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**From:** PUC

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 2:34 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** HP22-001

Ms. Hoogestraat,

Thank you for your letters sharing your concerns regarding the proposed SCS Carbon Transport LLC pipeline.

The Public Utilities Commission received a siting permit application for this pipeline project on Feb. 7, resulting in the opening of docket [HP22-001](#). This docket will receive a detailed review of the proposed project, beginning with public input meetings hosted by the commission along the pipeline's route. You will find a list of these meetings, scheduled for March 22-25, in the docket. My fellow commissioners and I will consider the input we receive at these meetings and from other submitted comments such as yours as we review the permit application.

As you know from your prior involvement with a siting application's processing, the commission will issue a decision on whether or not to issue a permit based on evidence in the record before it and following the criteria provided by state law. Commissioners are bound by oath to follow the law.

I urge you to relay the specific issues you reference regarding HP14-002 to PUC staff so that these may be appropriately and effectively addressed. My fellow commissioners and I take the conditions for pipeline siting permits we issue seriously, and we require the applicant to do likewise.

As you stated, the commission is not involved in eminent domain as we have no such authority in law. Eminent domain matters are handled by circuit court.

I appreciate you reaching out to the commission to share your concerns. Your message and this response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the docket.

Chris Nelson, Chairman  
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