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RE: CHS Inc.

Certification Letter for Terminal Facility Upgrade Construction Project at Minot Terminal

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with North Dakota Century Code 49-22-03(3) (2009), this letter is to notify the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) that CHS Inc. (CHS) intends to construct a new truck loading rack, a new electrical building, a new vapor combustion unit and a new office building at its Minot Terminal located in Ward County at 5125 Highway 2 & 52 West, Minot, North Dakota (see attached Drawing No. MTT-MS-01-0000-002-A). The Minot Terminal site was acquired by CHS in 1959 and the original terminal facilities were constructed in 1960/1961. As such, this facility pre-dates North Dakota's Siting Act and thereby qualifies for construction through the Certification Process, N.D.C.C. 49-22-03(3)(a) (2009).

The new truck loading rack will replace an existing truck rack which will then be decommissioned; the new electrical building will be constructed to provide service to the new truck rack; the new vapor combustion unit will replace an existing vapor combustion unit which will then be decommissioned; and the new office building will replace an existing office building which will then be utilized primarily for storage. CHS intends to begin earthwork and installation of concrete foundations for these new facilities in April 2012.

CHS certifies that this construction project will be restricted to the pre-owned Minot Terminal site and that it will be within the chain link fenced area that currently surrounds the terminal facilities. CHS also certifies that there are no residences, schools or businesses located within 500 feet of the facilities to be constructed.

Also, CHS certifies that the construction of these terminal facility upgrades will not affect any known exclusion or avoidance areas, as defined in North Dakota Administrative Code 69-06-08-02 (2009). Please refer to the enclosed "Avoidance/Exclusion Areas and Resources Analysis" document prepared by Kadmas, Lee & Jackson of Bismarck, North Dakota dated November 2011. Additionally, CHS certifies that it will perform all work on this construction project within the rules and regulations of other agencies that have jurisdiction.

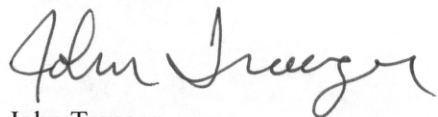
For this project, building construction permits are being obtained from the City of Minot.

Upon your request, CHS is willing to have a pre-construction conference regarding this project. Plans currently call for construction activities to begin in April 2012; with the Truck Loading Rack, Electrical Building and Vapor Combustion Unit to be completed and ready for operation by December 31, 2012. The Office Building construction is planned for 2013.

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Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. I can be reached at 406-628-5202 for any questions or further information that may be needed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Traeger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Traeger".

John Traeger
Vice President
Northern Pipelines and Terminals

Attachments – 11 Copies

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