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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 E. Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Commissioners Fiegen, Hanson, and Nelson,

On behalf of the Aberdeen Development Corporation (ADC), I am writing regarding docket HP24-001, in the Matter of the Application by SCS Carbon Transport LLC for a Permit to Construct a Carbon Dioxide Transmission Pipeline.

The ADC knows the Aberdeen community is a community dedicated to thoughtful growth with the well-being of our residents being a top priority. We, at the ADC, recognize that the proposed carbon pipeline raises important questions and opportunities. This is a complex issue that requires a balanced approach, guided by respect for all perspectives and a commitment to fact-based decision-making.

We trust the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to carry out a thorough, transparent, and evidence-driven review. Their expertise in evaluating critical factors such as safety, environmental impact, economic benefits, and compliance with regulatory standards ensures that the decision-making process remains fair and unbiased. We do ask them to focus on objective data and sound analysis balancing legitimate concerns and respect for all parties involved. The PUC is well positioned to address the opportunities.

Our role as a community is to support this process by fostering constructive dialogue and ensuring that all voices are heard. It is through a commitment to facts and collaboration that we can find common ground and work toward a resolution that reflects our shared values and priorities.

We have confidence that the PUC's work will result in a decision that balances the need for proper infrastructure development with the safety, sustainability, and long-term interests of our county and state. By relying on evidence and a transparent process, we can navigate this issue with integrity and fairness for all stakeholders.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please feel free to contact me for any additional insights or support.

Sincerely,



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