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Subject: [EXT] Comments Docket: HP24-001

I have reattached comments letter on Docket HP24-001 with email and phone number.

Thank You

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3 January, 2025

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Ms. Kristie Fiegen, Chairperson
Mr. Gary Hanson, Vice Chairman
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Public Utilities Commission
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Re: Public Utilities Commission, Docket HP24-001

Dear Commissioners,

With the state-wide focus on the dangers and challenges of the proposed CO2 pipeline, I believe it is important to not lose sight of the downfalls of this project and the negative impacts to our state. This proposed pipeline has a very high likelihood of doing tremendous damage to many staples of our state. Every aspect of this project is a complete rejection of basic humanity and decency.

There are several key points that easily justify rejection of authorizing this project to move forward:

1. Public safety of the residents of South Dakota.
2. Questionable integrity and intent of project promoters and builders.
3. Cost of project.
4. The need for project, environmental damage to ecosystem.

Public safety should be of utmost concern, Dr. Ted Fogarty, formerly Dean of the University of North Dakota Medical school stated that a rupture in a valley or a low area has the potential to kill every living thing in the vicinity due to suffocation from this rapidly expanding concentrated asphyxiant gas. This fact has been confirmed by pipeline engineers and other safety experts, indicating a 9 mile kill range. In Satartia MS, a CO2 pipeline ruptured creating devastating results, even though buried 30 feet under a highway, the explosion created a 40-foot crater adjacent to highway. Has summit offered to put up a \$10 Billion performance bond minimum? Who will be liable for injury and damages? {"Carbon Solutions"} is a false catch phrase that sounds like an organization that truly aims to solve problems, hardly! This entire project is nothing but a US taxpayer cash harvesting operation which has the appearance of racketeering! Their harassment of Brown County landowners is reminiscent of

organized crime gangs. This also opens thoughts on how much some of our statewide politicians are involved in this national scam.

Let us look at the projected cost of this project, (projected at \$5.5 Billion?). \$5.5 Billion in taxpayer dollars for virtue signaling? Could South Dakota use its portion of this foolish spending for much better investments? In addition to this, the money simply does not exist, it is all borrowed! Furthermore, this entire project concept is part of the "Green New Deal" agenda. The operatives behind this include but not limited to the World Economic Forum – Klaus Schwab, George Soros, and many others. These operators are not looking out for the best interests of South Dakota.

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Environmentally, there is overwhelming research and facts showing that CO2 is NOT a climate altering gas, it is necessary for life of all growing plants, trees, crops, and anything else that grows. Facts from Princeton University research shows an alarming decrease in CO2 levels. A research document from this Princeton shows this. Dr. Willie Soon, PhD in Astrophysics and 32-year climate researcher at Harvard University says that they have overwhelming evidence that proves the changing climate is directly a result of the Sun activity. Regarding CO2, 95% of this gas of life is released from the ocean, in addition to the oceans, on a yearly average, volcanos emit 200 million Metric Tons of CO2 per year! A testimony from a scientist in Indiana in 2023 pointed out that CO2 pumped into the ground interacted with water forming carbonic acid, which began deteriorating subsurface limestone! Regardless of claims, there is not enough known about the effects of pumping this gas into the earth. Will the aquifers be safe?

In closing, this radical pipeline agenda is an attack on common sense and safety with a dramatic cost; the fallacy it is predicated on is a failure on every front. In 150 years of decency and proper restraint, this project sets a dangerous precedent. Any individual with a modicum of grey matter would reject this project in a few seconds! This reckless project will tear up our farmland, destroy private property and ensure the exceptional wealth of a handful of people, who likely will not live here, while achieving nothing environmentally, only negatively affecting the environment!

I would respectfully ask this commission to ignore the chorus of political assassins and do what is right, and not be intimidated. **Reject this project now!** Knowing the facts, it is only the loud minority making all the noise in favor of this outrage, **In November, 60% of SD voters said NO!**

Sincerely,

Jerry Mork

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