

RESOLUTION 01-2023 BY TRUSTEES OF HOLLIS TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS on June 16, 2023, Wolf Carbon Solution, US LLC filed an Application for Certificate of Authority with the State of Illinois Commerce Commission (“ICC”), seeking an order authorizing it to construct and operate a carbon dioxide (CO₂) pipeline system in Illinois and, if and when necessary, to take and acquire easements and interest in private property through the exercise of eminent domain;

WHEREAS, Hollis Township residents received landowner notifications from the ICC and Wolf Carbon Solutions, thus indicating that the proposed construction of the pipeline will run through or in close proximity through portions of property owned by Hollis Township residents;

WHEREAS, the proposed construction of the pipeline will run in close proximity and through portions of property not owned by Hollis Township residents;

WHEREAS, the elected officials of Hollis Township oppose the construction of a CO₂ Pipeline in our township based upon the following facts and concerns:

- A CO₂ pipeline would pose a direct threat to the health and safety of the residents of Hollis Township because of the inherent risks associated with pipe ruptures in these lines.
- Residents of Hollis Township would be negatively impacted by living under the constant threat of a CO₂ pipeline rupture, leak or explosion.
- If construction of a carbon dioxide pipeline is permitted, Hollis Township residents and businesses will be faced with the undo financial burden of purchasing carbon dioxide detectors, alarm systems, air supply breathing equipment, and appropriate vehicles, all of which are necessary to detect, survive and escape from a pipeline rupture.
- Residents would likely experience reduced property values if they are forced to have a CO₂ Pipeline through their property, as any reasonable person would choose to buy property without a CO₂ Pipeline or near a CO₂ pipeline, all other factors being equal.
- The foreseeable reduction in property values and the hope of alternative retail commercial or other productive, tax paying development along a CO₂ Pipeline route will diminish the fiscal health of the Township tax base.
- Currently, there is a lack of regulation and oversights over carbon pipeline construction which has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). The PHMSA announced on May 26, 2022 a plan to initiate a new rulemaking process with a goal of strengthening its safety oversight of carbon dioxide (CO₂) pipelines as well as enforcing actions, against Denbury Gulf Coast Pipelines for its CO₂ pipeline but that plan is still ongoing and will not be sufficiently completed and new rules in effect to protect the citizens of Hollis Township during the construction of this proposed pipeline.

WHEREAS, at a minimum, in light of the PHMSA creating new measures for CO₂ Pipeline Safety, the Illinois Commerce Commission should not grant any CO₂ Pipeline the right to build in Illinois until the new safety measures are finalized and in effect, and

WHEREAS, we as elected officials of Hollis Township need time to review these new PHMSA measures and enact ordinances to protect our residents and ensure CO₂ Pipelines must adhere to both the PHMSA measures and any additional measures we find to be in the best interest of our residents’ safety and general welfare, and


WHEREAS, as the elected officials of Hollis Township, we are responsible for the upkeep of all Township Roads; CO2 pipelines threaten drainage of farm fields which can cause standing water on our roads, and

WHEREAS as stewards of tax dollars and the public trust we oppose this entire CO2 Pipeline scheme as a false solution and unproven method of helping the environment, and

WHEREAS the Federal tax dollars subsidizing the CO2 Pipeline could be much better spent on more proven methods of reducing carbon dioxide emissions without the need to use Eminent Domain and put our Township residents at permanent risk of CO2 Pipeline leaks.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the elected officials of Hollis Township that we hereby oppose the construction and use of eminent domain for any CO2 Pipeline in Hollis Township and urge Peoria County and the Illinois Commerce Commission to join us in opposing CO2 pipelines to protect the health and safety of our residents.

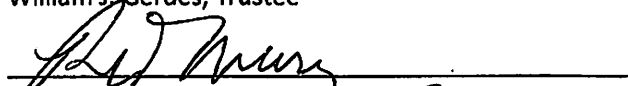
Signed by the Trustees of Hollis Township this 19th day of October, 2023



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