

**From:** PUC

**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2022 4:03 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** HP22-001

Ms. Short,

This is in response to your letter regarding the proposed SCS Carbon Transport LLC pipeline. I understand your concerns as a landowner along the proposed project's route.

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 by the commission. We will consider comments such as yours and others, including those received during the public input meetings along the route in March.

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.

**The commission is not involved with eminent domain.** Here is an excerpt from the Public Utilities Commission's Information Guide to Siting Pipelines posted online:

*The PUC is not involved in the easement acquisition process that occurs between applicants and landowners. Likewise, the PUC does not have a role in the eminent domain process, which is handled in the circuit court system. Landowners with concerns about these issues should seek advice from their personal attorney.*

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: [Information Guide to Siting Pipelines](#), [Informational Guide](#), and [Ex Parte Communications Guidelines](#).

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

Chris Nelson, Chairman  
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