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February 13, 2012

Jay L. Kooper  
Director Regulatory Affairs  
Hess Corporation  
One Hess Plaza  
Woodbridge, NJ 07095

Re: DM 12-005 Hess Corporation's Filing Notice of Intent to renew the registration as a Competitive Electric Power Supplier (CEPS) in New Hampshire: First Deficiency Letter

Dear Mr. Kooper:

On January 9, 2012, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a notice of intent to renew the registration as a Competitive Electric Power Supplier in New Hampshire from Hess Corporation (Hess). Staff has reviewed your application and has noted the following items which must be addressed before Hess' registration can be renewed:

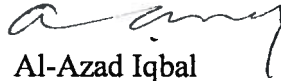
Puc 2003.05 (a) requires "Each approved aggregator shall re-notify the commission after the initial 2 year period, or after the 5 year renewal period as applicable, by filing with the commission an application for renewal at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the currently effective registration. If an aggregator fails to meet its re-filing obligation, the original registration shall expire by its terms". Our record shows that the registration expiration date is February 14, 2012. Hess' renewal application was due 60 days before the expiration date.

Puc 2003.03 (a)(5) requires that the financial surety "[h]ave an expiration date not less than 5 years and 90 days after the date the applicant's application is filed, for an application for renewal." The continuation certificate Hess provided with the application is ending December 1, 2012, which does not meet the requirement.

Please address these issues as soon as possible so that Staff may proceed with your request to renew Hess' registration as CEPS. Failure to respond in a timely manner may result in

the Commission dismissing, without prejudice, Hess' application. Also, please be advised that you should reference the docket number, DM 12-005, in all future correspondence with the Commission. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'a. iqbal', followed by a small 'h' and a period.

Al-Azad Iqbal  
Utility Analyst III

cc: Suzanne Amidon  
Staff Attorney