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September 22, 2017

Hand Delivery

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

In re: Hess Corporation
14" Crude Oil Pipeline – Williams County
Case No. PU-12-683

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing are eleven copies of the Certification Relating to N.D.C.C. § 49-22.1-01(3)(b), with attachments, in the captioned case.

Please call should you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,




Wade C. Mann

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enc.

cc: Vicky Sund (via email)

5. The Replacement Line will continue north and west within the existing corridor until tying in again with the Original Pipeline east of State Highway 40, just west of milepost 8 in Williams County, North Dakota. Another launcher/receiver site will be constructed at this tie-in point within the existing corridor (Project Map page 1).
6. Hess intends to begin construction on the replacement project in late September 2017, and anticipates the in-service date will be in late fall of 2017. Right-of-way restoration will continue through the fall and until permanently stabilized and reclaimed.
7. In accordance with N.D.C.C. § 49-22.1-01(3)(b), Hess certifies as follows:
 - a. An environmental analysis, conducted for Hess in 2012 (conducted in relation to PU-12-683), evaluated the replacement project's impact relative to the Exclusion and Avoidance Areas set forth in N.D. Admin. Code § 69-06-08-02. Hess has confirmed that the replacement project as routed will not affect any known Exclusion Areas.
 - b. The replacement project is for construction of a new segment of an existing liquid transmission facility in order to improve the safety and efficiency of the existing liquid transmission facility.
 - c. The replacement project's construction activities will be conducted wholly within the geographic location for which Hess previously obtained a corridor certificate as designated in the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order issued in Case No. PU-12-683.
 - d. Hess will continue to comply with the November 13, 2013, order in Case No. PU-12-683 designating the corridor, and will continue to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and rules.
 - e. In preparing for the replacement project, Hess identified commission defined Avoidance Areas within the previously approved corridor. The Replacement Line will traverse two categories of avoidance areas as identified on the attached Project Maps and explained below.
 - i. A historical resource which is not designated as an Exclusion Area (Project Map page 1).
 1. Cultural Resource Inventories completed for the Original Pipeline identified a previously recorded historical architectural feature (32WI319). The boundaries of this feature extend through the entire Corridor. The site was recommended as "not eligible" to the National Register of Historic Places, as such it does not meet Exclusion Area criteria. SHPO concurrence was received with this recommendation. The Cultural Resource Report and SHPO Concurrence Letter are attached.
 2. Due to the location of this Avoidance Area, the replacement project cannot circumvent this area and remain within the corridor. Hess will utilize a HDD to minimize ground disturbance through this Avoidance Area.
 - ii. Woodland and Wetland features identified (Project Map pages 1-4, 8).

1. There are a minimal number of woodland and wetland features identified on the project maps that traverse the entire corridor in the impacted location and cannot be avoided.
 2. Hess will minimize impacts through woodland areas by using horizontal directional drilling to avoid impacts or by restricting the construction right-of-way to fifty-feet or less.
 3. Construction through any jurisdictional wetlands will be completed in compliance with United States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit No. 12 or avoided through the use of horizontal directional drilling.
8. Hess respectfully requests the Commission's written acknowledgement of receipt of this Certification.
9. Attached to this Certification are project maps for the Replacement Line route.

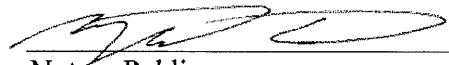


 Vicky Sund
 Regulatory Manager, North Dakota
 Bakken - Regulatory Evaluation and Standards
 Hess Corporation

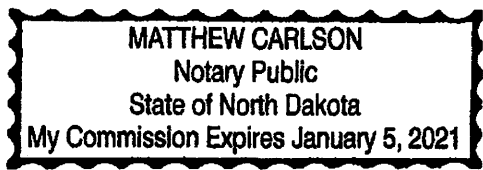
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
) ss.
 COUNTY OF WARD)

One this 21st day of September, 2017, before me personally appeared Vicky Sund, known to me to be the Manager, Regulatory, North Dakota, Bakken-Regulatory Evaluation and Standards and authorized representative of Hess Corporation, that is described within and executed, acknowledged, and affirmed to me as such.

1-5-2021
 Expiration of Commission



 Notary Public



October 25, 2012

Paul R. Picha, Chief Archeologist
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**RE: Addendum to the Class I and Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the Hess
RTF Tie-in Project, Williams County, North Dakota**

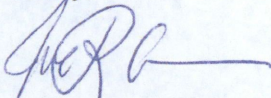
Dear Mr. Picha:

Enclosed is a copy of a report entitled *Addendum to the Class I and Class III Cultural Resources Inventory of the Hess RTF Tie-in Project, Williams County, North Dakota*. This report documents a cultural resource inventory in support of a reroute for the Hess Corporation (Hess) Ramberg Truck Facility (RTF) Tie-in project, performed by SWCA Environmental Consultants (SWCA). SWCA is assisting Hess with their application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (NDPSC) for a certificate of corridor compatibility and route permit for the project. The cultural resource inventory is required as part of Hess's permit application to the NDPSC.

No cultural resources were encountered during the inventory. Therefore, SWCA recommends that a determination of *No Historic Properties Affected* and *No Significant Sites Affected* be granted and for the project to proceed as planned.

Please notify SWCA of the results of your review. Thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely,



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NDSHPO REF.: 12-1430 PSC Hess RTF Tie-In Class I and III CRI Report

Dear Judy:

We have reviewed correspondence and project document for: 12-1430 PSC Hess RTF Tie-In Class I and III CRI Report, "A Class I and Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the Hess RTF Tie-in Project, Williams County, North Dakota," by Kendy Altizer and Damien Reinhart (SWCA 12-193, July 2012), and find it acceptable.

We concur with "*No Historic Properties Affected*" and "*No Significant Sites Affected*" determinations provided that the project is of the nature stated, and that it takes place in plotted location in the report documentation. Also, we concur that historic sites 32WI319 and 32WI1280 are not significant and are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have questions please contact either Paul Picha at ppicha@nd.gov or (701) 328-3574 or Susan Quinnell at squinnell@nd.gov or (701) 328-3576.

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
and
Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota

c: Patrick Fahn, ND PSC