

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

SCS Carbon Transport LLC
Midwest Carbon Express CO2 Pipeline Project
Siting Application

Case No. PU-22-391
OAH FILE No. 20230002

ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR INTERVENTION

[1] On February 28, 2023, the following parties collectively filed a Petition for Intervention in the above referenced case: SPLJ LLP, Burleigh County, ND; Paul Kuetemeyer, Burleigh County, ND; Steven J. Laine and Pamela M. Laine Family Trust, Emmons County, ND; James Rockstad, Richland County, ND; Kevin and Ann Bernhardt, Emmons County, ND; Randall and Karla Waloch, Sargent County, ND; 8N2E Properties, LLP, Burleigh County, ND; Larry Hoge, Burleigh County, ND; BRH LLLP, Burleigh County, ND; Kari Curran, Sargent County, ND; Brosowske Farms, Richland County, ND; Mary Kuehn, Richland County ND (hereinafter collectively referenced to as “Intervenors”).

[2] North Dakota Century Code § 28-32-28 addresses intervention in adjudicative proceedings and provides:

An administrative agency may grant intervention in an adjudicative proceeding to promote the interests of justice if intervention will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceeding and if the petitioning intervenor demonstrates that the petitioner's legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other legal interests may be substantially affected by the proceeding or that the petitioner qualifies as an intervenor under any provision of statute or rule. The agency may impose conditions and limitations upon intervention. The agency shall give reasonable notice of the intervention to all parties. An administrative agency may adopt rules relating to intervention in an adjudicative proceeding.

[3] The North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) has adopted its own rules relating to intervention. The Commission’s rule on intervention provides in part as follows:

Any person with a substantial interest in a proceeding may petition to intervene in that proceeding by complying with this section. An intervention may be granted if the petitioner has a statutory right to be a party to the proceeding; or the petitioner has a legal interest which may be substantially affected by the proceeding, and the intervention would not unduly broaden the issues or delay the proceeding. The commission may impose conditions and limitations on an intervention to promote the interests of justice.

1. Contents of petition to intervene. A petition to intervene must be in writing and must set forth the grounds for intervention, the position and interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, what the petitioner would contribute to the hearing, and whether the petitioner's position is in support of or in opposition to the relief sought.

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N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-02-05.

[4] A deadline of March 3, 2023 was set to file any objections or responses to the Petition. No objections were filed. Counsel for the Commission filed, by email, a response addressing the timeline for a petition to intervene for multi-day hearings. The Response indicates “that each hearing has a 10 day period prior to that noticed hearing in which a petition to intervene could be filed (absent “good cause,” as set forth in the code). To be clear, the Commission takes the position a petition to intervene could be filed 10 days before the hearing in Bismarck, 10 days before the hearing in Wahpeton, 10 days before the hearing in Gwinner, 10 days before the hearing in Linton, 10 days before any potential subsequently scheduled hearing in this case.”

[5] The Petition sets forth the grounds for intervention, the position and interest of the Intervenors, what the Intervenors can contribute to the hearing and the Intervenor’s positions with respect to the relief sought by the applicant. The Intervenors has presented sufficient information to satisfy the statutory intervention requirements set forth in N.D.C.C. § 28-32-28 and N.D. Admin. Code § 69-02-02-05.

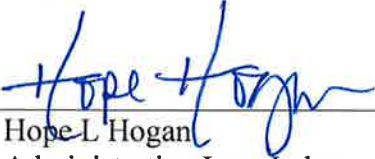
[6] Having considered the written submission of the Intervenors and the applicable statutory provisions and administrative rules, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

[7] The Petition to Intervene filed by Intervenors, is **GRANTED**.

[8] The Intervenors shall be permitted to appear as an Intervener in PSC Case No. PU-22-391.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 6 day of March 2023.

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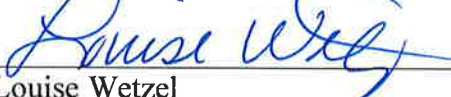
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