
**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION BY SCS CARBON
TRANSPORT LLC FOR A PERMIT
TO CONSTRUCT A CARBON
DIOXIDE TRANSMISSION
PIPELINE**

HLP22-001

PREFILED TESTIMONY OF

LINDA GARRETT

**IN SUPPORT OF LANDOWNER
INTERVENORS**

Q: Please state your name and purpose for providing testimony in these proceedings.

A: My name is Linda Garrett. The purpose of my testimony is to provide the PUC information about my personal experiences and observations of the negative impacts of CO2 pipelines, the importance not locating or siting such hazardous pipelines anywhere within a mile or less of people or livestock, and my overall frightening experience with the CO2 pipeline rupture and explosion in Satartia Mississippi that occurred on February 22, 2020.

Q: Describe to the PUC Commissioners your experience with the CO2 pipeline rupture and explosion in Satartia Mississippi and every detail of what you observed and experienced including where you were and how far away from the pipeline you were when you began to realize something was different that day.

A: I was at home, 602 Canal St., Satartia, MS, when the incident happened. I heard something exploding and there were three booms. The first boom was loud, the second one was medium, and the third one was low. I then started to smell something. I was in my bedroom and it was coming through my bedroom window. I called my sister because they're not that far from where it exploded and I asked her, "Did she smell something up there?" she said that her son DeBrae Burns had



called her and told her that a gas line had blew up. I called my cousin in Jackson and asked him, but he couldn't tell me anything from where he was at. I then called 911 and when I asked them about it, they didn't know anything. I called them back and I said, "You know, it smells like rotten egg. Do we need to be getting out of here?" They told me they would call me back, but they never did call me back. My daughter and granddaughter had gone to get a pizza, so they weren't there. I didn't have any way out of there. I called 911 back and told them, "I don't have a way out. Can you all send somebody in to get me?" They told me that they couldn't send anybody during that time. They couldn't send anybody in, it was a big mess. Finally, when my granddaughter and daughter got there, my granddaughter passed out on the floor because she couldn't breathe and my daughter was beating on the table. We called 911 back, and that's when I was beginning to go out of it because I had inhaled so much. 911 told my daughter that if we could make it just to highway 3, about 1 mile away from Linda's home, they would have an ambulance waiting but they didn't. We finally, with the grace of God, helped my granddaughter off the floor. I still don't know how because she weighed about 200 pounds, and we got her in the car, and I don't know how I did it because I was out of it myself. 911 called us back as we were leaving out of Satartia, and I just told him, I said "We're gonna make it." Once again, by the grace of God, we made it to highway 3, but there was not an ambulance or anything. 911 told us to go straight to the hospital in Vicksburg and so we did. I don't think they had an alert at the hospital, and I don't believe they knew what was going on themselves. Then they gave us breathing treatments and something for the pain. So, we had to stay there for a while, and then they told us they couldn't keep us there and we couldn't go back to our home. We had to try to find a place to stay, and we went to every hotel in Vicksburg and finally we made it to the Econo Lodge and they had something there. Thank God for it. And then the next morning, they called us and told us that we could come back. So then when we went to the Post Office in Satartia, where the pipeline company was gathering victims. I went over to the pipeline representatives, and they said "Well, you can go

back into your home. Do you want somebody to go in with you to make sure your home is safe?" I said, "Yes, I do." When we got to my home, his monitor went off as soon as we walked into my house. We had to go back out. He told us to stay out for about 30 or 40 minutes. We stayed out longer than that. He had let up all the windows, but the smell wasn't completely gone.

Q: Describe to the PUC Commissioners what you believe should have been done differently and what could have prevented your exposure to the Satartia CO2 pipeline rupture incident.

A: I used to think if the Federal Government allowed them to build the pipeline, it would be safe. They put those pipelines in and did not have any kind of escape plan knowing there were people there. There were no experts, there was nobody trained here.

Q: If there is anything else you believe the South Dakota Public Utility Commission should know based upon your experiences and observations that we have not already covered please add that here.

A: First of all, you know, they need to know that we are people. And I don't think that you should value money over a human's life. I mean, they make money every day, but human life is something that once it's gone, it's gone. And it's too late to do anything about it.

I urge the PUC to carefully consider this testimony during the Hearing in this matter and in your deliberations. Based on my experiences I do not believe there are conditions that can be placed upon these proposed hazardous CO2 pipelines unless they are at a minimum one mile away from any residence or place where people regularly gather. I further reserve the right to amend or modify these opinions upon presentation of any additional information that may justify such a change.

Dated June 16, 2023

/s/ Linda Garrett

Linda Garrett