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Commissioners and Staff

I sat through the PUC informational hearings last week and heard comments as people spoke on the project. What occurred to me was all the comments from labor unions, ethanol facilities and pro proponents of Summit Carbon Pipeline who offered nothing but reference to financial impacts of the project, jobs, or what it would do for the price of corn. The last I checked the PUC has 4 criteria to base their decision on a permit to deny or approve, and none of those criteria mention anything about financial stability of ethanol facilities, the price of corn or how many jobs a project may or may not create. As basically judges all of that in determining whether or not a permit should be approved or denied is irrelevant, especially when you realize that anything that Summit is offering as financial benefits is all based on paying for those benefits from federal taxpayer dollars in the form of 45q tax credits, without those this project offers nothing. Now the ethanol industry loves to cry the sky is falling, but sit back and ask yourself, if you were a business that had the ability to create a brand new product that you could raise your prices up and increase your sales volume and not have to invest one red cent in yourselves, would you yell falsehoods far and wide? The ethanol industry through the taxpayers be able to raise the price of ethanol up by 60 cents per gallon and increase their sales volume to places like Canada for a new low carbon ethanol product. What a great business plan by those who are already basically operating tax free and already subsidized heavily to create this hysteria the sky is falling in hopes of getting the same people who they will charge more for a product those people paid to create !! I don't know about anyone else but I can't think of any business that would not love to have that opportunity. In fact last fall in a meeting on RL21 in Brookings, the CEO of Glacial Lakes Energy Jim Seurer said to the crowd..."This is a GIFT". Perhaps that was the one rare truthful statement made about this whole project at that meeting.

As I read Summit is asking the PUC to supersede the counties I would like to remind the PUC as well as Summit of the letter sent to Summit as well as Wolfe and Navigator on 9/45/2023 that clearly points out that the counties have the authority to determine routing including through setbacks. Again the PUC was within their duties to deny Summit's first application for failing to comply with all laws and rules, and would appear that they have no intention of doing so once again by their testimony. Once again the PUC should Deny again on day one Summit's application. If They Can't Comply, You Must Deny !!

Thank You
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