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RE: C02 Pipeline - Loren and Diane Staroba

SCS Proposed Route Descript.: Township 132 North, Range 51 West

Section: 35

Township 131 North, Range 51 West

Section: 2

Richland County, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Bender,

On April 11, 2023, our client, Loren Staroba, testified about his and Diane Staroba's concerns of having the pipeline across their land. They already have 45-year-old Dome LP pipeline and a 25-year-old natural gas pipeline on Section 35 of their land. There have been many problems caused by the pipelines currently on their property, such as crop yield loss, loss of soil quality, and drainage issues. These problems are continuing 45+ years after the pipeline's construction. Another concern is the safety of a CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline. The Staroba's are further concerned about the establishment of another corridor across their land, which may allow for additional pipelines to be easier to permit. The Starobas' worry about the loss of property value which will result from the addition of this CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline making three pipelines on this tract, along with the loss in crop yields, soil quality and safety concerns of a CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline. Mr. Staroba's testimony regarding Section 35 was not addressed.

## Township 131 North, Range 51 West - Section 2

After considerable effort, conversations, and personal expense, the Starobas, offered to have the pipeline run diagonally through the County Road 30 intersection moving it from their property. Terry Goerger, the neighbor to the North, agreed and Marvin and Jeannie Lugert, the neighbors to the Northwest, also agreed. The Richland County Engineer has indicated that he would approve the diagonal crossing of the County road. Through Attorney David Piper, the Starobas requested Summit to make this change. David Piper has had conversations with Julie Dimeo (SCS ND

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ROW Manager) concerning this tract of land. Currently, the third map book filed with the Public Service Commission indicates that Summit has agreed to this change (Doc. No. 435-20). Starobas are willing to accept the current map route on Section 2 but cannot agree unless they have something in writing allowing for further negotiations. Enclosed is a map showing Starobas' acceptance of the current map route in Section 2.

## Township 132 North, Range 51 West - Section 35

As the pipeline approaches the Starobas' property from the East, the Starobas request that Summit turn the pipeline South so it runs parallel to the road across from their tract. This reroute would still allow for approximately 800 feet between the pipeline and the farmstead to the East. The pipeline would then cross the road, from East to West, near the South edge of the quarter. The pipeline would then travel on the tract parallel with and as close as possible to the township road before it follows and crosses the railroad tracks. It is our understanding that Terry Goerger, who owns the land to the West of the railroad tracks, has already agreed with Summit to run the pipeline closer to the South township road, after it crosses under the tracks and heads West between his tile lines. The third map book filed with the Public Service Commission (Doc. No. 435-20) shows the pipeline moved somewhat South on the Starobas' property due to the change on Goerger's land. Yet, it still runs at an angle across their tract of land. Staroba's request that Summit re-route the pipeline on their property to the south edge of the quarter as described above. Enclosed is a map showing Starobas' suggested alternative route for Section 35.

We are providing this information to you in the hope that Summit will engage with us to minimize the adverse effects upon landowners who do not want any part of this proposed hazardous pipeline. We respectfully request that we hear from you soon with acceptance of the proposed re-route included herein.

Respectfully,

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**Enclosures** 



