

The Iowa Utilities Board  
1375 E. Court Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50319-0069

RE: Docket Title: Hazardous Liquid Pipeline  
Docket #: HLP-2022-0002

Dear Utilities Board,

The Donahue City Council is aware the neighboring Scott County cities of Eldridge and Long Grove have submitted written objections Wolf Carbon Solutions pipeline. The City Council and Mayor of Donahue, Iowa now wish to file the following letter of objection regarding the carbon capture and sequestration pipeline proposed by Wolf Carbon Solutions for Scott County and other Iowa counties. We. The City of Donahue joins Eldridge and Long Grove in voicing these common concerns about this proposed project.

We have attended the public IUB meetings regarding this issue and continue to research the project in the best interest of our residents and community. That public meeting left unanswered many serious issues concerning the project. This lack of questions leads to concerns, anger and fear about the project.

It is a scientific fact that CO<sub>2</sub> can be a health hazard. A pipeline carrying CO<sub>2</sub> has no right to be anywhere near a population center such as the city of Donahue. As evidenced in the 2020 pipeline breach in Satartia, Mississippi, CO<sub>2</sub> exposure can cause numerous long-lasting health problems.

The City has concerns about this pipeline project and the impact that it would have on the health of our residents should there be a pipeline leak or disruption. Donahue is also home to John Glenn Elementary School, a pre-kindergarten through 6th grade facility with an enrollment of 191 students and 37 staff members. This school is ½ mile from the proposed route for the carbon capture and sequestration pipeline. Many of these students reside outside the City of Donahue. That school is within the city limits and surrounded by homes also within the city limits. Hundred of residents would be too close to the proposed pipeline route.

The proposed pipeline is ¼ mile from the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the city of Donahue. It is proposed to go through land currently used for agricultural (farming) purposes, but that land is within the development jurisdiction of the city. The location of the proposed pipeline would effectively preclude any development of that land into the city of Donahue. No one is going to build a home or business adjacent to this pipeline. The City, community leaders, and citizens all are rightly concerned about the effect of this pipeline on property values, future land development, and the potential use of eminent domain.

Wolf Carbon Solutions had but one public hearing. That is insufficient to address these legitimate concerns. Frankly Wolf should be scheduling hearing with each city with close proximity its pipeline path. This barebones communication stands in stark contrast to other projects where the proponents gave notice and answered questions far in advance.

There are a number of areas that need to be addressed before a project of this magnitude should be considered:

- What, if any, are the benefits of a CO2 pipeline to the communities it runs through?
- What are the risks and detriments of a CO2 pipeline?
- Only with this information can one evaluate whether the private benefits justify the public risk and detriments?
- What amount of medical and property liability insurance coverages will Wolf be required to obtain, maintain, who is covered by said coverage, and what will be the process for submitting claims? Does this coverage include claims by cities for any damage to their emergency response equipment. This fire equipment damage coverage is a recent issue that is facing at least one community in Iowa.
- What training and equipment will be required of local emergency responders and area hospitals? Will there be periodic re-training after the initial training? Who will be responsible for this training and the cost of equipment and its maintenance?
- In the event of a CO2 pipeline leak, what is the minimal distance for safety? Has this been determined by the federal pipeline regulatory agency (PHMSA)?
- Have all Scott County residents whose property is included in the proposed pipeline received certified letters about this project and their rights? The City has reason to believe this has not happened.
- What geohazards exist in this area that could cause a leak? Can they be mitigated? Who is responsible for that hazard evaluation, determination, and mitigation?
- What other chemicals will be added to the pressurized CO2? What risks are posed by those additive chemicals? How will this affect the safety of transport?

Donahue, and the neighboring communities of Eldridge and Long Grove all have volunteer fire departments, which would put a strain on the emergency responders in the event of a pipeline incident. These departments often help out with emergencies in other cities nearby. As stated above, a small volunteer fire department cannot bear the costs associated with possible damage to its equipment in responding to a pipeline breach.

In summary, given the known dangers of carbon dioxide pipelines, and their potential for destruction of property, health hazards, disruption of existing land use and future development, we the City Council and Mayor of Donahue, Iowa, joining our neighboring communities in urging the Iowa Utilities Board to reject the application of Wolf Carbon Solutions to build this pipeline.

Respectfully submitted,

By \_\_\_\_\_

Ken Schoenthaler, Mayor of Donahue

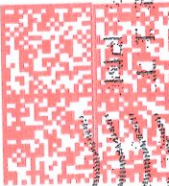


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