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February 9, 2017

Allan Beshore, Central Region Director  
901 Locust Street, Suite 462  
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RE: Hess North Dakota Pipelines LLC – Hawkeye pipelines

Dear Mr. Beshore:

Enclosed is a copy of an email received at the North Dakota Public Service Commission expressing concerns about Hess North Dakota Pipelines LLC repurposing two of its pipelines that cross Lake Sakakawea (Lake) near Tioga, ND. One repurposed pipeline would transport crude oil and the other would transport NGL. The Commission issued siting certificates for each pipeline in June 2015. The Commission Order for the Hawkeye Crude Oil line (Case No. PU-15-31) can be viewed at <http://www.psc.nd.gov/database/documents/15-0031/059-040.pdf>. The Commission Order for the Hawkeye NGL line (Case No. PU-15-32) can be viewed at <http://www.psc.nd.gov/database/documents/15-0032/059-040.pdf>.

Our records indicated that the segments of the pipelines under the Lake were constructed in 1992. The pipeline that will transport NGL is being converted from service as a natural gas gathering line.

You may contact me at 701-328-4077 if you have any questions or email to [pfahn@nd.gov](mailto:pfahn@nd.gov).

Best regards,

Patrick Fah  
Director, Public Utilities Division

Enclosure

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**From:** -Info-Public Service Commission  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2017 8:07 AM  
**To:** Eberl, Stacy L.  
**Subject:** FW: Hawkeye Pipeline Project

**From:** William Wahlman [mailto:william.wahlman@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 08, 2017 4:42 AM  
**To:** -Info-Public Service Commission <ndpsc@nd.gov>  
**Subject:** Hawkeye Pipeline Project

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I am writing to the Public Service Commissioners to express my concern regarding a pipeline project Hess Corporation is constructing west of New Town, ND. I want to begin by stating I am a proponent of Dakota Access and the Keystone pipelines. However, I believe the Hawkeye pipeline(s) being constructed by Hess have design flaws that must be addressed before the pipes are allowed to be put in service.

The Hawkeye pipeline project consists of 3 pipelines that stretch from the Tioga Gas Plant and Ramberg Truck Facility on the north side of Lake Sakakawea to Hawkeye Compressor Station and Hawkeye Oil Facility on the south side of the lake. The HP Gas Line was put in service last year and the NGL and Crude Oil lines are expected to be put in service in 2017. I am very concerned about the sections of pipeline that cross Lake Sakakawea. New pipeline was laid on land; however, the new pipeline ties into old repurposed lines laying on the bottom on Lake Sakakawea. The repurposed lines are over 30 years old, a different size and lower pressure rating than those on land, resulting in the weakest section of pipe being the section that crosses the lake.

I have no idea why this design was approved in the first place; however, I firmly believe that Hess should have to bore new pipeline deep under the riverbed like any new pipeline. I've worked in the energy industry for 30 years and I recently resigned my Commissioning Superintendent position with Hess because I could no longer be part of things that were taking place on the Hawkeye project, nor could I sign off on these sections of pipeline. I am hoping you will review this project or at least the sections of pipeline that cross the lake and require Hess to do that right thing! I have not taken my concern's public because I am not interested in embarrassing Hess, nor am I interested in giving protesters another reason to protest. However, this is wrong and needs to be corrected before the NGL and Crude Oil lines are allowed to be put in service. I live on Lake Sakakawea and I understand the risk this section of piping poses and it needs to be corrected and I am hoping you will be part of the solution.

Thank you,  
Bill Wahlman

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