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North Dakota Public Service Commission

Case No. PU-22-391

SCS Carbon Transport LLC

Midwest Carbon Express CO₂ Pipeline Project

Commissioners:

As the governing board of the city of Watford City, we thank you for the opportunity to share our support of your reconsideration of this project application. We wanted you to understand the importance of the project to the city and our 6,500 + residents.

Our community has invested local, state, and federal resources to build a livable community, which serves as home to the workforce of west central North Dakota. We have collaborated and leveraged to do so. Without statewide support of the needed infrastructure to bring carbon dioxide back into the Bakken, western North Dakota and the entire state will face terminal oil decline in just over a decade. This would be devastating to our community and to the state of North Dakota.

From both a community sustainability and an economic development standpoint, this energy infrastructure project achieves the following for the segments of the economy it impacts:

- Farms that provide corn to the ethanol plants – creates an additional, competitive, value-add market.
- Ethanol plants – provides value added products and markets as well as carbon tax credits.
- Farms and Ranches that provide right of way and sequestration storage – provides monetary compensation and rental storage of subsurface infrastructure which increases and diversifies business revenue.
- Oil production companies – increases the recoverable barrels of oil in the Williston Basin.
- State of North Dakota and its local political subdivisions – increases the extraction tax and the gross production tax collections and their redistribution throughout the state.

Thank you again for reconsidering the application of this very important piece of energy infrastructure and for the opportunity to share with you our support for the project identified as Case No. PU-22-391.

Phil Riely, Mayor
City of Watford City

Thompson, Pamela J.

Subject: City of Watford City - Letter of Support - Project: Midwest Carbon Express CO2 Pipeline Project - Case No PU-22-391

From: Christmann, Randel D.

Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 4:33 PM

To: Best, Vawnita <vbest@nd.gov>

Cc: Philip Riely <phil_riely@yahoo.com>

Subject: RE: City of Watford City - Letter of Support - Project: Midwest Carbon Express CO2 Pipeline Project - Case No PU-22-391

Vawnita and Phil,

I did receive your message. Wishing you all the best through our upcoming cold spell and throughout 2024!

Randy Christmann
Commissioner



From: Best, Vawnita <vbest@nd.gov>

Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 7:47 AM

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Commissioner Christmann,

As I understand, there isn't a public input period for the reconsideration of this project, but our City Council still wanted to share with you their support of the project. Please find the attached letter of support. Thank you for considering it while reconsidering the project and its amended application.

Vawnita Best | Long X Development Team

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