



February 13, 2012

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Director of Regulatory Affairs
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VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

The Honorable Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

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RE: DM 12-005 -- Hess Corporation Competitive Electric Power
Supplier License Renewal – Response To First Deficiency Notice

Dear Secretary Howland:

Hess Corporation ("Hess") submits this letter in response to Commission Staff's First Deficiency Notice (sent to my attention via e-mail from Staff member Al-Azad Iqbal on February 6, 2012) as follows:

1. On January 6, 2012, Hess submitted its CEPS license renewal in the above referenced matter. In making this submission, Hess relied on the statement contained in the Commission's March 10, 2010 re-licensing letter in Docket DM 10-005 that Hess would be "required to re-register [for a renewed CEPS license] on or before February 14, 2012." Subsequently, we discovered that rule Puc 2003.02(a) had been revised to require that each CEPS renewal application be filed at least 60 days prior to the end date of its current registration. Hess apologizes for this internal confusion regarding its re-licensing submission and respectfully requests pursuant to rule Puc 201.05 a waiver from rule Puc 2003.02(a) for purposes of the submission of its January 6, 2012 application for renewal of its CEPS license. Hess respectfully submits that such a waiver for this purpose will not disrupt the public interest nor will it disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the Commission.

2. Pursuant to rule 2003.03(a)(5), each CEPS must post financial security for purposes of renewal with "an expiration date not less than 5 years and 90 days after the date the applicant's application is filed." Hess' current CEPS bond (Bond No. 929375027) runs through December 1, 2012. Enclosed please find an executed continuation certificate to keep Bond No. 929375027 in effect as valid and binding through May 31, 2017 in order to bring it into full compliance with rule Puc 2003.03(a)(5).

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In order to assist in our record keeping, please date stamp the additional copy of this package and return it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope provided for that purpose. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (732) 750-7048.

Sincerely,



Jay L. Kooper
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures

cc: Hon. Meredith A. Hatfield (New Hampshire Office of Consumer Advocate)
Mr. Al-Azad Iqbal (Commission Staff)

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CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, hereby continues in force **Bond #929375027** briefly described as a **License Bond** on behalf of **HESS CORPORATION**, as Principal, **NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**, 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, NH 03301, as Oblige, in the sum of **Three Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 (\$350,000.00) Dollars**, for the term beginning **December 1, 2011 and ending May 31, 2017**, subject to all the covenants and conditions of the original bond referred to above.

This continuation is issued upon the express condition that the liability of **WESTERN SURETY COMPANY** under said Bond and this and all continuations thereof shall not be cumulative and shall in no event exceed the total sum above written.

Dated this 10th day of February, 2012.

HESS CORPORATION
(Principal)

BY: John Schutt

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY
(Surety)

BY: James K C Tom
James K C Tom, Attorney-in-Fact

Western Surety Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

Know All Men By These Presents, That WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a South Dakota corporation, is a duly organized and existing corporation having its principal office in the City of Sioux Falls, and State of South Dakota, and that it does by virtue of the signature and seal herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint

Ernesta G Bowman, James K C Tom, Individually

of New York, NY, its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on its behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

- In Unlimited Amounts -

and to bind it thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by a duly authorized officer of the corporation and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the By-Law printed on the reverse hereof, duly adopted, as indicated, by the shareholders of the corporation

In Witness Whereof, WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its Senior Vice President and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed on this 22nd day of September, 2009.



WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

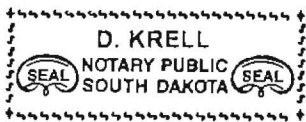
Paul T. Bruflat
Paul T. Bruflat, Senior Vice President

State of South Dakota }
County of Minnehaha } ss

On this 22nd day of September, 2009, before me personally came Paul T. Bruflat, to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Sioux Falls, State of South Dakota; that he is the Senior Vice President of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Board of Directors of said corporation and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said corporation.

My commission expires

November 30, 2012



D. Krell
D. Krell, Notary Public

CERTIFICATE

I, L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney hereinabove set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law of the corporation printed on the reverse hereof is still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said corporation this 10th day of February, 2012.



WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

L. Nelson
L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary

ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORMS

COPARTNERSHIP

STATE OF
COUNTY OF

ss:

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me personally appeared _____, to me known and known to me to be one of the firm of _____ described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and (s)he thereupon acknowledged to me that (s)he executed the same as and for the act and deed of said firm.

Notary Public

CORPORATE

STATE OF
COUNTY OF

ss:

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me personally appeared _____, to me known, who, being by me first duly sworn, did depose and say that (s)he resides in _____; that (s)he is the _____ of _____, the corporation described in and which executed the foregoing instrument; that (s)he knows the corporate seal of said corporation; that the corporate seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by order and authority of the Board of Directors of said corporation, and that (s)he signed h_____ name thereto by like order and authority.

Notary Public

INDIVIDUAL

STATE OF
COUNTY OF

ss:

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me personally appeared _____, to me known and known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and _____ acknowledged to me that _____ executed the same in h_____ individual capacity.

Notary Public

SURETY

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK ss:

I, Judith D Levine Notary Public of New York County, in the State of New York, do hereby certify that James K C Tom Attorney-in-Fact, of Western Surety Company who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that (s)he signed, sealed and delivered said instrument for and on behalf of Western Surety Company for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal at my office in the City of New York in said County, this 10th day of February A.D., 2012.