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Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2025 12:04 PM  
To: PUC-PUC <[PUC@state.sd.us](mailto:PUC@state.sd.us)>  
Subject: [EXT] CO2 pipeline concerns

Hello, my name is Mike Riter, and I received a letter from SCS Carbon Transport, LLC dealing with their intent to again try to run a “waste CO2 pipeline” through our area, which may affect our land. I am staunchly opposed to this for several reasons:

1. First and foremost, “waste CO2” is not a public commodity. In this case, this is a “waste” product generated by a private industry, and is not, therefore, being transported for public use, as other public utilities, but for disposal.
2. Concentrated release of CO2 gas can be deadly to people and livestock. Before it dissipates, it can settle in low lying areas. As it is completely odorless, it would be extremely difficult to detect a leak and settling just by the average individual. As a livestock owner, this is concerning.
3. There is a concern of many about the under-regulation of CO2 pipelines. They should be regulated at or above the current level of other public utilities before they are allowed to proceed with construction.
4. With this, there are also safety concerns with CO2 piping, in that they are notoriously difficult to keep dry, resulting in the formation of carbonic acid, which is detrimental to the long term structural rigidity of the pipe.
5. Landowners and voters have overwhelmingly rejected the construction and routing of these pipelines on and under their land. This should be enough to immediately reject any application for a CO2 permit.

With all of these points in mind, I would kindly ask to have any CO2 pipeline permit application be rejected, thus maintaining the will of the voters, landowners, and other concerned individuals in this matter.

Very respectfully,

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