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## **SUMMIT IN DISARRAY, SCRAMBLES TO FIND NEW ROUTE**

*Summit's attempt to amend conditional permit meets landowner scrutiny*

Des Moines, IA. On Monday, Summit Carbon Solutions submitted a Petition for Amendment to Permit for its original route. Landowners and Sierra Club are calling for the Iowa Utilities Commission (IUC) to deny Summit's request.

There are significant changes to Summit's proposal including pipe size and rerouting, and critical unanswered questions such as where the pipeline would go and what the end use of the carbon dioxide would be.

In a letter to counties, Summit promised safety, transparency and stakeholder payments, but Summit's filing and public statements indicate otherwise. Summit is attempting to persuade counties and landowners with higher payments if they can convince more people in their county to sign voluntary easements. Summit is incentivizing landowners to intimidate and pressure their neighbors to sign easements.

"Pitting neighbor against neighbor is against our Iowa values. Landowners and everyday Iowans have stuck together and supported each other for four years. Summit has been creating divisions in Iowa for four years. What Summit doesn't understand is it's not neighbor vs neighbor, it's Iowans vs Summit." said Cindy Hansen, Century Farm owner in Shelby County.

"Summit claims they prioritize transparency but it evidently is just words because Summit won't even disclose where the pipeline would go. IUC must deny Summit's request for an amendment and the legislature must ban eminent domain for carbon pipelines, just like South Dakota." Kathy Stockdale, targeted landowner in Hardin County.

"This isn't an amendment, this is a last-ditch effort and half-baked proposal for an entirely new project because South Dakota said no. Summit needs to realize that Iowa is saying no, too." said Wally Taylor, Attorney for the Sierra Club Iowa Chapter.

"Summit announced a variety of incentives to landowners and communities to try to sweeten and distract from our biggest concerns about the project. Summit is *still* trying to place a dangerous pipeline near our homes. Summit is *still* trying to abuse our property rights through the use of eminent domain. Summit is *still* aiming to take our tax dollars for their privately-owned project. Summit is *still* threatening our land and our water. Nothing about that has changed. This project is *still* all risk and no reward." said Kim Junker, landowner in Butler County.

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