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Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 3:47 PM
To: PUC-PUC <PUC@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] PUC Docket HP24-001 SCS carbon transport - public comment

Dear Commissioners:

I am a landowner in Valley Springs, SD.

#1 I believe a CO2 pipeline is a Great Public Safety Hazard and a Destroyer of Farmland and Residential Property Values.

#2. A CO2 pipeline is NOT an essential Public Utility, and it should be against the Law to have Eminent Domain.

The Proposed high pressure CO2 pipeline carries a very high pressure Asphyxiant CO2 gas that is dangerous to put on private farmland with heavy farm machinery, and could endanger the health and safety of farmers and farm workers and residences, if a leak or rupture of the pipe.

I have seen large gullies form, -over 5 feet deep from a heavy rainstorm and flood, and that could expose the pipeline -undermine it and could break the pipeline -causing a rupture of Asphyxiant gases over a wide area. Large swaths of land would be unavailable to build homes on or businesses to locate on because the CO2 pipeline would be a danger to public health and safety.

CO2 is composed of 72.7 % Oxygen, and 27.3% Carbon. --- The majority of CO2 is Oxygen.

A concerned thing is to the world's atmosphere. -- If large amounts of CO2 is buried in the deep strata of rock layers, then the Oxygen that is in the carbon dioxide will be taken out of the earth's atmosphere never to be seen again, this would cause a reduction of Oxygen in the world's atmosphere.

Has a comprehensive study been completed as to what effect of the burial and removal of Oxygen will be upon the world's atmosphere?
The pipeline would cause economic harm to the farmer and landowner because it would devalue the land, and also, unsafe to be close to people and homes.

Please do not Permit for the above reasons.

Thank You,

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