

Notice of Ex Parte Communication

Case No. PU-22-391

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b) Description of all written or oral communications received, all written and oral responses to the communications:

See attached copy of the written communication provided from Commissioner Sheri Haugen-Hoffart to Kay Lacoe regarding closing statement review/edits

c) All responses made written or oral to the ex parte communication:

See attached copy of ex parte email communication

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Current Parties, interested persons, and other persons allowed to participate that these matters: SCS Carbon Transport, LLC, Landowner Intervenor, Burleigh County, Emmons County, City of Bismarck, and LIUNA.

Reporting Staff: Commissioner Sheri Haugen-Hoffart

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From: Kay LaCoe <klacoe@gmail.com>
Date: November 4, 2024 at 1:59:27 PM CST
To: Sheri Haugen-Hoffart <sherihaugen66@hotmail.com>
Subject: Re: SCS-Confidential ---

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Statement by Public Service Commissioner Sheri Haugen-Hoffart on Summit Carbon Solutions CO2 Pipeline Project Reconsideration

As we conclude our work on the Reconsideration of the Summit Carbon Solutions CO2 pipeline project, I want to emphasize my unwavering commitment to upholding the law in every decision I make. The Public Service Commission's role is clearly defined: to ensure that all siting requirements are met according to the North Dakota Century Code, and that every decision we make strictly adheres to these legal guidelines. As your elected representative on this Commission, I am bound to follow the law—nothing more and nothing less.

To the many community members and landowners who attended our hearings, thank you. Your participation brought forward crucial insights, and I want to reassure you that each concern raised—whether it was about public safety, property rights, or the impacts of eminent domain—was carefully reviewed and weighed. We have taken time to ensure that your voices are not only heard but are integral to our assessment. From day one, my goal has been to fully consider and examine every piece of testimony and evidence presented.

It is also essential to address the broader context of carbon management. For over 30 years, North Dakota has managed carbon successfully, with CO2 transportation and sequestration projects like the Great Plains Synfuels Plant's CO2 pipeline operating safely and effectively. Our state has a history of responsible pipeline management, and thousands of miles of pipelines operate under strict federal and state regulations, particularly those established by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). Carbon capture technology, incentivized by federal programs, is part of a larger national strategy to advance energy goals, manage carbon dioxide emissions, and it remains a tool for energy producers and users to develop and expand a marketable commodity.

However, at the core of this proceeding is Summit's petition for a siting permit for a 320-mile CO2 pipeline across five North Dakota counties. As a Commissioner, my duty is to evaluate this petition solely on the basis of the legal criteria set forth. Chair Christmann provided a thorough review of each statutory requirement in our order, and I am fully in agreement with this approach.

To all landowners, please know that state law provides protections and legal remedies regarding the use of eminent domain. Your rights are safeguarded, and resources are available should any issues arise.

In closing, I want to reaffirm my commitment to serving North Dakota with integrity and transparency. It is my duty—and my conviction—to uphold the law, and I will continue to do so with each decision entrusted to me. Thank you.

On Mon, Nov 4, 2024 at 11:50 AM Sheri Haugen-Hoffart <sherihaugen66@hotmail.com> wrote:
Notes while I was on the plane....just some initial thoughts/outline. Do NOT hold back.

Sheri

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