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**RE: Case No. PU-11-152: CHS, Inc.
Minot Terminal – Ward County
Siting Exclusion Certification**

Dear Mr. Traeger,

Thank you for your May 12, 2011 letter and June 29, 2011 Certification notifying the Commission that CHS, Inc. intends to construct two steel tanks for the storage of refined petroleum products at its Minot Terminal located in Ward County at 5125 Highway 2 & 52 West, Minot, North Dakota. .

This letter is to acknowledge that CHS, Inc. has certified, under North Dakota Century Code section 49-22-03(3) that (1) CHS, Inc. owns and operates the Minot Terminal; (2) the land for the Minot Terminal was acquired in 1959, prior to North Dakota's Siting Act codified in North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-22; (3) the construction activities shall take place on land owned in fee by CHS, Inc. and shall be restricted to the geographical location and within the existing boundaries of the Minot Terminal; (4) the construction activity will not affect any known exclusion or avoidance area; and (5) CHS will comply with reasonable requests of the Commission in undertaking such construction activities and will construct and operate the facility in accordance with any applicable conditions and protections in the Siting Act and Commission rules.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Fahm". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping tail.

Patrick Fahm

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