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PUC Docket HP24-001 CO2 Pipeline

Good day,
I am writing to you again in opposition of:
In The Matter of Application by SCS Carbon
Transport LLC for a Permit to Construct a
Carbon Dioxide Pipeline.

Please, DO NOT grant a Permit to Construct
any Waste Carbon Dioxide Pipeline ventures.
Due to recent Presidential Executive Orders
I believe it would be prudent NOT to issue
any permits or waste Taxpayers monies on
vetting a Waste CO2 pipeline permit.

I am a Farm Landowner and Army Veteran of
23yrs. service. Third Generation Landowner.
We must Stand Our Ground, whether it is
with the 1st Amendment. 2nd Amend., or
5th Amend.

I am against a high pressure Waste CO2
pipeline. The Waste CO2 is a dangerous,
odorless, non-detectable liquified gas that is
non-beneficial, and serves no purpose to
South Dakotans (in other words not a

Commodity). It's not a Park, Highway, tele-
com, or service.

I'm sure by now you know the issues,
controversies, and science. I would like to
direct you to the first two References and
Arguments are within if you choose to read.

References,
Law & Order:

U.S. Constitution and S.D. Const.
5th Amendment US const. (Takings)
Dated Dec. 15, 1791
Eminent Domain is for use only by the
Government. Eminent domain is NOT a
concept for use by foreign/domestic
business entities.

South Dakota Constitution
Article XVII #4 page 56.
Dated January 2023
Corporations. Eminent domain shall never
abridged or so construed.....can not infringe
on the rights of individuals.

S.D. 24, South Dakota Supreme Court
Dated August 8, 2024
CO2 is not a Commodity.
Para. 26 "Not a common carrier and
no Eminent Domain"
Para. 33 "Not a Commodity"

P.U.C. of South Dakota
They have not issued any building permits
for Waste CO2 pipelines.

P.U.C. HP22-001 SCS App. to construct
Dated September 8, 2023
Deny application. Non-compliance. Permit not granted.

Referred Law 21* (SB 201) Rejected.
Dated November 5, 2024

South Dakota voters overwhelmingly reject.
Had nothing to do with Landowner's Rights.
*RL21 title "A Referred Act to Provide New
Statutory Requirements for Regulating
Linear Transmission Facilities, to Allow
Counties to Impose a Surcharge on Certain
Pipeline Companies, and to Establish a
Landowner Bill of Rights."

P.U.C. HP24-001 SCS App. to construct
Dated November 19, 2024
Pending

Unleashing American Energy
Executive Order dated January 20, 2025
Sec. 7. Terminating the Green New Deal. (a)

Putting America First in International
Environmental Agreements
Executive Order dated January 20, 2025
Sec. 3. Implementation. (a) The United States
Ambassador to the United Nations
shall immediately submit formal written
notification of the United States' withdrawal
from the Paris Agreement under the United
Nations Framework Convention.....

Other bad polices contributing to this
boondoggle.
2022 Inflation Reduction Act.
E.O. orders pause in disbursement of funds.
2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
E.O. orders pause in disbursement of funds.

Policy change within Dept. of Energy?
Chris Wright, Energy Secretary;
Vows to prioritize "affordable, reliable and
secure energy".
Policy restructuring; 1. criticizes Zero-carbon
goals. 2. No mention of carbon capture.
Source, AP News, Feb. 9, 2025, Efforts to
put Carbon dioxide underground face less
support.....

E.P.A. 2009 Clean Air Act, Endangerment Finding. (under scrutiny)

Dated February 2025.

Reconsideration of Greenhouse Gases. U.S. GHG emissions DO NOT meaningfully contribute to climate change or endanger public health or welfare.

OPENING ARGUMENT:

Of Patriots, Tribes, and villains

We as South Dakotans have many Rights that other States don't. We have Freedom, we don't let out-siders impose on us, we want to be left alone, not be infringed upon. Plenty to write about.

Point 5 below (Yanktonai Dakota Sioux territory) I hope will be of interest to all.

Reference is Brown Co. Historical Society.

I mention this because Outsiders do not understand this important part of the Dakotas and often forgot about.

We should be concerned and disappointed in Senators/Representatives making comments like "sending a message to outside businesses South Dakota is not open for business".

One needs to keep in mind most businesses do not run a Waste CO2 Pipeline carrying a very DANGEROUS and not for public use liquid, through Landowners land. Posturing with threats and trespassing on South Dakotan's land.

I wonder if the Legislators seen on News Media opposing Landowners, disregarding the Vote of South Dakotans, do they even hear what they're saying and the message it sends to South Dakotans?

Of the many things that make us Dakotans we need to reinforce why we are Dakotans and ask...."are you for Landowners or are you against Landowners?", a yes or no answer. This will determine how we move forward

Politically and as Dakotans.

