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Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-5070
Via email to puc@state.sd.us

RE: HP22-001 - In the Matter of the Application by SCS Carbon Transport LLC for a Permit to Construct A Carbon Dioxide Transmission Pipeline

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my support for Summit Carbon Solutions' carbon dioxide capture, transport and sequestration project now before the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

I operate a business here in South Dakota that sells, rents and services machinery used throughout the state in construction and agriculture. We are a privately-owned company providing family-supporting incomes to our 85 employees.

Our customers are area contractors, farmers and many other types of businesses. They rely on us for equipment essential to their operations, and on our maintenance services to keep that equipment operating, their investments well utilized, their farms and businesses operating profitably.

Our business, our customers and our people thrive when the state's and the region's economy is healthy and growing. Agriculture is a pillar of the area economy. Farming not only provides direct jobs, economic contributions and taxes, but also underpins countless other area enterprises and their people, who ultimately rely for their prosperity on economic activity driven by farm incomes and investment.

Corn is a keystone of agriculture in South Dakota. Ethanol is the reason our corn-based agriculture economy is thriving, since ethanol refining uses over half of South Dakota's corn crop. The future of agriculture in South Dakota, and therefore of our overall economy, is tied directly to the future of ethanol.

Ethanol refining emits carbon dioxide. When that CO₂ is captured and stored permanently underground, the ethanol from that process becomes a net-zero fuel. In a world driving to lower carbon emissions, a net-zero fuel has a bright future, as states and countries increasingly adopt low-carbon fuel standards.

With carbon capture, ethanol will thrive for generations to come, as will the farmers and refiners that produce it, and the area's businesses and jobs that rely on them. The future of South Dakota's economy hinges on successful development of carbon capture and transport projects like the Summit Carbon Solutions proposal before you.

I urge you to take the necessary regulatory actions to greenlight this critically important project.

Sincerely,



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