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Having very limited and varying information about Rockies Express – East pipeline and little to no contact with their representatives, RerouteREX contacted Brian at their regional subcontracted PR firm, Faulkner Strategies. Asking them if they were familiar with the RerouteREX organization they responded, “we are familiar with RerouteREX” and have visited your website.

We agreed to an October 2<sup>nd</sup> face-to-face meeting with high-level pipeline employees, not all subcontractors would be in our mutual best interest. RerouteREX stated our agenda for the meeting would be in a listening mode to hear what they could offer our area to move the pipeline to a less populated, less environmentally damaging and safer location.

Seven members of the RerouteREX steering committee met with ten Rockies representatives. Introductions were made, and RerouteRex lawyer, Tom Ruge of Lewis and Kappes, asked them to begin. Allen Fore, the pipeline’s national subcontracted PR firm spokesman responded that they would entertain questions from us (not the agreed upon agenda). After being thrown completely off guard, Tom Ruge stated, “we are disappointed that Rockies Express did not come prepared to offer information regarding alternative routes, and began asking them questions:

RerouteREX questions asked of Rockies Express – East (REX):

- 1: Why did they not use the abandoned railroad corridor that Governor Mitch Daniels office and IDEM had offered to them? Rex: Not wide enough, not going to pursue it.
2. Where are the locations that Rex plans to hook up with? Rex: Do not have the plans available.
3. Is the problem with running concurrently with the existing Panhandle pipeline just economics? Rex: Avoided question by saying Rex requires their own easement.
4. What alternate routes were considered? What routes north of Indianapolis were considered in flat, open and not near to development area? Rex: No one in room could answer the question. Would get answer from their marketing.
5. We would like to see your economic studies of alternative route. Rex: Ok, but no one here can speak on economics. Will have to check into getting information.

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6. Rex's alternative routes have not been published? Rex: Alternatives have been submitted on FERC website. (Multiple RerouteREX research has shown this is not true).
7. What research was performed on current environmental impact to pick current route? Rex: No one from that department is here. It is probably confidential.
8. Who has Rex consulted with in state and local government? Rex: Natural resource department, meeting with IDEM (Indiana Dept. of Environmental Mgt.) when they asked them to use existing RR and/or utility corridors, department of agriculture, air quality, and FERC public meetings. Can we have names of the IDEM and DNR contacts? Rex: We will get them to you. Why was the current route landowners never contacted or informed about those meetings? Rex: No answer.
9. Can we get a copy of the proposed exact right-of-way? Rex: No, they do not want to publish them.
10. What studies can we have access to? Rex: We will check with management on this.
11. Safety studies? Rex: We do everything to prevent safety issues.
12. If despite your best efforts, something terrible happens, what does Rex do? Rex: I believe IDOT has some information available. "I don't do that area, not sure who has that information."
13. Any alternative routes being considered? Rex: This is Rex's preferred route. You folks live here, so you can tell us possible alternatives. Tom Ruge: It's easy for you to put this back on us but we are not the experts, your extensive staff is the one to develop alternatives, just like when they put it in the north route in White River Township.
14. We are disappointed that there isn't anyone here who can share information with us that we do not already know. Do you have anything us you want to share? Rex: We are going to have an open house for you to hear our presentation.
15. The information you committed to get for us, who do we follow up with? Rex: The PR firms will follow up with you. We are happy to do these follow-ups. We want to continue a dialog.

## **Rex follow-up on 10/10 to our 10/2 meeting:**

1. Gave RerouteREX names and numbers of their INDOT and DNR contacts.
2. When asked about information they were to give RerouteREX about alternative route locations, environmental studies, economic studies of alternative routes and safety studies, Rex replied, "not available". Not available or unwilling to share? Rex: All I am saying is they are not available.

RerouteREX would like to state that up until about 1-1/2 weeks ago, the pipeline personnel (or their subcontractors) have in our area been fairly professional and polite. It seems that their frustration with the incredible amount of media exposure and landowners' resistance to agree to let them survey has got the best of them. There have been incidents of trespass, pipeline subcontractors starting rumors or trying to alienate members of the RerouteREX steering committee by giving them "the pipeline's opinion of them", unprofessional confrontations and statements at a recent public meeting (a formal complaint is being filled), and completely inconsistent information on maps and answers. In other words, in addition to the incredible heartache landowners' are feeling about the possibility of their land being taken, their personal safety being in jeopardy, their land being greatly devalued, and the environment being permanently and negatively altered, the pipeline people are starting a new approach by trying to

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**break up RerouteRex and pit neighbors against neighbors. THIS IS WRONG!!!! We will be living here long after the pipeline people go back home!**

To sight an actual incident (published in the Johnson County Daily Journal and witnessed by the reporter that was present) at the Rex open house:

A family looked at a map showing the route of the pipeline on their property. It showed a location. They went to a second map, which showed a different location. In fact, all four of the four maps on the table showed varying location. The husband asked if there was a high level actual employee of Rex at the meeting that could answer a question. A Rex subcontracted person pointed to a man that was said to be the field project manager for the east pipeline. When showed the discrepancy in each of the four maps, the man became arrogant and said he could not explain why they were all different, "they are suppose to be the same". The landowner said, "If you can't even get your maps right, the only way you will ever get my property is through eminent domain." The Rex guy walked away.

In closing, the reason we have approximately 500 directly and indirectly affected people in our area that are supporting RerouteREX to get the pipeline moved is simply because it is a bad and wrong route. It is in a highly populated area that is currently experiencing rapid development and this pipeline will affect the health and safety of many and will be environmentally and economically permanently damaging. It is only routed where it is because it is most economically advantageous to Rex, without consideration to the people affected.

Thank you for your time and serious consideration of this situation in getting Rex to reroute their pipeline to a much more conducive place.

Respectively submitted,

**The RerouteREX Organization**  
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## RerouteREX Mission Statement

**As an incorporated organization with over 500 supporters in the Indiana counties of Morgan, Johnson, Shelby, Decatur, and Franklin, RerouteREX's mission is to find a less obtrusive route to the current one proposed for the Rockies Express East (REX - East) 42" natural gas pipeline; one that will not destroy the economic value of our properties, risk the safety of our community and residents with a possible catastrophe, and ruin our beautiful natural environment.**

**We understand the importance of having affordable natural gas available to all parts of the United States; however, we do not feel that the pipeline should be routed across hundreds of residential properties and thousands of acres where no current pipeline or easement exists. Accordingly, our mission is simply to get the Rockies Express Pipeline Company to utilize an existing utility easement or right-of-way that will accomplish its goal, but not at the significant expense to the State of Indiana and our community!**

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