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

Re: HLP-2021-0001, HLP – 2021-0003, HLP – 2022-0002

Iowa Utilities Board:

The Woodbury County Board of Supervisors is submitting this official comment for the docket regarding the Summit, Navigator, and Wolf CO2 Pipeline projects in Woodbury County. The pipeline is proposed to traverse significant portions of Woodbury County including navigable waters, major public roadways, fertile farmland, as well as industrial and residential areas. A project to transport energy (crude oil, electricity, ethanol, natural gas, etc.) is in the public's best interest when it benefits Iowa energy consumers or producers or improves national energy security. The currently proposed carbon capture and sequestration projects are transporting a hazardous liquid and are not an energy product that would be used by Iowa consumers. Additionally, as stated by the Iowa Utilities Board, a taking of land must be "rationally related to a conceivable public purpose" and that eminent domain cannot be used to take property from one person purely in order to favor another. We urge the Iowa Utilities Board to carefully weigh the public good against the potential infringement on the private property rights of Iowans. The Woodbury County Board of Supervisors recognizes the potential need to develop and create climate solutions, however granting the use of eminent domain to a private entity must clear a high bar of certainty as it relates to the public good. Representing Woodbury County Landowners, Citizens, and Taxpayers, we are requesting that the Iowa Utilities Board deny the use of eminent domain for any carbon HLPs at this time.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Ung", written over a horizontal line.

Matthew Ung
Chairman
Woodbury County Board of Supervisors