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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Public Utilities Commission
Caption Building, 1st floor
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: Docket HP 22-001

Dear Chair Nelson, Commissioner Header, and Commissioner Hanson,

I am the owner of farmland in South Dakota that was homesteaded in 1884 by my great grandfather who served in the state senate in 1891. My mother spent much her of childhood in South Dakota. My family has enjoyed our experiences in South Dakota and are very committed to preserving our land and the environment. My son, who practices law with me graduated from the South Dakota Law School, so we have a number of contacts to the state. I am writing to support the Summit Carbon Solutions Carbon Capture Project.

My understanding is it will benefit the environment and provide solid economic benefits to South Dakota in the form of jobs and supporting the ethanol business. Further due to my ownership of farmland in South Dakota I am very interested in any activity that will benefit the agricultural industry which is very important here in Illinois as in South Dakota.

I have agreed to allow an easement on my property in South Dakota and understand that Summit Carbon has obtained more than half of the easements required to carry forward with the project. It is clear the project has many benefits to South Dakota economically and should move forward.

I would encourage the South Dakota Public Utilizes Commission to support the project and grant it permits to allow it to proceed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dean R. Essig', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Dean R. Essig

DRE: klw