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Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Ave
Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505

In re: Certifications from B.S. Wright and Bill Regan

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Pursuant to the request of Patrick Fahn, we are enclosing for filing a Certification of B.S. Wright and a Certification of Bill Regan, which supplement our original filing on May 7, 2009. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

John W Morrison

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Hess Corporation

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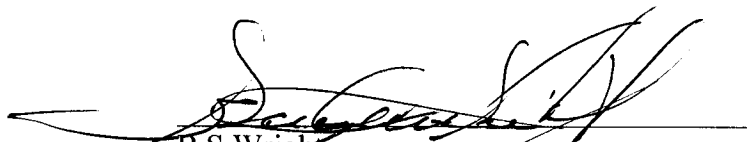
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**Hess Corporation – Tioga Gas Processing Plant
Flare Stack Preparatory Work
Certification of Applicant Pursuant to §49-22-03(3), NDCC**

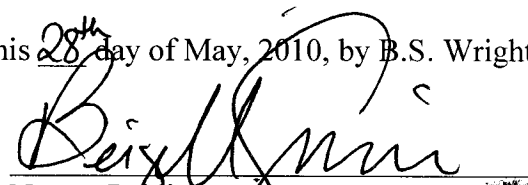
I, B.S. Wright, a duly authorized employee of Hess Corporation (“Hess”), do hereby certify under oath:

1. That Hess Corporation or its predecessor in interest constructed the Tioga Gas Plant at Tioga, North Dakota prior to April 9, 1975.
2. That the preliminary construction activities involved in moving the existing gas flare stack will be restricted to the geographical location and within the existing boundaries of the Tioga Gas Plant. I am the Team Lead for Construction Activities in connection with this project.
3. That Hess will comply with reasonable requests of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“PSC”) in undertaking such construction activities, including participating in a preconstruction conference call with PSC staff, informing PSC staff of the start of construction, submitting such reasonable periodic reports as may be requested by PSC staff, providing copies of all applicable permits, and constructing and operating the facility in accordance with any applicable safety requirements.

Dated this 28th day of May, 2010.


B.S. Wright

This instrument was acknowledged before me this 28th day of May, 2010, by B.S. Wright.


Notary Public
My Commission Expires:



**Hess Corporation - Tioga Gas Processing Plant
Flare Stack Preparatory Work
Certification of No Effect on Exclusion or Avoidance Areas**

I, William J. Regan, an environmental project manager of Merjent, Inc., do hereby certify under oath that I have prepared this environmental summary report, and that the flare preparatory work described below will not affect any exclusion or avoidance area.

Introduction: Hess Corporation (Hess) is proposing to expand its Tioga Gas Processing Plant (Plant) in Williams County, North Dakota. Merjent, Inc. (Merjent) is an environmental consulting company retained by Hess to collect environmental information for Hess' use in preparing a Public Service Commission (PSC) application for a Certificate of Site Compatibility for the expansion project.

As a preparatory step to beginning the Plant expansion work, Hess plans to complete certain construction activities to facilitate moving its existing gas flare stack, once construction on the expansion work begins. This work would involve excavating and / or abandonment of buried piping and installing new piping which will allow Hess to move the gas flare quickly, with a minimum of service interruption time, once the new flare location is prepared as a part of the expansion work.

Qualifications of Preparer: William Regan of Merjent is a Senior Environmental Analyst who has prepared this environmental summary report to document the existing conditions and environmental resources relative to the flare construction activities. Mr. Regan obtained a B.S., Biology, from the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, and has 30 years experience as an environmental analyst, of which for the last 21 years he has provided environmental project management expertise on natural gas and petroleum pipeline construction projects. Mr. Regan specializes in preparing environmental assessment reports for energy projects regulated by state PSCs and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Mr. Regan has recent experience with the North Dakota PSC environmental requirements through his work on three projects within the last two years preparing applications for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit.

Project description: The flare stack preparation work would be completely contained within the existing property boundaries of the existing Plant operations. The location of the Plant and the specific area where the flare work would be conducted are shown on the attached USGS topographic map and aerial photographic map. The land surface where the flare work would occur is in a developed condition, covered with gravel (evidenced in the aerial photograph).

Exclusion and Avoidance Criteria: As part of the environmental assessment work that Hess is completing to support its Certificate application for the Plant expansion work, Hess completed desk top analyses, resource agency consultations, and conducted natural and cultural resource field studies at the Plant. Hess collected information needed to evaluate each natural resource feature specified in the North Dakota Administrative Code, Chapter 69-06-08-01, Energy Conversion Facility Siting Criteria. Sub-items 1 and 2 of this Chapter lists sensitive geographic areas referred to as Exclusion and Avoidance Areas, respectively, requiring specific evaluation.

SWCA Environmental Consultants (SWCA) completed natural and cultural resource field surveys of the existing Plant property plus the adjacent expansion area. SWCA ecologists and archaeologists documented that the footprint area of the existing Plant, where the flare preparatory work would be completed, has been previously leveled and graveled, and is devoid of any natural and cultural resource features.


Hess also conducted resource agency consultations with the following six agencies: the U.S. Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife Service, and Natural Resource Conservation Service; and the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, Parks and Recreation Department, State Historic Preservation Office, and State Lands Department. All of these agencies responded that no known resources occur at the Plant.

Merjent, Inc.
Environmental Consultant to Hess Corporation

William J. Regan 5-17-10
By: William J. Regan Date:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of May 2010



Notary Public R. Sather
Hennepin County, Minnesota
My Commission Expires 1/31/14

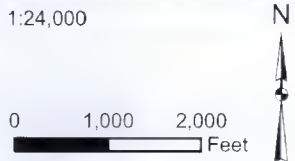


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-  Existing Tioga Gas Plant



Tioga Gas Plant
Project Location Map
Flare Stack Preparation Work
Williams County, North Dakota





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-  Flare Stack Work Area
-  Existing Tioga Gas Plant

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Tioga Gas Plant
Aerial Photographic Map
Flare Stack Preparation Work
Williams County, North Dakota



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