

**From:** [Columbus, Charles](#)  
**To:** [Morman, Aaron A.](#)  
**Subject:** RE: HESS/NCC  
**Date:** Monday, October 14, 2013 7:28:42 AM

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Aaron:

I hate sounding like the boy that cries wolf but it appears that NCC has only broken Hess ROW agreements and not broken state law since they did HydroVac. My thoughts are this needs to be handled internally now – the good thing is my team is telling me that since your involvement NCC is communicating better.

The complaint against Minnesota Ltd with the false emergency could be dropped also. I have personally trained and met with their safety personnel and gotten commitments not to miss-use the emergency one call ticket clause with the one call center.

We feel comfortable with dropping both these complaints.

Thank you

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**From:** Morman, Aaron A. [mailto:[aarmorman@nd.gov](mailto:aarmorman@nd.gov)]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2013 7:22 AM  
**To:** Columbus, Charles  
**Subject:** RE: HESS/NCC

Charles.

I apologize for not getting back to you sooner but we have been reviewing this case to determine the proper course of action.

I have a question for you at this juncture and the question is “Are you dropping the complaint you have filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission against NCC?” I don’t want to read too much into the e-mail message from you on September 17, 2013. Can you please respond as soon as possible so we can proceed with this case?

Thanks again for your communication and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Columbus, Charles [<mailto:ccolumbus@hess.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2013 9:55 AM  
**To:** Morman, Aaron A.  
**Subject:** RE: HESS/NCC

Good Morning:

Your probably still in training but I wanted to respond to your question. Initially we were under the impression that NCC mechanically dug within the tolerance zone which would have been a violation of state law. Now it appears they only violated our line crossing requirements and that isn't a state issue but a Hess land or legal area.

I still have the concern having not verified that the line crossing meet our requirements NCC didn't hit/nick any lines but we should handle that internally. At least we sent the message about safety and that everyone is responsible to do things safely and within ROW ownership requirements.

Unless you know of any other circumstance that would accomplish NCC digging up to verify the crossing was safely done with proper clearance.

Thank you for all your effort to heard in the wild bunch of cats working in North Dakota. LOL

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**From:** Morman, Aaron A. [<mailto:aarmorman@nd.gov>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2013 5:36 PM  
**To:** Columbus, Charles  
**Subject:** HESS/NCC

Charles.

I left you a voice message earlier today in regards to the 3<sup>rd</sup> party complaint against NCC. I am trying to get to the bottom of this case and in reviewing your description of the event, I need to know exactly what part of the North Dakota One Call law you feel NCC violated. Can you send me what part you feel is pertinent here? There may have been some wrong decisions on both sides in this case and I want to determine the best way to proceed to get this case addressed.

Thanks.

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