

PUC Commissioners,
Regarding docket #HP22-001:

I am opposed to the construction of compressed CO2 pipelines through various counties in South Dakota for the following reasons:

WHEREAS eminent domain is being used by private companies to obtain access and easements to private land without landowner approval; and WHEREAS the original intent of the Fifth Amendment of the US Constitution was to allow eminent domain takings by the government for "public use" such as roads, electricity, and water; and WHEREAS so-called carbon sequestration has never been determined by law to be considered a "public good"; and WHEREAS private companies that are not public utilities are seeking to exploit the eminent domain concept for the sequestration of CO2 into the ground for private repurposing use, which is not available for "public use"; and WHEREAS this use of eminent domain by private companies sets an unconstitutional legal precedent for future takings for equally nebulous "public good" purposes; and WHEREAS the compressed CO2 pipelines pose dangers to people, animals and the environment including our river and ground water; dangers include suffocation risks and water contamination through creation of carbonic acid when CO2 is mixed with ground water and streams; and WHEREAS the underlying purpose behind these pipelines is flawed, as CO2 is plant food, and there are no studies (only than computer models and analysis) that point to CO2 – a trace gas in the atmosphere – as being responsible for "catastrophic" climate change being claimed by various activists and pipeline proponents; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED I am opposed to the construction of compressed CO2 pipelines through all South Dakota counties.