From: Kippley, Dan < Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2022 1:46 PM To: Nelson, Chris Subject: [EXT] Pipeline hearing

Chris,

I hope you and your family had a warm and safe Christmas!

A quick note to follow up after listening to the latest PUC hearing. I have been following the permit application for Summit Carbon Solutions as my company does a lot of business with the transportation of materials needed for the construction of the project. We specialize in transloading raw materials by railcar to truck for the final destination mile. We have been contacted by several companies that will be utilizing our services for the construction of the pipeline.

At the hearing, the opponents to the pipeline gave several excuses to delay the scheduling of the pipeline hearing. I thought, well naturally the opposition is opposing the scheduling but what concerned me was the quickness that the argument worked in causing the commissioners to delay scheduling.

The attorney opposing the pipeline could have rescheduled his other hearing or had another attorney appear on his behalf if it is an issue. He needs to prioritize his client. I anticipate that when you hold fast on the April hearing, he will be there.

The pipeline project is a major economic engine for SD corn producers and delays like this will set it back or potentially kill the project. Please take a look at staying on schedule with the proposed timeline. If this is not possible, then a delay of a week or two will accommodate the attorney with the scheduling conflict.

Thanks for all your work for the people of South Dakota. It will be a huge lift to Jackrabbit Nation on January 8 with a victory!!! Go Jacks!!

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