



January 15, 2015

*Via Hand Delivery*

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

In re: Hess North Dakota Pipelines LLC  
Hawkeye NGL Pipeline Project  
McKenzie and Williams Counties  
Our File No.: 11-024-1427

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Please find enclosed for filing of the following:

- 1) The original and ten copies of Application of Hess North Dakota Pipelines LLC for a Waiver or Reduction of Procedures and Time Schedules and for a Corridor Certificate and Route Permit;
- 2) Eleven copies of Hess North Dakota Pipeline LLC's Application for Certificate of Corridor Compatibility for the Hess Hawkeye Natural Gas Liquids Pipeline Project and Application for Route Permit for the Hess Hawkeye Natural Gas Liquids Pipeline Project in McKenzie and Williams Counties, North Dakota;
- 3) Hess North Dakota Pipelines LLC's check in the amount of \$100,000.00; and
- 4) Affidavit of Service by Mail.

A copy of a certificate of good standing is being filed simultaneously with a separate application for an accompanying crude oil pipeline. We are also enclosing an electronic version of the application for your convenience.

Please call should you have any questions. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'John W. Morrison', written over a horizontal line.

John W. Morrison

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enc.

cc: McKenzie County Auditor  
Williams County Auditor  
Jon Alstad (via email)  
Lacey Carver (via email)

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

Application of Hess North Dakota Pipelines )  
LLC for a Certificate of Corridor )  
Compatibility and Route Permit for the )  
Hawkeye NGL Pipeline, a 19.2 Mile Long )  
Natural Gas Liquids Pipeline, between 8 and )  
10 inches in diameter, and associated )  
facilities, McKenzie and Williams Counties, )  
North Dakota )

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPLICATION OF HESS NORTH DAKOTA PIPELINES LLC FOR A WAIVER  
OR REDUCTION OF PROCEDURES AND TIME SCHEDULES  
AND FOR A CORRIDOR CERTIFICATE AND ROUTE PERMIT**

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Applicant, Hess North Dakota Pipelines LLC, (“Hess”) whose address for purposes of this Application is 1501 McKinney Street, Houston, Texas 77010, pursuant to the Energy Conversion and Transmission Facility Siting Act, codified at North Dakota Century Code Chapter 49-22 (“Act”), hereby submits this Application For a Waiver or Reduction of Procedures and For a Corridor Certificate and Route Permit (“Application”).

Simultaneously with the filing of this application, Hess is filing separate applications for a corridor certificate and a route permit for the Hawkeye Natural Gas Liquids (“NGL”) Pipeline, an approximately 19.2-mile long pipeline connecting Bakken oil fields south of Lake Sakakawea to existing processing and transportation facilities north of the lake. The pipeline would transport NGLs from the Hawkeye Compressor Station near Charlson, North Dakota, to the Silurian Compressor Station near Tioga, North Dakota.

Applicant requests that the North Dakota Public Service Commission (“Commission”) waive and/or reduce procedures and time schedules required by the Act or in the Commission’s regulations set forth in Title 69-06 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, to accomplish the purposes requested herein. These include, but are not limited to: (1) waive, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code §§ 49-22-07.2, 49-22-13(2), and North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-06-01-02 and Chapter 69-06-06, the provisions of North Dakota Century Code §§ 49-22-08(5), 49-22-08.1(5), 49-22-13, and North Dakota Administrative Code § 69-06-01-02 which require separate filings of such applications, separate notices of applications for a corridor certificate and a route permit and separate hearings on such applications in said statutes and rules; (2) approve a corridor of 200 feet in width; (3) hold one consolidated public hearing on the Applications; (4) find that the proposed facilities are of such design, length, location and purpose that they will produce minimal adverse affects; and (5) designate and approve the requested facilities as identified in this Application and issue the appropriate corridor certificate and route permit.

The Commission’s application guidelines for waiver of procedures require the description of the facility, the need for the facility, the cost of the facility and justification for each provision of the Act for which Applicants are requesting a waiver, together with evidence that the project will produce minimal adverse effects or that a demonstrable emergency exists. As demonstrated in this Application, and summarized below, each of Applicants’ requests for waivers and/or reductions of procedures and time schedules and the issuance of a corridor certificate and route permit are justified as the proposed facilities are of such design, length, location and purpose that they will produce minimal adverse effects, and that the urgent demand for additional pipeline capacity to deliver crude oil produced in the Williston Basin of North Dakota to markets and

refineries in the United States requires construction of the proposed pipeline at the earliest possible date.

### **DESCRIPTION**

Applicant is proposing to convert approximately 10.5 miles of existing 8-inch diameter natural gas pipeline from the existing Hawkeye Compressor Station to the existing North Hofflund Valve Station to NGL service and then convert another 8.7 miles of existing 10-inch diameter natural gas pipeline from the North Hofflund Valve Station to the existing Silurian Compressor Station to NGL service. The project will include construction of some new facilities, primarily pig launchers and receivers and certain emergency shut down valves, at the existing Hawkeye Compressor Station, the North Charlson Compressor Station, the North of River Valve Station, and the Silurian Compressor Station (the new surface facilities and the pipeline, the "Project"). The pipeline route is dictated by existing pipeline and easements. As a consequence, while Hess has caused desk-top studies of a two mile wide study area centered on the proposed route, the intensive pedestrian surveys have primarily been limited to a 200 foot corridor centered on the proposed route.

### **NEED**

The purpose of the Project is to transport NGLs from Bakken production fields south of Lake Sakakawea to existing export facilities north of Lake Sakakawea. The project is designed for an initial flow rate of 13,000 barrels of liquid per day, with a maximum design flow rate of 30,000 barrels of oil per day. The corridor and route proposed by Applicant would allow existing pipeline facilities to be utilized and thereby minimize costs and surface disruptions. The

primary alternative to the project is continued trucking of the NGLs and the Project is needed to reduce congestion, as well as wear and tear, on the highway.

### **COST**

The total cost of converting the existing facilities and constructing new facilities is estimated at \$1.1 million. The approximate replacement cost of the existing pipelines which will be converted is \$37 million.

### **JUSTIFICATION**

The environmental and cultural resource studies and reports which have been commissioned by Applicants for this project demonstrate that there will be minimal adverse effects by construction. The proposed pipeline follows existing pipeline and utility easements and uses existing pipe. Most of the aboveground facilities are to be constructed within existing Hess facilities. As a result, Applicants hereby submit that there is substantial justification as set forth under the Need section above for the requested waivers and/or reduction of procedures as the Project will produce minimal adverse effects.

Applicants respectfully request the Commission to grant the requested waivers and/or reduction of procedures and time schedules; and to render an expeditious decision approving the requested corridor certificate and route permit.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of January, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,


HESS NORTH DAKOTA PIPELINES LLC

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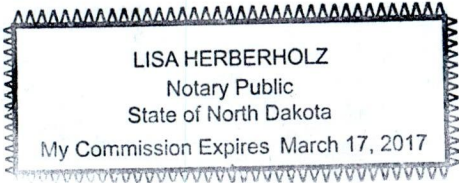
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA    )  
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COUNTY OF BURLEIGH    )


John W. Morrison, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that he is the attorney for the applicant herein named, that he has read the above and foregoing application, knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true to the best of this affiant's knowledge, information, and belief.

  
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JOHN W. MORRISON

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

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Notary Public  
Burleigh County, North Dakota  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

*Leslie Kriedeman*

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Notary Public  
Burleigh County, North Dakota  
My Commission Expires:



LESLIE KRUEGER  
Notary Public  
State of North Dakota  
My Commission Expires September 17, 2019