

From: PUC
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2023 4:14 PM
To: Gkstene [REDACTED]
Subject: HP22-001

Ms. Stene,

This is in response to your May 25 email to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission regarding the proposed SCS Carbon Transport LLC CO2 Pipeline docket, [HP22-001](#).

You raise concerns about potential damage to drain tile on your property, the long term impact to the environment created by storing CO2 underground, and possible devastation to land and health if the case of a leak or explosion. I appreciate your concerns about these topics. These concerns will be addressed as we proceed through the docket process.

Docket HP22-001 was opened on Feb. 7, 2022, because the commission received the application for a pipeline siting permit from SCS. The project's details and documents filed with the applications are currently being reviewed. Additional questions have and continue to be asked of the developers by the commission's staff, of other state agency staff and industry expert witnesses that PUC staff have engaged, as well as by intervenors, my fellow commissioners, and me. The commission must process each permit application that has been legally filed. My fellow commissioners and I cannot simply deny a permit without fully reviewing the entire application – as to do so would be in violation of the oath each of us took, pledging to follow the law.

Given your interest and concerns, I encourage you to follow this permit application while it is being reviewed as additional information is being obtained and filed in the public docket.

The [Information Guide to Siting Pipelines](#), posted on the commission website home page and in the docket, explains the processing of a siting docket like these within the jurisdiction of the commission.

Commissioners have a decision-making role in docket matters, so any communication with a commissioner about any 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. Thus, your email and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in this docket.

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your topics of concern about this docket.

Gary Hanson, Vice Chairman
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