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**From:** PUC  
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**To:** [REDACTED]  
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Mr. Friedrichsen,

This is in response to your email to the Public Utilities Commission regarding the proposed SCS Carbon Transport LLC CO<sub>2</sub> Pipeline, docket [HP22-001](#).

The commission received a siting permit application for this pipeline project on Feb. 7, 2022, resulting in the opening of this docket. The docket is receiving a detailed review of the proposed project by the commission. This began with public input meetings hosted by the commission along the pipeline's route as required by law.

You will learn more as further project information is being requested by the commissioners and staff, filed in the online docket, and publicly available during the months ahead. I encourage you to follow this docket as it is processed and new information is posted. Many issues will be addressed by commission staff working with other state agencies and industry expert witnesses.

The [Information Guide to Siting Pipelines](#), posted on the commission website's home page and in the docket, further explains the commission's processing of such a docket including the relevant state laws and rules. Here is an excerpt regarding the landowner concerns you relay.

*The PUC is not involved in the easement acquisition process that occurs between applicants and landowners. Likewise, the PUC does not have a role in the eminent domain process, which is handled in the circuit court system. Landowners with concerns about these issues should seek advice from their personal attorney.*

Please also understand that the commission is not involved in planning or routing any project requesting a siting permit, and does not have the legal authority to change or mandate a route. See South Dakota Codified Law available at <https://SDLegislature.gov>, and specifically SDCL 49-41B-36.

Thank you for reaching out to share your views. Your letter and this response will be posted under Comments and Responses in the online docket.

Chris Nelson, Chairman  
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