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Public Comment

In Re: ***Docket HP24-001 - In the Matter of the Application by SCS Carbon Transport LLC for a Permit to Construct a Carbon Dioxide Transmission Pipeline***

As a citizen of SD, I request that the Commission reject this application for several reasons:

1. On 11/5/24, The voters of our state have decisively spoken against the granting of a permit for this particular project. While I realize that the vote on Referred Law 21 was not a legal/actual "referendum" on this application, it might as well have been.

2. While it is clear that state law allows a private company to exercise the government's power of eminent domain in special circumstances, this should not be one of them. I know you all understand that for the transmission of water, natural gas, and electricity such use of the power of eminent domain for private gain makes sense. Even though investor-owned utilities operate such facilities for the financial benefit of their owners, they provide direct benefits to the people of the area they serve. The benefits to South Dakotans at large of this CO2 pipeline are speculative at best. To forcibly trespass on the land of unwilling owners to build a project of this type for no direct benefit to the public surely should not happen

3. The PUC's own *Information Guide to Siting Pipelines* (rev. 11/2024) cites four criteria for the PUC to consider in the review of such applications. This project appears
to

violate two of the Commission's four criteria:

- The proposed project *"will not pose a threat of serious injury to the environment nor to the social or economic condition of the inhabitants or expected inhabitants of the siting area".*
- The proposed project *"will not substantially impair the health, safety, or welfare of the inhabitants* [of the siting area]. "

As to both of the criteria above, numerous comments, some citing studies, sent to the Commission amply document the failure of this project to meet your own criteria.

4. My final concern is the highly dangerous nature of pressurized and concentrated carbon dioxide. Should there be accidents, the project's proponents have not demonstrated that they possess the financial means to reimburse landowners for damages/injury to people or property in the vicinity of the pipeline.

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