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**Subject:** [EXT] Docket HP24-001 - Public Comment

SD-PUC – Public Comment regarding Docket HP24-001

Please include the attached in the Public Comments. Provided in .DOCX and.PDF format.

Thank you!

Kertzman Farm Trust  
Mitchell Kertzman, Trustee

January 5, 2025

Public Utilities Commission  
500 E. Capitol Ave.  
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Mitchell B. Kertzman, Trustee  
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Re: PUC Docket HP24-001 Summit Carbon Solutions Carbon Transport - Public Comment  
Parcel: E1/2 E1/2, Section 26, T135N, R76W, 5<sup>th</sup> PM, Emmons County, ND

Dear Commissioners,

This project is a cash grab being planned by a company with multiple foreign investors, some of which intend to do harm to the United States. You know; everyone knows, that this is **NOT** about 'saving the ethanol industry', it **IS** about making a trainload of money on the backs of the landowners. This is a private enterprise hoping on getting their trainload of money before the Green New Deal is cancelled. Summit has paid off and/or bullied every ND government agency involved in the approval of the project. Summit has bullied and threatened the ND landowners along their wanted route. They have initiated lawsuits against landowners for survey access and have manipulated the laws of ND to make it so that only the ND-PSC has approval authority (locking out the rights of property owners). Any landowners refusing to participate will be forced to endure Eminent Domain in ND. We are one of those landowners.

If this were an actual utility benefitting the people that it crosses, and, if it were not a deadly installation, there would be an entirely different narrative. This 'utility' is not beneficial to anyone outside of a group of private investors, and is not a Public Utility. It is a group of investors hoping for a large trainload of money provide by Uncle Sam, regardless of the lives ruined along the way.

As a landowner in the path of the proposed CO2 pipeline, I implore you as a commission to bring truth and common sense back into focus by not allowing the project to continue. My home family lives 2 miles downwind from the pipeline route, which cuts through our prime farmland. Not only would we be affected by the risk of CO2 poisoning, but also burdened with 99 years of liability for most pipeline dangers. Our insurance company will not cover any incident that involves the release of deadly CO2.

Our 4th generation property is in Emmons County, just north of the state line with South Dakota. We had planned to give the land to our children and grandchildren; however, we will not pass down to the next generation the risk of losing everything in the event of an accident. We have not and will not sign an easement. The ND PSC has fallen to the money and tactics of Summit Carbon Solutions. We have hope that South Dakota can put a stop to this five-state boondoggle. Please, do the right thing for our state and the surrounding states by voting to end this horrible insult to all that is right.

Sincerely and Thank You,  
Kertzman Farm Trust

Mitchell B. Kertzman, Trustee