

**From:** PUC  
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Mr. and Ms. Thornell,

This is in response to your letter dated Sept. 12, 2023 to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission relaying your concerns regarding SCS Carbon Transport, LLC's requested siting permit application, docket [HP22-001](#).

You share concerns about capturing, pressurizing, and moving CO<sub>2</sub> by pipeline given the risk, dangers and need for consideration of county ordinances.

The commission's evidentiary hearing concerning the proposed pipeline was scheduled for Sept. 11-27. As you may know by now, the hearing ended the morning of Sept. 11 after commission discussion and consideration of SCS Carbon's permit application and the company's burden of proof provided by state law. My fellow commissioners and I voted unanimously to deny the application for non-compliance of county ordinances for the proposed pipeline route based on evidence in the record.

This [Pipeline Siting Information Guide](#) may be helpful in understanding the commission's legal authority and processing of such a docket.

Since commissioners have a decision-making role in docket matters, communication with us about any open or imminent docket must be done in an open forum such as a public meeting or hearing with notice given to all parties or made available via the docket. Thus, your email and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in this docket.

Thank you for writing.

Gary Hanson, Vice Chairman  
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