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Iowa Utilities Board
1375 E Court Ave.
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Re: HLP-2021-0001, Summit Carbon Solutions LLC, Petition for a Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Permit, Use of Eminent Domain


Dear Iowa Utilities Board:

Page County is a location for part of one of the proposed carbon pipelines. The Page County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of its constituents, is not in favor of invoking eminent domain for this project. This is a pipeline that is being done by a for-profit private company.

Whether to participate in this project should be left up to the landowners whose land the pipeline crosses. If the pipeline company cannot get the necessary landowners to agree to voluntary easements, then we ask that this Petition for a Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Permit be denied. Summit has the option to enter into agreements for voluntary easements with landowners. These agreements could provide for reasonable compensation and be contingent on the approval of the Petition for this permit. Please require them to show that the landowners who this project affects have signed such agreements before granting this petition.

Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 479B.16(1), if you grant this pipeline permit, then "A pipeline company granted a pipeline permit shall be vested with the right of eminent domain, to the extent necessary and as prescribed and approved by the board, not exceeding seventy-five feet in width for right-of-way and not exceeding one acre in any one location in addition to right-of-way for the location of pumps, pressure apparatus, or other stations or equipment necessary to the proper operation of its pipeline. The board may grant additional eminent domain rights where the pipeline company has presented sufficient evidence to adequately demonstrate that a greater area is required for the proper construction, operation, and maintenance of the pipeline or for the location of pumps, pressure apparatus, or other stations or equipment necessary to the proper operation of its pipeline."

If you grant this Petition for a Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Permit, then you are giving this company eminent domain. This pipeline is not necessary for Iowa and is being proposed by a for-profit-private company. If Summit cannot show that they have voluntary easement agreements in place with every landowner necessary, then please reject their petition.



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