## STATE OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

DOCKET NO.

SUMMIT CARBON SOLUTIONS, LLC

PETITION FOR HAZARDOUS LIQUID
PIPELINE PERMIT

DOCKET NO.

HLP-2021-0001

## **PETITION TO INTERVENE**

COMES NOW, the Board of Supervisors for the County of Kossuth, State of Iowa ("Kossuth County" or "the County"), by and through the undersigned attorney, and pursuant to 199 IAC 7.13 petitions the Iowa Utilities Board (the "Board") for an order permitting it to intervene in this docket. In support of its petition, Kossuth County states the following:

- Kossuth County is primarily an agricultural county located in Northwest Iowa. As of the
   2020 census, the population of Kossuth County was 14,828.
- The following incorporated cities are located in Kossuth County: Algona, Bancroft, Burt, Fenton, Lakota, Ledyard, Lone Rock, Lu Verne, Swea City, Titonka, Wesley, West Bend, and Whittemore.
- 3. The power of a county is vested in its board of supervisors pursuant to Iowa Code §
  331.301, and under that statute, the County's board of supervisors may "exercise any
  power and perform any function it deems appropriate to protect and preserve the rights,
  privileges, and property of the county or of its residents and to preserve and improve the
  peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of its residents."
- 4. On January 28, 2022, Summit Carbon Solutions, LLC ("Summit") filed a Petition for a Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Permit ("the Project" or "the Petition") in this docket.

- 5. The Project proposed by Summit would pass through Kossuth County. See Summit's amended Exhibit B to the Petition filed in this docket on October 3, 2022.
- 6. An <u>informational meeting</u> was held in Kossuth County on September 27, 2021.
- 7. Under Iowa Code § 479B.7, governmental entities whose rights or interests may be affected have certain rights to object a proposed pipeline.
- 8. On December 8, 2021 the Supervisors of Kossuth County <u>submitted an objection</u> in this docket to the Project.
- 9. Under Iowa Code chapter 479B, counties have certain obligations to hire county inspectors for hazardous liquid pipeline projects. On April 5, 2022, Kossuth County notified the Board that the County had designated Snyder and Associates, Inc. to serve as the County's inspector for the project.
- 10. Under the authority of Iowa Code chapter 335, Kossuth County has adopted a comprehensive plan and a zoning ordinance regulating the use of land in the County. The comprehensive plan is the County's primary expression of public policy for the use of land in the County, and the zoning regulation is the primary method by which the County implements the comprehensive plan.
- 11. Under Iowa Code § 479B.5(7), any petition for a hazardous liquid pipeline permit "shall state...the relationship of the proposed project to the present and future land use and zoning ordinances." This requirement is intended to help ensure that whatever route or site is approved for the Project also considers local policies and requirements.
- 12. In its petition, Summit has not stated the relationship of the project to Kossuth County's comprehensive plan or to its zoning ordinances, and the County desires to ensure that its local policies and requirements are considered in this proceeding.

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13. Because of the potential impact on the County's land use and the relationship to its zoning ordinances, the residents of Kossuth County have unique and important interests

in this proceeding that are best represented by the Kossuth County Supervisors and that

are not adequately represented by any other parties to this proceeding.

For all the reasons stated herein, Kossuth County respectfully petitions the Board to promptly issue an order granting its request to intervene in this docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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