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Subject: [EXT] Docket HP24-001

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Kathi Baade. Phone: [REDACTED] Address: [REDACTED]. Artesian, SD 57314

Please consider my comments on the proposed Summit Carbon Pipeline relative to the above Docket, HP24-001.

My husband, Dennis Baade, and I live in Butler Township Section 13-105-60, and have farmed/ranched in Butler Township, Ravenna Township, and Diana Township of Sanborn County for about 45 years. We are the 3rd generation family of the operation.

Our house sits on top of a hill adjacent to the James River. We have seen first hand many changes of the James River, none of which have been good for the health of this small ecosystem. The main channel keeps moving. All the trees are gone. The fish population is minimal. The water quality is low on Dissolved Oxygen, the pH is much too high, about 10.0, and the nitrates are very high.

Please consider what the River might say if it could speak for itself. Wouldn't it be great if the Jim River could be reclaimed? Right now it seems to be nothing more than a large winding mud puddle.

I do not envy your jobs as commissioners. But, I can't help but wonder IF maybe the Carbon tax credits might go away under Trump? He did withdraw from the Paris Climate Accord. And IF the tax credit goes away, the project will not be near to lucrative I am told.

Don't be pressured by what the surrounding states have decided. Do what is right for the people AND the environment.

Often times, the right choice is the hard choice.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Baade