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To: <a href="mailto:essig@essiglaw.com">essig@essiglaw.com</a> Subject: HP22-001

Mr. Essig,

Thank you for your letter to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission regarding the proposed SCS Carbon Transport LLC CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline docket, <u>HP22-001</u>.

The commission received a siting permit application for this pipeline project on Feb. 7, 2022, opening this docket. The various project details and documents filed with the siting permit application are being reviewed by the commission's staff with other state agency staff and industry expert witnesses, as well as intervenors, my fellow commissioners and me.

I encourage you to follow this review process as additional information is obtained and filed by these parties to the docket, and new documents are filed in the docket.

The <u>Information Guide to Siting Pipelines</u>, posted on the commission website's home page and in the docket, further explains the commission's processing of a siting docket like this within the jurisdiction of the commission.

Commissioners have a decision-making role in docket matters, so any communication with a commissioner about an open or imminent docket must take place in an open forum, such as a public meeting, with notice given to all parties. Thus, your letter and my response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the docket.

Gary Hanson, Vice Chairman South Dakota Public Utilities Commission PUC.sd.gov