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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 Economic Development Professionals Association of South Dakota (EDPA of SD), I am writing regarding the 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 an organization dedicated to fostering and supporting economic growth throughout South Dakota, the EDPA recognizes the potential for significant economic impact that infrastructure projects like this can have on our state. We understand that such initiatives often involve complex considerations, balancing economic opportunities with the concerns of affected stakeholders and clearly, this project is one of these initiatives.

The EDPA has full faith and confidence in the integrity and thoroughness of the Public Utilities Commission's process. We trust that your deliberations will adhere strictly to South Dakota law and prioritize the best interests of our citizens and communities.

While the economic impacts of the pipeline and ancillary business opportunities which would stem from its existence would be significant and propel the economy of the State of SD forward in momentous respects, the EDPA will recognize the decision you reach, knowing it will be based on careful analysis and complete compliance with the law. Your leadership ensures South Dakota continues to be a place where economic development aligns with responsible stewardship of our resources and communities.

Thank you for your dedicated service to our state and for undertaking this critical responsibility. Please do not hesitate to reach out if the EDPA of SD can provide any additional insights or assistance.

Kindly,

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