

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

WOLF CARBON SOLUTIONS US LLC)	
)	Docket No. 23-0475
Application Pursuant to the Carbon Dioxide)	
Transportation and Sequestration Act (220 ILCS)	
75/1 et. Seq.) for a Certificate of Authority to)	
Construct and Operate a Carbon Dioxide Pipeline)	
and when Necessary to take Interests in Property)	
as Provided by the Law of Eminent Domain)	

**VERIFIED PETITION TO INTERVENE OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF RANKIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 98**

The Board of Education (“the Board”) of Rankin Elementary School District No. 98 (“the District”), by and through its attorneys, Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC, and pursuant to 83 Ill. Admin. Code § 200.200, hereby petitions the Illinois Commerce Commission (“Commission”) for leave to intervene and participate as a party in this matter, and in support of its Petition to Intervene, states:

1. The District is a public school district organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois.
2. At all times relevant, the District has operated Rankin School. Rankin School is a K-8 school located in Pekin, Illinois. As of the start of the 2023-2024 school year, Rankin School had 55 staff members and an enrollment of 215 students.
3. On June 16, 2023, Wolf Carbon Solutions US LLC (“WCSUS”) filed an Application for Certificate of Authority (“Application”) pursuant to the Carbon Dioxide Transportation and Sequestration Act (“CO2 Act”). See 220 ILCS 75/1 et seq.
4. The District currently owns or uses land that is a part of, or is in close proximity to, the designated route of the proposed pipeline.
5. On June 29, 2023, the District received a letter from WCSUS notifying the District about WCSUS’s Application seeking to construct and operate a Carbon Dioxide Pipeline on or within close proximity of the District and that WCSUS may acquire title to or an interest in property owned by the District via eminent domain.

6. The Board reviewed this matter at multiple Board meetings, which included discussion about this carbon capture technology being relatively new, which resulted in a carbon dioxide pipeline rupture in Sartatia, Mississippi, that occurred on February 22, 2020, creating a very dangerous situation in which multiple news organizations reported that more than 200 people were evacuated and at least 45 other victims were hospitalized as a result of the poisoning from the rupture.

7. On August 28, 2023, the Board unanimously determined that it opposes the pipeline as it relates to it being located on campus or in proximity to Rankin, citing the safety concerns of District students and staff. Following the Board's determination, on August 31, 2023, the Board issued a press release publicly stating their opposition as described above and emphasized that the top priority of the District is always the safety of the students and staff.

8. On September 25, 2023, the Board furthered their opposition, passing a motion by unanimous vote that approved a resolution highlighting the fact that the Board has reviewed this matter and determined that the pipeline being constructed and operated on Rankin property, and/or within close proximity, is a potential safety threat to their students and staff. The resolution reiterated that the safety of the students and staff is the top priority; and subsequently, that the District is opposed to WCSU's pipeline being constructed and operated on District property and/or within close proximity of District.

9. As such, given the serious safety concerns related to this carbon dioxide pipeline and the District's commitment to the safety of their students and staff, the District is gravely interested in the subject matter of this proceeding.

10. On September 25, 2023, the District passed a motion by unanimous vote authorizing the filing of the instant Petition to Intervene.

11. No other party is able to advocate for and ultimately protect the safety of the District's students and staff in this case.

12. Copies of all pleadings, notices, correspondences and other documents in this matter should be sent to the undersigned:

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13. The District agrees to accept the status of the record as the same exists at the time of its intervention and to accept service by electronic means as provided for in 83 Ill. Admin. Code. § 200.1050.

14. This Petition to Intervene will not delay these proceedings.

WHEREFORE, The Board of Education of Rankin Elementary School District No. 98 respectfully requests that this Petition to Intervene be granted, and the District be allowed to participate as a party in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

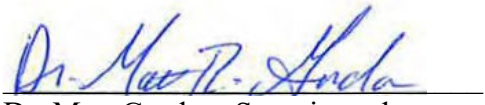
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VERIFICATION

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in the foregoing Verified Petition to Intervene of the Board of Education of Rankin School District No. 98 are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief, and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dr. Matt Gordon", is written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Matt Gordon, Superintendent
Rankin Elementary School District No. 98