

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

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

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\* **STAFF’S AMENDED PROPOSAL FOR**  
\* **PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**  
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\* **HP24-001**  
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Staff (Staff) of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) hereby files Staff’s Amended Proposal for Procedural Schedule. The amendment included in this filing reflects recent communication from Commission Counsel notifying all members of the service list of the dates for the evidentiary hearing in this matter. Staff understands and respects the fact that the statutory timeline established by SDCL 49-41B-24 leaves little flexibility to move the hearing dates any later. At the same time, the time it takes to process a docket of this size makes it difficult to schedule a hearing any earlier. Therefore, Staff acknowledges that it is very unlikely that the dates could be moved and requests they be ordered at this time in order to give all parties ample time to prepare.

While it is Staff’s preference and general practice to attempt to come to an agreement with all parties on a procedural schedule, given the deadline in this docket does not afford significant flexibility, we determined that it was important to propose a schedule early on in the process so that all parties and prospective parties can have a reasonable idea of what to expect going forward. It is also important for Staff and others to have a schedule in place in order to begin securing expert witnesses. Therefore, Staff is proposing a schedule at this time but will remain open to reasonable requests for amendment in the future.

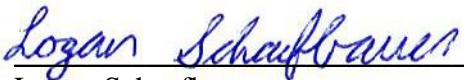
Staff requests the Commission establish a fifteen-calendar day deadline for responses to discovery requests unless a different period is agreed upon by the requesting party and responding party.

Staff proposes the following procedural schedule be adopted in this docket, with all filing deadlines to be as of 1:00 p.m. CT on the date stated:

January 31, 2025	Applicant Supplemental Testimony
May 30, 2025	Intervenor Testimony
June 13, 2025	Staff Testimony
July 8, 2025	Rebuttal Testimony
July 17, 2025	Deadline for Substitution of Witnesses
July 18, 2025	Deadline to File Substantive Motions
July 21, 2025	Last Day to Serve Discovery
July 30, 2025	Responses to Final Discovery Due
August 1, 2025	File exhibits and witness list
August 6, 2025	Prehearing Conference
August - September 2025	Evidentiary Hearing: Week 1: Wednesday, Aug. 13 – Friday, Aug. 15 Week 2: Tuesday, Aug. 19 – Friday, Aug. 22 Week 3: Monday, Aug. 25 – Friday, Aug. 29 Week 4: Tuesday, Sept. 2 – Friday, Sept. 5 Week 5: Monday, Sept. 8 – Friday, Sept. 12

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission issue an order adopting Staff's proposed procedural schedule as detailed in this Proposal, establishing a fifteen-calendar day deadline for responses to discovery requests, and requiring submission of prefiled testimony as a prerequisite to a witness's testimony at the evidentiary hearing, with the exception of Applicant rebuttal witnesses responding to new issues raised at the evidentiary hearing.

Dated this 3rd day of January, 2025.

  
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