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Philis Posey  
Acting Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Rockies Express Pipeline Project, REX-East  
Docket No. PF06-30

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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Dear Mrs. Posey:

As requested by Staff, attached for filing in the above-referenced proceeding is a weekly status report of Rockies Express Pipeline LLC.

If you have any questions with regards to these materials please contact Ryan Childs at (307) 760-5635.

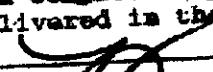
Sincerely,



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**ROCKIES EXPRESS PIPELINE PROJECT – REX EAST  
PROJECT WEEKLY REPORT  
FOR WEEK ENDING 03/23/07**

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

**ENVR – FERC:**

1. Finalized 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft of Resource Report Nos. 6 and 7 and provided to Regulatory for filing with FERC. Continued review of comments/revisions for remaining 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Resource Reports.
2. Participation in weekly FERC environmental conference call.

**ENVR - FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING:**

1. Meetings held with Louisville USACOE/USFWS/INDEM to discuss 404/401 permitting requirements in Indiana. USACOE indicated project would be permitted under NWP12. INDEM requires 100% ground survey before considering application complete. USFWS indicated acceptance of pre-roost tree clearing in Indiana bat habitat areas. Also agreed to use 2007 survey results for 2008 construction activity.
2. Meetings held with St. Louis USACOE/USFWS/IDNR to discuss 404/401 permitting requirements in Missouri and the Mississippi River crossing details. Also discussed T&E species issues in Missouri. Indication is the FWS will approve pre-roost tree clearing and this year's mist net surveys.
3. Meetings held with Rock Island USACOE/IEPA to discuss 404/401 permitting requirements in Illinois. Also discussions regarding Sni-Levee crossing requirements were held with Rock Island COE engineering staff. USACOE indicated project would be permitted under NWP12. IEPA expected to complete 401 certification of NWP's by 05/11/07.
4. Meeting held with City of Barnsville representatives to discuss proposed HDD crossing of Barnsville Reservoir. City is concerned about potential impact to drinking water supply.
5. Cultural resource field surveys and geomorphological investigations ongoing across project area; Missouri geomorph. investigations complete.
6. Wetland and Waterbody desktop delineations to support the state 401 Water Quality Certification applications continued.
7. Continued preparation of draft water quality permit applications for Missouri and Illinois.

**ENVR – OTHER:**

1. Draft wetland delineation reports are continuing to be developed and reviewed internally.

**ENVR – NEXT WEEK MAJOR ACTIVITIES:**

1. Continue to revise draft resource reports to address FERC comments.
2. Meetings scheduled to meet with USACOE Huntington District/ODNR/OPUC/USFWS to discuss 404/10 permitting activities and upcoming spring/summer field surveys.
3. Meeting tentatively scheduled with Huntington District USACOE regarding Deer Creek Lake State Park route on 03/30/2007.

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4. Continue development of 404/401 wetland permit applications.

**ENGINEERING**

**ENGR – MANAGEMENT / ADMINISTRATIVE / CONTROLS:**

1. Coordination with geotechnical boring contractors.

**ENGR - FERC APPLICATION SUPPORT:**

1. Continued development of data required for FERC data request response.
2. Issued HDD contingency plan required for 2<sup>nd</sup> draft resource reports.

**ENGR – CIVIL SURVEY:**

1. Approximately 537 miles of survey data received by GIE.
2. Continued development of HDD site-specific drawings.
3. Continued efforts to incorporate new photography into route maps.
4. Continued development of major water body crossing drawings.
5. Continued development of residential mitigation drawings.
6. Issued ROW configuration drawing for submittal in 2<sup>nd</sup> draft application.
7. Issued preliminary meter station site plans.

**ENGR – ROW SUPPORT:**

1. Issued Option Drawings to Decatur and Columbus Field Offices for review.
2. Continued development of property sketches where title and survey are available.

**ENGR – ENGINEERING:**

1. Continued development of overall project Material List.
2. Continued development of engineering information required for 2<sup>nd</sup> draft application.
3. Continued development of preliminary hydrostatic test plan.

**ENGR - NEXT WEEK MAJOR ACTIVITIES:**

1. Continue developing alignment sheets for 2<sup>nd</sup> draft application.
2. Finalize preliminary class location study and preliminary MLV location table.
3. Continue development of information required for 2<sup>nd</sup> draft application.

