March 29, 2022

Iowa Utilities Board
1375 East Court Avenue
Des Moines IA 50310-0069

RE: HLP-2021-0001 (Summit Carbon Solutions, Petition for a Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Permit)

Iowa Utilities Board:

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors today passed a unanimous motion to submit an official comment/objection for the docket regarding the Summit Carbon Pipeline. This Board does not object to the installation of this pipeline; however, it believes the right of passage should lie with our landowners. Concurrently, while this Board does harbor responsibilities as to monitoring construction and other local regulatory particulars, we believe the use of Eminent Domain is to be reserved for the use of publicly owned or community service infrastructure and using it to construct this type of project would be an inappropriate use of this measure. We ask that the Iowa Utilities Board deny use of Eminent Domain for privately owned hazardous liquid pipelines to include the Summit Carbon Capture Pipeline. It is this Board’s opinion that privately held land interactions/transactions are to be negotiated between the private entities involved.

Mark Peterson, Chair
Mike Olson, Vice-Chair
Randy Cooper
Charla Schmid
Donna Robinson

Attest: ____________________________
Montgomery County Auditor