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August 23, 2012

Mr. Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Secretary  
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 Hess Ramburg Truck Facility Tie-in to 14" Crude Oil Pipeline Project ("Project") which proposes the conversion of existing gathering pipeline segments from their current gathering operations to be placed into service as a transmission facility. Three pipeline segments previously constructed and operated as gathering pipelines, as defined by Chapter 49-22-03.12(b), would be modified to accommodate the increase in pressure to be applied at the Hess Ramburg Truck Facility necessary to allow for the shipment of crude oil 10.1 miles 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; as such, Hess requests authorization to file the Application for Corridor Certificate and Route Permit 30 days after the Letter of Intent is filed. 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.

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**Revised letter of intent**

Hess Corporation

William McCarthy, E3 Environmental, LLC



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 three (3) segments of pipelines, originally constructed and placed into service as gathering lines, be modified and placed into service as a transmission facility. Segments A and C were constructed in 2012, while Segment B was constructed in 1960. Please see the attached map depicting the various pipeline segments (Figure 1).

The Project is designed to transport crude oil a distance of approximately 10.1 miles from its origin at the Hess Ramberg 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 (Figure 2).

**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.

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

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'William F. McCarthy'.

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

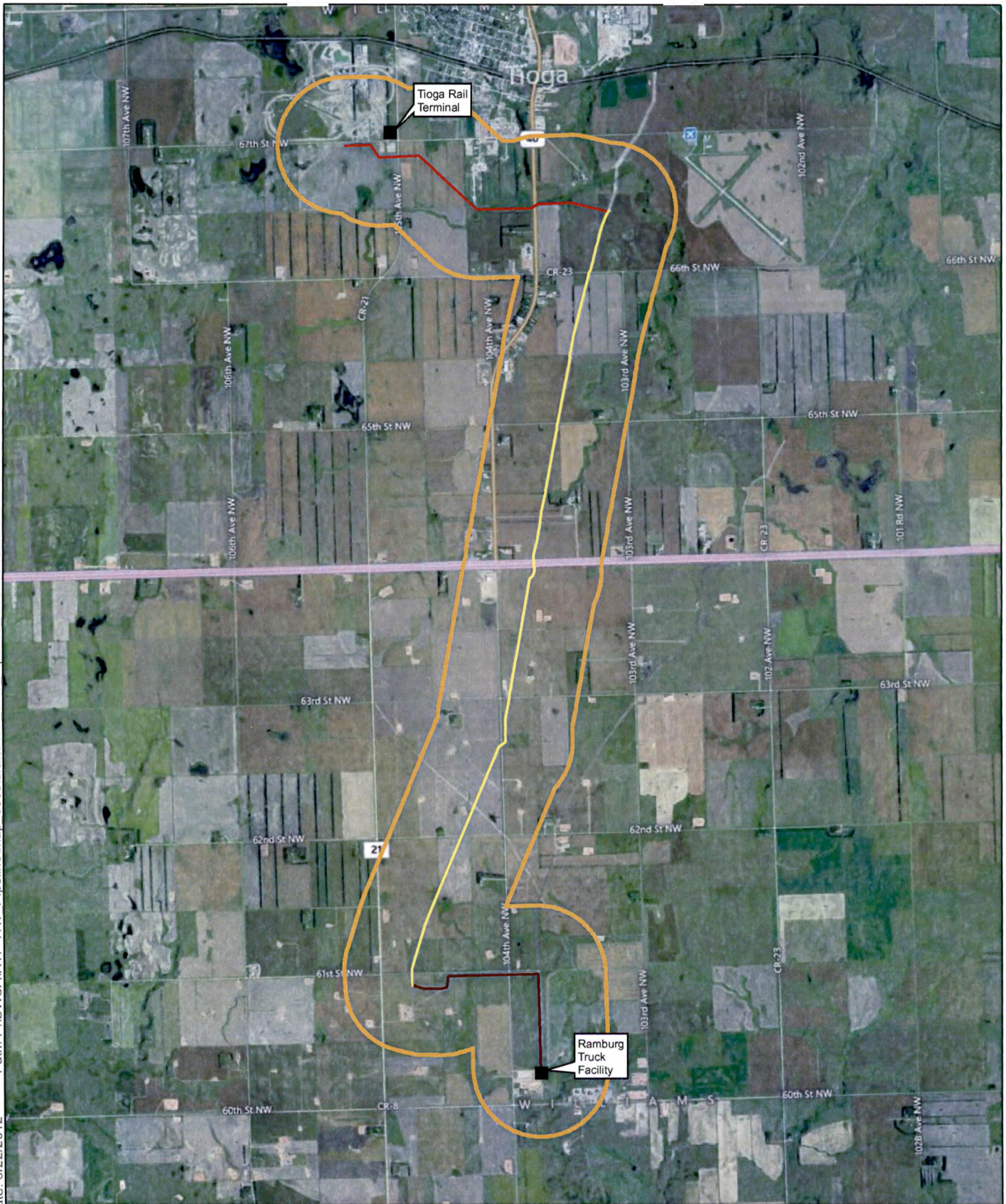
Enclosures: Project Maps

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

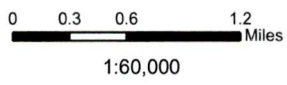
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- Hess Facilities
- Segment A
- Segment B
- Segment C
- ▭ Corridor (1 mile)



Source: ESRI Online and USFWS

**RTF Tie-in Pipeline Project**  
Pipeline Segments  
Figure 1  
Williams County,  
North Dakota