What if it was your Land, your House, your item of property, your family's near by school, and a threat/villain comes your way?

More opponent arguments below.

Ingredients for an Earthquake, literally.

-- Large dollar-amounts spent of taxpayers money, with zero or minimum tracking.

— The transparency of what's really going on. How dangerous, plans for emergency, training, who pays? Empl. S.D. vs outsiders.

What will the contained Waste CO2 be used for?

-- No direct positive support of the South Dakota population. Money made will leave.

— Employment; out-of-staters vs. South Dakotans will be temporary. 10% rule. If 2000 employees as project finalizes 10% (200) may, may remain.

— Disregard for the sacred land of the Yanktonai Dakota Sioux territory.

— Prime Dakotan farmland torn up.

Damage lasts for decades and generations.

— Concept It's not solid, it's a what if or maybe proposition. An Apocalypse is going to happen if South Dakotans don't abide.

— The 2009 Clean Air Act has undertones of misinformation Weaponizing Environmentalists.

— E.P.A. reconsideration of 7 Greenhouse Gases. U.S. GHG emissions DO NOT meaningfully contribute to climate change or endanger public health or welfare.

— Green ain't so Green after all. The resources consumed out way the benefit.

— Waste CO2 dissipates rapidly after raptured pipe? If true how contained in ND.

— Capturing Waste CO2 in an unsealed container is not even common sense.

— Diminishing returns on what the science is providing. After capture the leakage is back into the atmosphere and aquifers.

— There is no proof that Waste CO2 capture

will have a demonstrable climate impact.

— Diminishing returns because of fluctuations in Waste CO2 credits. The Green New Deal has been terminated by Exec. Order.

— Climate Receipts, where are they. Where's monitoring, reporting, verification.

— Not transparent in oversight, reporting, audits, and climate impact.

— The ramifications are far more than what is portrayed. It adds to overwhelming our Resources and Agencies.

— South Dakota energy grid and water resources depleted. Eventual Brown Outs.

— Forces energy companies to do things they normally wouldn't do or subscribe to.

— Unforeseen injustices not yet realized.

— Waste CO2 removal industry unregulated. Currently NO implementation of standards/regulations/reports of transparency.

— PHMSA (Pipeline and Hazard Materials Safety Administration) has not addressed needed new regulations.

— Appears manufacture of waste CO2 pipeline material is under-regulated, out dated, and does not meet new specs.

— This will become a Ticking Time Bomb. Leak/rupture would be a matter of time.

— How many water main breaks does your town or city have each year, winter/summer?

— No reassurance of Public Safety, cleanup, lost land value, and insurance liability.

— No trail back to who foreign/domestic intrusion is. National Security risk? One heck of a weapon of mass destruction?

— New Technologies making Waste CO2 pipelines obsolete. Clean Hydrogen and nuclear energy.

— The argument of Ethanol and Sustainable Jet Fuel is faulty too. It takes money, years, and testing to convert those Engines.

CLOSING ARGUMENT:

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil.
Pitting Patriots against Villains.

America is 37 trillion dollars in debt.
Taxpayers need to report this wasteful
spending to DOGE (Dept. of Govt. Efficiency)
or (Democrats Officially Getting Exposed).
The money needs to be defunded, returned
to the U.S. Treasury.

Maintain the will of the Voters, abide by
S.D. Supreme Court decision, and do not
infringe on Landowners. A private business
entity is not the Government, it can not
surrender or transfer inalienable rights.
Reject all CO2 pipeline ventures.

It is Unconstitutional for foreign/domestic
private companies to use eminent domain
for private gain (US Constitution. 5th Amend
outlines this).
Ownership is one of our foundational rights
as South Dakotans. We have worked hard;
paid for our homes, buildings, businesses,
and land.

Constituents don't forget and know this
Waste CO2 pipeline has NO Public use. This
is about a private entity of foreign/domestic
billionaire opportunists using Taxpayer's
money for private gain and in the End
nothing for them.

Constituents do understand that these opp-
ortunists have no regards for South
Dakota's safety, way of life or values.
They have proved this time and time again
with Threats, Trespassing, Summons, Law
suits, causing unexpected expenses on
Landowners and wasting our Taxpayers
money.

Do not let stockholders or stakeholders cast

doubt your way. Don't be deceived by their political weaponization tactics. Don't be distracted of the facts. Follow the money and science.

These opportunists are using Taxpayer's money and not transparent to the bigger picture of foreign/domestic deception.

Disrespect will close doors that Apologies can't reopen. Think about that.

To the Patriot Landowners thank you for your vigilance, standing your ground against foreign/domestic enemies within, and your time.

To the Commissioners of the Public Utilities Commission, thank you for your due diligence, upholding the Law, and your time.