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To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] PUC Docket: HP24-001

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Shon Morris and I live at [REDACTED] Volga, SD 57071. My email is [REDACTED]

My wife and I moved to this property in May,2020 for many reasons. One of the most important reasons was the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of nature while escaping greed and related destruction. The impact of unchecked greed on an individual is worthy of sympathy. The impact of unchecked greed on the greater good is worthy of opposition and that is the purpose of this message.

The proposed project may be opposed for several reasons. First, the people of South Dakota resoundingly stated in November,2024 that they oppose corporate abuse of eminent domain and support local control of zoning of such projects. It appears the applicant wishes to have any inconvenient zoning issues overridden which would violate the spirit (if not the letter) of the will of the voters.

The safety of the proposed project is another significant concern. In the case of pipeline rupture, the pressurized form of carbon dioxide being transported can become an asphyxiant and a mortal danger to people and livestock. There are also no guarantees of safety with stored versions of the gas and leaks from buried tanks would impact groundwater and aquifers that are critical to agricultural and domestic users. On a related note, this proposed project would require significant water use along the route to cool pumps etc.

The project will also necessitate the building of permanent and temporary roads. We live less than a half mile from a protected wetlands. How would the wildlife in this area be impacted by the disruption of increased traffic and construction, let alone the unnecessary blight on the land and safety risks? The supposed "green" benefits of this project do not pass scrutiny, especially considering the carbon footprint needed to build and maintain this unneeded venture.

Thank you for your time and consideration. My wife and I respectfully ask that you deny the application put forth by SCS Carbon Transport at least until the applicants agree to have a similar pipeline built through their neighborhoods that will impact their families and quality of life.

Sincerely,

Shon Morris