**Right-Of-Way**

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**ROW – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

1. Acquisition underway on 103 tracts in Missouri and Indiana.
2. Finalizing the actual number of on-line tracts and adjusting on and off-line properties and evaluating the need for survey permissions.
3. More than 89% of survey permits have been obtained for the current route on-line tracts. *Numbers and percentages continue to change as tracts are designated on and off line and as landowners retract previously granted permission to survey and new landowners grant permission.*
4. Approximately 9% of the properties on the current route on-line tracts have been refused and ROW has not been able to contact approximately 2% of the landowners.
5. Support of civil and environmental field survey work is ongoing areas of East 1 and 2.
6. Title work ongoing in all areas.
7. Acquisition Document preparation ongoing.
8. Acquisition in Ohio will commence as drawings become available.

**ROW - SURVEY:**

1. Survey permitting continues along original route as well as for newly identified properties.
2. Agents are attempting personal contacts where landowners' phone numbers are unavailable. Also, letters have been sent to non-resident landowners.
3. Work has begun to support geomorphic digs – areas identified for digs and landowner contacts have begun secure authorization for contractor entry. To date, 127 sites have been approved for excavation and 14 have been denied and 32 digs have been completed in East 1.

**ROW - NEXT WEEK MAJOR ACTIVITIES:**

1. Continue title investigation in all areas.
2. Continue acquisition at all compressor stations.
3. Respond to landowners requests received by phone or mail.
4. Continuing support of construction planning / meter site / compressor site issues as well as mine areas, especially in eastern Ohio.
5. Continue investigation of permitting agencies and development or planned development areas along route.
6. Continue Survey Support along the entire route of REX East as requested by Survey / Construction personnel
7. Continue ownership investigation for any new route revisions and any other areas as may be requested.
8. Continue putting together acquisition packages for Missouri, Indiana and Ohio (as drawings are made available). Illinois will follow due to narrative descriptions. Ohio status depending on availability of exhibit drawings.
9. Continue to issue acquisition packages to field Agents.

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10. Continue support for geomorphic / geotechnical digs.

## **COMPRESSION**

### **COMP – MAJOR ACTIVITIES:**

1. Continue detailed engineering design for all compressor stations.
2. Ordering materials for REX East Compressor Stations where identical materials are being ordered for REX West Compressor Stations
3. RFMs are being prepared for large diameter valves which will be needed on REX East Compressor Stations.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

### **PR - MAJOR ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

#### **Project Web Site**

1. From March 15 – March 21 the site had 723 visits and 3,230 page views.
2. FH received and responded to 3 inquiries from the Web site.

#### **Outreach and Monitoring**

1. FH COs contacted 17 elected officials and 2 NGOs, and made 1 addition to the stakeholder list.
2. FH COs are continuing to update elected officials and stakeholders on project status.
3. FH COs met in Ohio with State Senator Jason Wilson (Belmont County) and contacted the Office of State Representative Shannon Jones (Warren County).
4. FH COs in Ohio contacted the Village of Barnesville (Belmont County).
5. FH COs in Illinois contacted the Illinois Drainage Districts, the Cass-Morgan County Farm Bureau, the Christian County Board, the Douglas County Clerk's Office, the Moultrie County Clerk's Office and the Morgan County Board.
6. FH COs continued to work with advocate teams regarding Indiana SB 529.
7. FH COs contacted District Director, Office of U. S. Congressman Mike Pence (IN).
8. FH COs in Indiana contacted State Representative Milo Smith (Johnson County), State Representative Tom Knollman (Franklin County), State Representative Amos Thomas (Vermillion/Parke County).
9. FH COs in Indiana met with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners.
10. FH COs in Indiana contacted the Shelby, Hendricks, Morgan, and Vermillion County Commissioner's offices, and the Martinsville Rotary.
11. FH responded to inquiries from the offices of Sen. Barack Obama, U.S. Rep. Phil Hare and U.S. Rep. Ken Hulshof regarding the SNY Island Levy Drainage District.

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12. FH responded to media inquiries from the Indianapolis Star, WFYI, the PBS affiliate in Indianapolis, and the Jacksonville (IL) Journal-Courier.

**Media Coverage**

1. *Zanesville Times Recorder* (OH): Construction on pipeline could begin next year
2. *Zanesville Times Recorder* (OH): Commissioners get update on pipeline
3. *Martins Ferry Times Leader* (OH): Gas pipeline to wind way through area
4. *Greensburg Daily News* (IN): Pence adds to already historic day

**PR – NEXT WEEK MAJOR ACTIVITIES:**

**Stakeholder Outreach**

1. FH will continue to reach out and respond to stakeholders.
2. FH COs will continue updating stakeholder lists for Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio.
3. FH will work with advocate teams in Indiana to respond to pending legislation.
4. FH will continue to monitor legislative activity in Illinois and Ohio.

**Media Monitoring**

1. FH will respond to REX East media inquiries.
2. FH will monitor media for coverage of REX East and distribute any clips.