

June 14, 2023

Mr. Kenneth J. Nemeth
Secretary and Executive Director
Southern States Energy Board
6325 Amherst Court
Peachtree Corners, Georgia 30092

RE: Letter of Support for Tri-State CCS Hub Proposal, DE-FOA-0002711

Dear Mr. Nemeth:

I am pleased to offer this letter of support on behalf of Tenaska for the Tri-State CCS Hub proposal, as submitted by the Southern States Energy Board (SSEB) in response to the United States Department of Energy (DOE) Funding Opportunity Number DE-FOA-0002711, Carbon Storage Assurance Facility Enterprise (CarbonSAFE), Area of Interest (AOI 1), Phase III Site Permitting and Permitting.

As you know, CarbonSAFE Initiative projects facilitate the development of geologic storage sites for the secure storage of over 50 million metric tons (MMT) of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emitted from industrial sources. The CarbonSAFE program enhances our understanding of various aspects of CCS project screening, site selection, characterization, baseline monitoring, verification, accounting (MVA), and assessment procedures. These initiatives also focus on acquiring the necessary information for permit submissions and designing effective injection and monitoring strategies for large-scale commercial projects.

For more than 15 years, Tenaska has been a good business neighbor in the Tri-State region, with a demonstrated record of success on important projects. This includes:

- Conducting natural gas exploration and production operations in the Marcellus and Utica shale formations in Pennsylvania and West Virginia
- Management of the natural gas-fueled Rolling Hills Generating Station and development of Union County Solar Farm in Ohio
- Development, ownership and operation of Tenaska Westmoreland Generating Station in southwest Pennsylvania

These business initiatives have brought substantial benefits to local communities, while being safe and environmentally responsible. Tenaska has a strong history of having successful CCS projects across the United States, and the Tri-State CCS Hub would continue that record.

The project will provide a solution for reducing CO₂ emissions from businesses in the region and help attracting new industry. The Tri-State CCS Hub will also provide a financial benefit to

participating landowners, with little to no impact on above-ground land use, and offer other economic benefits to local communities and the region at large.

I support the Tri-State CCS Hub application for the DOE CarbonSAFE program, and look forward to following the progress of this program and their application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Manchin III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Joe Manchin III
United States Senator