From: PUC

Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 2:40 PM

To:

Subject: HP22-001

Mr. Fisk,

Thank you for your letter regarding the maps filed by SCS Carbon Transport LLC as part of their application for a pipeline siting permit with the Public Utilities Commission. It is good of you to assist landowners along the proposed project's route.

The PUC received a siting permit application for this pipeline project on Feb. 7, 2022, resulting in the opening of docket <a href="HP22-001">HP22-001</a>. This docket will receive a detailed review of the proposed project by the commission, with a final decision date of Feb. 6, 2023. This will begin with public input meetings hosted by the commission along the pipeline's route. A list of these meetings, scheduled for March 22-25, is posted in the docket.

Questions will be asked of the applicant and input will be provided for the benefit of my fellow commissioners and me during these public input meetings. I encourage you and the landowners you are assisting to attend one of these meetings. A large amount of further project information will be requested, filed in the online docket, and be publicly available via the docket throughout the year.

If you or landowners you are assisting are unable to attend a public input meeting, written comments may be submitted for commissioners and others to review and to be posted in the open docket. In addition to obtaining feedback at these meetings and via written comments, commission staff will review the project's application to ensure it meets the requirements of South Dakota laws and rules. The project applicant, individuals who were granted party status, and commission staff will present their cases with evidence to the commission. The commission will issue a decision on whether or not to issue a permit based on the record before it and following the criteria provided by state law. This discussion and decision will take place during a public meeting. The processing of a pipeline siting docket can take up to one year.

You will find information posted on the PUC's website to guide you in understanding the processing of siting dockets and communicating with the commission on dockets: <u>Information Guide to Siting Pipelines</u>, <u>Informational Guide</u>, and <u>Ex Parte Communications Guidelines</u>.

Thank you for reaching out to the commission with your concerns. Your message and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the docket.

Chris Nelson, Chairman
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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