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August 9, 2012

Mr. Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Director  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard, Dept 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

In re: Letter of Intent  
Hess Corporation  
Williams County, North Dakota

In accordance with § 49-22-07.0, North Dakota Century Code, and Chapter 69-06-03 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, Hess Corporation ("Hess") respectfully submits one original and ten copies of its Letter of Intent to file an Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit.

The Corridor Certificate and Route Permit would authorize the conversion of an existing gathering pipeline from its current gathering operations to be placed into service as a transmission facility. The Hess Ramburg Truck Facility Tie-into 14" Crude Oil Pipeline Project would be designed to transport crude oil a distance of approximately 9.3 miles from the Hess Ramburg Truck Facility, to the Hess Tioga Rail Terminal located approximately one mile west of Tioga, North Dakota.

Hess is requesting that the Public Service Commission waive, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code § 49-22-07.2, and Chapter 69-06-06, NDAC, the requirement to file a Letter of Intent one year prior to filing an Application for Corridor Certificate and Route Permit. The reason for this request is that Hess wishes to commence initial construction activities as early as fall 2012. Hess will be filing a combined or consolidated Application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit shortly.

The following information is provided to meet the requirements of NDAC § 69-06-03-02 for the contents of a Letter of Intent.



**1. Description of the size and type of facility in area to be served.**

Hess is proposing the conversion of an existing gathering line that was previously constructed and currently in service. The Project is designed to transport crude oil a distance of approximately 9.3 miles from its origin at the Hess Ramburg Truck Facility to the Hess Tioga Rail Terminal in Williams County, North Dakota.

The tie-into the pipeline will allow Hess to transport up to an additional 24,000 barrels per day of crude oil from its existing Ramburg Truck Facility to the Tioga Rail Terminal where it can be sent to various markets for processing and distribution. The existing gathering pipeline converted to transmission facility has a normal throughput of 54,000 barrels per day of crude oil.

**2. Map of the study area for the proposed site of corridor.**

See attached map showing the location of the proposed pipeline.

**3. Anticipated construction and operation schedule.**

Hess anticipates beginning and completing construction activities in the late fall of 2012 with a construction duration of approximately one month. The Project corridor parallels other non-jurisdictional Hess pipeline projects which are currently under construction or in-service. The tie-into the crude line would be placed in service as early as winter 2012.

**4. Estimate of costs and construction.**

Hess estimates the cost of construction to be approximately \$1,000,000.00.

Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,

William F. McCarthy  
E3 Environmental, LLC  
Environmental Consultants for Hess Corporation

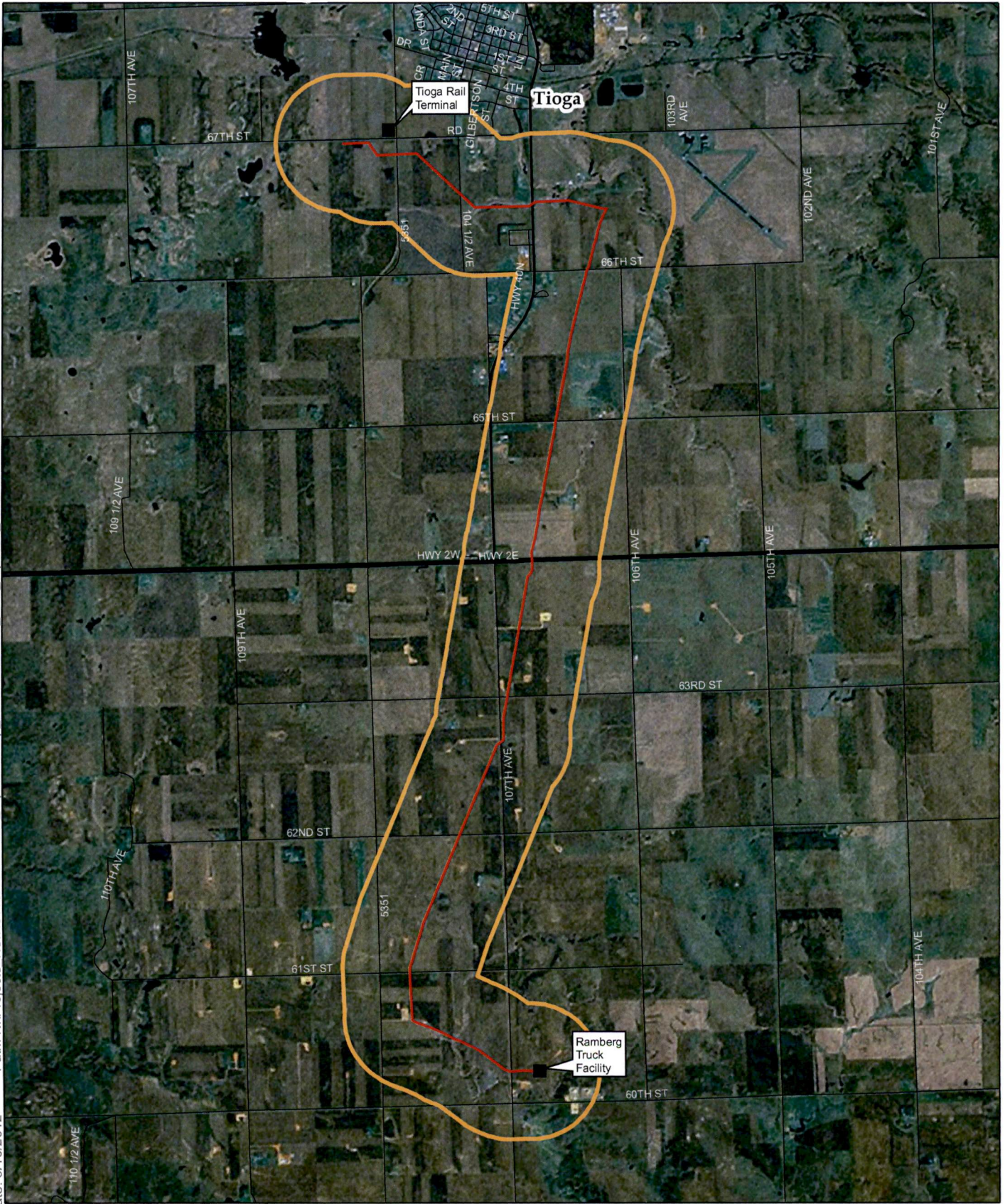
Enclosures: Project Map

cc: Tyler Bohan, Hess Corporation  
John W. Morrison, Crowley and Fleck  
E3 project files

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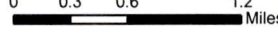
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- Hess Facilities
- Pipeline
- Corridor (1 mile)
- Roads

Source: ESRI Online and USFWS


  

  

  
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**RTF-TRT Pipeline Project Location**

Williams County,  
North Dakota