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Re: Docket HP24-001

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Dear PUC Commissioners:

I am writing to encourage you to stick with your original decision in the matter of Summit Carbon Solutions. That decision has been validated by Supreme Court decisions, the overwhelmingly successful VOLUNTEER petition drive, and the defeat of RL21 by 65 of 66 counties.

Now SCS is coming back for a second bite of the apple, and they are employing the intimidation tactics they are known for against Commissioner Fiegen and the commission. I urge you not to succumb to the pressure.

Local governments have the right and obligation to determine what is acceptable for these projects in their jurisdictions. If SCS finds it impossible to comply with the guidelines set by local authorities, their permit should be denied.

As a former interim member of the West Dakota Water Development District Board of Directors, I have grave concerns about the amount of water that would be needed for these projects, and I do not believe that the public has been well informed on that topic. We must be good stewards of the aquifers our state relies on.

Where will the water come from and what does wastewater disposal look like? Our water is too precious a resource to go forward without a clear picture. SCS proven themselves dishonorable in other practices, therefore they have not earned our trust regarding this matter.

Finally, I want to thank you all for your public service. Your jobs are not easy, but they are very essential in protecting the resources of our state and the rights and safety of every South Dakotan.

Respectfully,

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