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To: PUC <PUCPF@state.sd.us>
Subject: Re: [EXT] FW: Carbon, my 2 cents

Here are my comments without the attachments from the previous email response that was request via registered letter dated December 17, 2024.

Sent via email to PUC@state.sd.us on January 14, 2025 at 12:53am and again via this email dated January 14, 2025 at 8:41am without attachments (that were not foot noted and not usable by PUC in first email response).

USA produces 13.8 % of world's carbon, 5 billion metric tons, China produces 31% of world carbon, 12 billion metric tons, annual world metric tons of CO2 and is approximately 39B.
World CO2 levels fluctuate over time. Mother nature carbon sinks and sources are the biggest change drivers. Throughout history abrupt climate change windows happen; i.e., ice age, and we cannot control these changes. Therefore, yes, being smart about greenhouse gas emissions is important; but being smart about realistic global changability and the cost globally and at the local level is key. There maybe symptom areas that could be researched and fixed and be more productive locally, within the US.

However, going crazy to reduce co2 by miniscule amounts for a short period at extremely high cost to the US taxpayers, especially as our debt grows out of control, is stupid and ridiculous.

Summit Carbon metric ton storage plan says 1% of the US carbon for how many billions! I don't believe the reduction number is feasible and the cost will always be more but those are their numbers. When China continues to bleach out CO2 at large rates, the proposed numbers are immaterial. Until the world plays and pays for the same thing, US money and effort will not mean anything; other than risk to farms, land, and land cover, humankind (taxpayers) and animals.

The carbon summit pipeline is dreamed up by money hungry politicians and their business friends to get rich off of the gullible population and put them at risk. It really has no measurable impact on overall global climate change and is a high risk.

This is well known, as proven by recent pipeline rupture in Mississippi. CO2 is an asphyxiant that's heavier than air. When a CO2 pipeline ruptures, it can cause serious health problems and will suffocate people and animals. The response times for infrastructure failure are not going to save people and animals in an immediate area proximity break.

Pipelines transporting carbon dioxide are dangerously under-regulated, and the question is not will the pipes break or rupture, the question is when, CO2 as with any molecule at high pressure, becomes abrasive and will corrode and damage infrastructure. When the pipe infrastructure fails, it will release immense amounts of CO2, hurl large sections of pipe and ice, expel pipe shrapnel, and generate enormous craters.

The proposed pipeline is definitely not a local public service and currently not a global carbon service.

Any person or politician that is trying to push this on land owners and the taxpayers are criminal. The eminent domain proposal is against South Dakota's wishes as shown in November election and any attempt should be shut down.

This is such a waste of money; the president should sign an executive order and shut this down. Exactly the same way that the Keystone XL pipeline was shut down.

I would never want this infrastructure near me or my neighbors, or in South Dakota.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

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