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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

RE: HP24-001

To the Honorable Public Utility Commissioners:

My name is Jim Orris. I have farmed in Clark, SD for 60+ years. Over my farming career we have adopted new ways to achieve our goals and stepped aside on ways that wouldn't work. Today we are here to make a determination about the carbon pipeline. I say, "No, it's not about the carbon pipeline. It's about ethanol."

It's about the economic strength of South Dakota. You have heard the pros and cons of carbon sequester, so I am not going into that. But I would like you to reflect on the last 17 years. Over the last 17 years our administration has been on this issue of clean air and now they have come up with a viable solution that they have offered to us. Now, we can either gracefully accept it or we can dig our heels in the ground, pretend we know it all and reject the carbon pipeline.

Our neighboring states have embraced this pipeline and have obtained a permit. The surrounding states will be producing low carbon ethanol once the pipeline is up and running, there **won't be a second chance** for South Dakota to participate. The surrounding states will have the market. Their low carbon fuel will qualify for just about all liquid fuel and the **enormous jet fuel market** will be theirs. South Dakota will be sitting with all their ethanol plants producing high carbon fuel for which there will be **no market**. This is the story of farmers' lives. Farmers will overproduce a product without a market. So, the whole story is not about to have or not to have a pipeline. It's about a thriving economy vs no economy.

There is no actual cost to the residents of South Dakota or to the ethanol plants to accomplish producing low carbon fuel. In this case, all we must do is go along with the federal government. This decision will have a long-lasting impact on the State of South Dakota. Let's not get left behind!

Please approve this permit. Thank you.

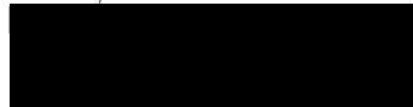
Sincerely,

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Jim Orris

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Clark, SD 57225

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