of your discussions.

Sincerely,

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