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To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>

Subject: [EXT] Docket #522-001

Dear Chairman Nelson,

The Ethanol Industry in South Dakota supports more than 5,000 jobs, contributes more than \$600 million to the State's GDP, and purchases more than half of the corn grown in the state. And more than 10,000 farm families have direct ownership in South Dakota Ethanol plants.

The Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline project is a vital infrastructure project that enables Fuel Ethanol decarbonization, a critical attribute for entry in current and future low carbon fuel markets.

In spite of what those opposed to the pipeline say, landowners are embracing this project. Lake County, in East Central South Dakota, and home to Dakota Ethanol, a 100 million gallon per year Ethanol Plant, Landowners have signed agreements representing more than 80% of the pipeline route.

I urge you not to delay the permit process as well as the ruling on the permit.

Sincerely,

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