

**From:** PUC  
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Mr. Jankord,

This is in response to your March 21 letter to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission regarding the proposed SCS Carbon Transport LLC CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline docket, [HP22-001](#).

Your experience working with various energy resources and high level projects, and doing so with safety as a priority, is impressive. You clearly have an understanding of the transportation of products via pipelines and the importance of doing so in a manner that is as safe as possible. As you relay, there are many considerations when dangerous products and/or gases are being transported, i.e. pressurization, ecology, condensation, corrosion, infrastructure materials, and monitoring systems. I appreciate you sharing your extensive experience coupled with your list of concerns on the project. I can assure you these are on the list of items I will be dissecting and questioning before and during the docket's evidentiary hearing.

The commission opened docket HP22-001 on Feb. 7, 2022, after receiving the application for the pipeline siting permit from SCS. The documents filed with the siting permit application continue being reviewed by the commission's staff with other state agency staff and industry expert witnesses, as well as intervenors, my fellow commissioners, and me. The parties to the docket are working through the discovery process and drafting testimony, in preparation of the evidentiary hearing for this docket. The discovery process allows for more questioning and analyzing of the project, and key details and attributes will be probed further during the hearing.

I encourage you to follow along as additional information is sought and filed in the docket.

The [Information Guide to Siting Pipelines](#), posted on the commission website's home page and in the docket, explains the commission's processing of a siting docket like this within the jurisdiction of the commission, as provided by state law.

Commissioners have a decision-making role in docket matters, so any communication with a commissioner about an open or imminent docket must take place in an open forum, such as a public meeting, with notice given to all parties, or made available in the docket. Your letter and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the docket.

Thank you for writing to my fellow commissioners and me and sharing your concerns.

Gary Hanson, Vice Chairman  
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