

To the North Dakota Public Service Commission:

Thank you for considering our petition. My land which is affected by Case No. PU-22-391 is located: (E ½ SW ¼ Section 30, Township 129 N, Range 62 W) in Dickey County.

On October 17th, 2022, SCS Transport LLC submitted their application with the PSC. Upon reviewing the map book submitted with the PSC, I found out that my property is located within proposed project corridor, as depicted on page 111 of the submitted map book: [001-060.pdf \(nd.gov\)](#) I am a landowner affected by Case No. PU-22-391.

Notification: I found out that my land was being considered for a pipeline route from a phone call from the landowner east of my property in August 2021. The permission to survey form had only her name on it but it included both of our property descriptions. When I attended the meeting that was sponsored by Summit on October 14, 2021 in Oakes, my name was nowhere on their landowner list but their map clearly showed the route was going through my property.

This event in Oakes was clearly a Summit dog and pony show. When presenting the *Summit story on who we are and how we could be great for you* on the screen, everything was clear but when the nitty gritty information was shown, the screen was impossible to read.

Filed Route: On October 17th when SCS Transport LLC submitted the application, I found out that I am now in the corridor. This however does not affect any of the challenges my neighbors and I still face.

Water: Where is the research on how this can affect, interrupt or damage our ground water, confined or unconfined aquifers and wells? Between myself, family, extended family and neighbors we all have multiple wells and water holes that we use for our farmsteads and livestock.

Who will be held accountable for any water interruption or damages either in or out of the proposed route /corridor during the life time of this project? Life time would include the construction phase, operational phase, inert or removal phase for the 99-year span that are requesting.

What happens if our existing productive water holes and wells are rendered useless due to the pipeline? Who pays for that damage?

Who will be held accountable for providing water to landowners affected by any water loss? This water loss could affect farmsteads **outside** of the route/ corridor. Would those landowners be left high and dry with no one fighting for their rights? We own our water and mineral rights and we have a right to protect them!

What happens if the water damage is done in North Dakota and it spreads into South Dakota? Would this end up with a lawsuit between the North Dakota and South Dakota with one state claiming loss due to the other states conduct?

Soil: What happens if the soil ends up being contaminated from the pipeline by leak, break or blow out? Who's responsible for the cleanup and can we expect this in a timely manner? If Summit is responsible, what is the turn around time on the cleanup and restoration of our property. Are we guaranteed quality soil in the restoration?

Insurance and Liability: We have been informed that we can not get insurance to cover any issues that this pipeline could possibly inflict on us as landowners, farmers and anyone else who we may hire to work close to or over the pipeline. We are families with multiple generations working this land. So, who pays if someone dies? One lawsuit could cause eruptible damage to a family farm operation.

Health Insurance: Will our premiums go up since we will be living close to this pipeline. The answer I received is *"not at this time"* which is no guarantee. All it takes is one accident and premiums go up.

Maintenance: Summit is seeking 99-year easements across landowners' property. We know the line must be monitored but what happens when there is a major malfunction and major upgrades need to be made. If this happens multiple times over the 99 years, will the landowner and the farmer receive compensation again? Who will appraise the damages for payment to loss of production and land values after installation? Let's not forget that if the pipe needs replacing, where is the toxic pipe, soil and water being shipped to?

Future: What happens if Summit gets bought out by a foreign entity? We need to have a say in what and who is in our backyards! What if they go belly up, then what? Who will pay for the removal of the pipeline.

What happens if Summit sells the pipeline and or route to another company with even lower standards? Following the train derailment in Ohio, we are now hearing people demanding new regulations on moving hazardous and toxic pollutants.

So, what's the Rush: This whole debacle is nothing but greed. It's a *"let's get this project going now before tougher specifications or good standards practices for carbon transport are in place"*. This project will only profit a few people and it's not the landowner or farmer.

Why do you think that our own local state representatives, township boards and community leaders were not in the know about this project? We, the impacted land owners and farmers had to inform them!

Too bad: That Summit and all the industries involved with this boondoggle haven't put as much energy or research into any of the following options (see next page). They prefer to put people at risk, scar our farm land, put water at risk, park foreign interest in our backyard. They have

gone to great pains to avoid land under the federal programs and their own words is that “they are hard to deal with”. I ask you, should we as citizens of Dickey County in the State of North Dakota be any less hard to deal with when it comes to sham projects and eminent domain?

No: Carbon Pipeline!

No: Eminent Domain!

Alaska Airline link

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/08/22/twelve-makes-jet-fuel-from-co2-signs-deal-with-microsoft-alaska-air.html>

California Berkley link

<https://newscenter.lbl.gov/2021/11/17/carbon-dioxide-into-liquid-fuels/>

NASA link

<https://technology.nasa.gov/patent/TOP2-160>

Argonne link

<https://www.anl.gov/article/turning-carbon-dioxide-into-liquid-fuel>

Please let me know if you require any additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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