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To: Nelson, Chris; Hanson, Gary (PUC); Fiigen, Kristie
Subject: [EXT] "NO" to SCS CO2 Pipelines in South Dakota
Importance: High

To the South Dakota Public Utilities Commissioners;

As a taxpayer and resident of Brown County, South Dakota, **I implore you all to vote NO to the to permit application to Construct a Carbon Dioxide Transmission Pipeline from SCS Carbon Transport LLC through South Dakota.**

North Dakota has voted NO to the pipeline coming through their state. Each week, Planning and Zoning Boards and County Commissioners in North Dakota Counties are denying permits for the pipeline AND for the injection wells they want to sequester the CO2 within. Without a pipeline in ND, without someplace to bury it, this project is dead in the water. No other state has the right to approve it until SCS has North Dakota full approval. **You do not have the right to allow them to tear up people's property in South Dakota for something that may go nowhere, due to North Dakota rejection.**

The overall project may help the ethanol producers reduce THEIR CO2 emissions from their plants, but **by the time the pipeline is built, the project will not be net neutral but net carbon ADDITIVE.** This is a FACT. **Have you asked SCS how much carbon they will produce in the building of this pipeline, and if not, why not?** They will produce more CO2 into the air in the process of building the pipeline than they will reduce from the total number of ethanol plants put together, making the entire project a SHAM, a waste of federal tax dollars, leave a trail of destruction to farmland and private property held in South Dakota families for generations, put thousands of South Dakota residents at risk of this dangerous gas exploding without warning, and bring lawsuits into the courts for years to come.

Why lawsuits? (1) Because CO2 traveling through a pipeline is NOT a **commodity** and if the SD legislature, led by two-faced Lee Schoenbeck, whose emails prove he demanded that SCS not run through HIS investment property, but is OK with it going through anybody else's, then We The People will take the matter to the courts. There is no value in it as a product to be sold to the public. And (2) as determined by an Iowa court this past summer, the SD Eminent Domain law allowing surveys without **JUST COMPENSATION** to the landowner is UNCONSTITUTIONAL and WILL BE PROVEN AS SUCH in a court of law, even if it means taking it to the United State Supreme Court.

We are not Guinea pigs for this company. They have never built a CO2 pipeline before. They have no idea what contractors they will be using, and therefore, no safety record of any contractor they use.

The SCS company has no respect for the citizens of South Dakota, nor their land, nor their homes, as shown by their immediate use of and/or threats of Eminent Domain in most of their leases, and as shown by their threats to sue the County Commissions of various counties who have tried to represent the will of the majority of the voters in the counties affected, after having created setback distances from homes and businesses that provided some level of safety and privacy for the people.

The route is by no means the safest and least invasive route possible. It could run along outer edges of property lines, but instead crosses across the middle in many cases, much to close to homes, barns, tree shelters that are NATURALLY removing CO2 from the air.

All the people and landowners of South Dakota want is to be left alone. Our governor constantly preaches about constitutional rights but is nowhere to be found when the people of her state need her to stand up for them. Her day is coming. There WILL be a recall.

South Dakotans have worked hard to build homes and lives on their own private property and NO private business has the right to steal and destroy for their own PRIVATE USE, nor does any company have the right to claim it even for public use without **JUST** compensation, as required by the US Constitution.

If our government and the ethanol industry were serious about reducing CO2 for EVERYONE, they would be promoting programs that encourage the planting of shelterbelts again, as a recent Michigan study has shown TREES and GRASSES are the best means to reduce CO2 from the atmosphere.

Again, I implore you to vote NO on this permit. Without ND approval for the SCS pipeline and injection wells, you have no right to vote yes.

Respectfully,
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