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 ON REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO RESPOND TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION

[1] On August 18, 2023, SCS Carbon Transport LLC (Summit) filed a Petition for Reconsideration (Petition) which was served on all parties and filed with the Public Service Commission (Commission) via email.

[2] On August 24, 2023, Attorney Randall Bakke, counsel for Bismarck Intervenors sent an email to the undersigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) requesting an extension to respond to the Petition. Attorney Bakke indicated he requested a more detailed map of the proposed reroutes from Summit's counsel to assist in his response to the Petition. Attorney Bakke attached a copy of the request for the map. The date of the request was also August 24, 2023. Attorney Bakke further indicated that he would be out of the office from August 30, 2023 to September 18, 2023.

- [3] On August 24, 2023, Attorney Derrick Braaten, counsel for Intervenor Emmons County, sent an email to the ALJ requesting that the proposed extension to the response deadline apply to all responding parties.
- [4] Also on August 24, 2023, Kevin Pranis, representative of Intervenor Laborers District Council of Minnesota and North Dakota (LIUNA), sent an email joining Attorney Bakke's request for an extension and Attorney Braaten's request for one response deadline. Mr. Pranis also notes his opinion that the Petition is extraordinary in both the proposed changes to the project and extent of the record developed.

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- [5] Later on August 24, 2023, Attorney Knoll, counsel for the group of Intervenors represented by himself, Attorney Leibel, and Attorney Jorde, sent an email indicating their support for Attorney Bakke's extension request.
- [6] Thereafter on August 24, 2023, Attorney Lawrence Bender, counsel for Summit, filed a response via email objecting to any extension to the response deadline. Attorney Bender argued that the Commission has 30 days to decide the Petition and the requested extension is past the 30-day deadline. Attorney Bender also states that currently there is no additional, more detailed map that Summit can share with the Intervenors as Summit is currently negotiating rights of way for the proposed re-route. Attorney Bender's response also indicated that Summit representatives have met directly with the Bismarck Intervenors to discuss route adjustments.
- [7] The Administrative Agency Practice Act provides, in part, that a petition for reconsideration "is deemed to have been denied if the agency does not dispose of it within thirty days after the filing of the petition." N.D.C.C. § 28-32-40(4). Commission rules further provide, "within ten days after the service of the petition, any party to the proceeding may file with the commission an original and seven copies of the party's response. Failure is a waiver of any objection to the granting of the petition." N.D.A.C. § 69-02-06-02(4). The timelines set to consider a petition for reconsideration highlight the intent for an expeditious process.
- [8] The Intervenors deadline to response to the Petition is August 28, 2023. Intervenors request for an extension was filed on the sixth day of the 10-day response period.
- [9] The Petition must be addressed by the Commission within 30 days. A response extension to September 20, 2023 is not appropriate or feasible. However, a short extension is appropriate given the Petition request, complexities of the case, and size of the record.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- [10] Intervenors request to extend the response deadline to September 20, 2023 is **DENIED**.
- [11] Any response to the Petition must be filed with the Commission and served on the other parties no later than close of business on August 31, 2023.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota this ______ day of August 2023.

State of North Dakota Public Service Commission

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