

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

Subject: Support the Summit Carbon Solutions Project (Docket #HP22-001)

Dear PUC Commission

As a South Dakota farmland owner, I am writing to express my full support for Summit Carbon Solutions.

This project and the benefits it brings to the state and its ag based community are substantial. Ethanol is an essential part of the ag ecosystem. Without the ability to lower its carbon footprint, the industry would likely slowly die off and that would create havoc on grain prices and farm values both of which are essential for the state of South Dakota and its residents.

If Summit is able to build the pipeline it will open up tremendous investment opportunities for ethanol plants to increase capacity and job growth along with create a path for new industries such as sustainable aviation fuel, which again will create more jobs. On top of this job growth it would likely increase the demand for corn and other grains which would aid price appreciation both for the grains and the farm land both of which are highly important to the farmers in the state.

This project seems like a win/win for the vast majority of state residents and the ag community which is the lifeblood of the economy here. The construction of this pipeline may be one of the more beneficial things to happen economically to this state in decades. On the flip side if this is not allowed to happen, it could actually create job losses as industries that stand to benefit from carbon reduction leave our state for other states that are more friendly towards these types of projects.

In my opinion this is an absolute no brainer decision for the SD PUC, and I hope they make the right decision by allowing the pipeline to be built for the benefit of future generations of farmers and residents that call this state home.

Sincerely,