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North Dakota Public Service Commission  
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RE: Request for Waiver or Reduction of Procedures and Time Schedules  
Hess Corporation  
Ramburg Truck Facility Tie-in to 14" Crude Oil Pipeline Project,  
Case No. PU-12-683

To Whom It May Concern:

Hess Corporation (Hess), in conjunction with its submission of a consolidated application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit for the Ramburg Truck Facility Tie-in to 14" Crude Oil Pipeline Project (Project), submits to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) this request for a waiver or reduction of procedures and time schedules set forth in Chapter 49-22 of the North Dakota Century Code and Article 69-06 of the North Dakota Administrative Code. In accordance with Section 49-22-07.2 of the North Dakota Century Code and Chapter 69-06-06 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, Hess requests that the Commission waive the following requirements:

1. The Commission holds a separate hearing on a waiver request, a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility application, and a Route Permit application, as may be required by Sections 49-22-07.2, 49-22-08, 49-22-08.1 and 49-22-13 of the North Dakota Century Code and Chapter 69-06-01-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code. Hess respectfully requests the Commission to hold a single consolidated hearing on this waiver requests and its consolidated application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit. Additionally Hess requests the Commission to shorten the three-month period specified in Section 49-22-08(5) of the North Dakota Century Code and Section 69-06-06-02(2) of the North Dakota Administrative Code, and the six-month period specified in Section 49-22-08.1(5) of the North Dakota Century Code.
2. The Commission waives the requirements of Sections 49-22-08 and 49-22-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code insofar as these sections may require the separate filing of applications for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit and insofar as they require separate publication of notices of filing these applications.

3. The Commission waives the requirements for mylar maps and stereo-pair aerial photographs as set forth in the Commission's Energy Conversion and Transmission Facility Siting Guidelines for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit applications. Geographic Information System (GIS) maps that meet the intent of the Commission's requirements are provided in the consolidated application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit.

Hess respectfully requests that the Commission grant the requested waivers in order to prevent potentially significant delays to the proposed Project. As discussed in the consolidated application for a Certificate of Corridor Compatibility and Route Permit, 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. Hess respectfully requests that the Commission grant the requested waivers in an expeditious manner.

Best Regards,



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