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Landowners of Beadle, Brown, Clark, Codington, Edmunds, Hamlin, Hand, Hyde, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, McCook, McPherson, Miner, Minnehaha, Spink, Sully, and Turner Counties

# RE: In the Matter of the Application by SCS Carbon Transport, LLC for a Permit to Construct a Carbon Dioxide Pipeline <u>PUC Docket:</u> HP22-001 - May Adam File: 0515

Dear Folks:

On behalf of SCS Carbon Transport, LLC (SCS), I am pleased to give you notice of upcoming public meetings convened by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to present a brief description of the project in which interested persons may appear and present their views, comments, and questions regarding the application.

You are receiving this notice because you are the landowner of record for property within the affected area in Beadle, Brown, Clark, Codington, Edmunds, Hamlin, Hand, Hyde, Kingsbury, Lake, Lincoln, McCook, McPherson, Miner, Minnehaha, Spink, Sully, and Turner Counties in South Dakota where the proposed carbon dioxide pipeline is to be sited. According to state law, the affected area is all lands within one-half mile of the proposed route of the facility.

Pursuant to state law, the PUC will hold a series of public meetings to take comments from the public. If you are unable to be at a public meeting or prefer not to speak, you may send your thoughts in writing at any time to <u>puc@state.sd.us</u>. Those comments will be read by the commissioners and staff at the meetings and posted on the PUC website. Please see below for more information. The meetings will be held as follows:

## Sully Buttes High School Gymnasium, 500 S. 8th St, Onida, South Dakota Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 5:30 P.M. CDT

# Washington Room, Ramkota Conference Center, 3200 W. Maple St., Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 5:30 P.M. CDT



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#### De Smet Event Center, 705 Wilder Lane, De Smet, South Dakota Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 12:00 P.M. (noon) CDT

### Redfield School Auditorium, 111 E. 6th Ave., Redfield, South Dakota Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 5:30 P.M. CDT

#### Northern Room, Ramkota Hotel, 1400 8th Ave NW, Aberdeen, South Dakota Friday, March 25, 2022, at 12:00 P.M. (noon) CDT

At each meeting, SCS will present a short presentation designed to give context to the comments of the public regarding the proposal. The great bulk of the time will be reserved for accepting public comments on the proposal.

You can learn more about the proposal by accessing a copy of the Application online at the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission website:

#### http://www.puc.sd.gov/Dockets/HydrocarbonPipeline/2022/HP22-001.aspx

Additionally, we have filed copies of the Application with the County Auditors of each of the listed counties, and the Application can be viewed at their offices.

Under state law, (SDCL 49-41B) SCS must have a permit from the PUC prior to beginning construction. Accordingly, the PUC will hold further formal proceedings concerning the application. You have the right to become a formal party. The formal hearing will be unlike the public meeting listed above and, instead, will be an adversary proceeding, at which the rules of evidence will be applied. Any formal party has the right to be present and to be represented by a lawyer. Any formal party could appeal from an adverse decision of the PUC to Circuit Court and the State Supreme Court. Those rights would be forfeited if not exercised.

The date and place for that formal hearing has not yet been set. At that hearing, witnesses will provide sworn testimony and be examined by lawyers for the parties. Additionally, there will be intermediate steps taken prior to that hearing for the parties to prepare, including discovery in the form of written interrogatories and depositions.

You should also be aware that the PUC has a professional staff of lawyers and analysts and engineers to review the application, engage in discovery, and take evidence. The PUC staff acts in the interest of the public. The PUC staff may also contract with a number of outside expert witnesses. Those people will help staff review the application and will provide evidence to the Commissioners on behalf of the public, including people like yourself. The cost of the staff's time and their expert witnesses is paid for by SCS, as required by state law. February 11, 2022 Page **3** of **3** 

Thank you very much for your interest in this project.

Very truly yours,

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