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RE: DOCKET NO. PF06-30-000

REGULATORY COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Salas:

We have been aware of the resistance from citizens of Decatur County, Indiana and others toward the intrusion into private domain by a private company, Rockies Mountain Express, LLC. Various letters posted to the docket on this matter are well reasoned and well informed. Legitimate concerns for safety and for how eminent domain is being misused are getting clearer.

There is really no reason that REX needs to use the path through central Indiana with the expense and substantial risk such a project poses to citizens who will not profit in the least from the REX foray through environmentally precious territory. There are wishes and desires but no sound reason, except raw profit, for REX to pursue this course. There is much to recommend that REX run its pipeline along the already established corridor in Marion County north of Indianapolis. We understand that this would mean added expense for REX to try to provide safety in a more heavily populated area of Indiana. Is this expense not worth it to REX?

Besides the lack of protection to wildlife species in the line of intrusion, there is human life. It is not, however, being considered to the extent that it needs to be. Reports of explosions from similar gas lines in Wyoming and as close to Decatur County as nearby Franklin County, plus other spots in the country, are alarming. These incidents could happen here in Kentucky, where we have rather strong eminent domain protection. We have already begun contacting our Congressional members to alert them to the issue.

REX seems to have been accepted at their word by FERC in the earlier stages of this present negotiation regarding Decatur County. They could be accepted also in our area without more effective Federal oversight. If FERC would demand accountability from REX and similar companies to the same extent that FERC has not been accountable to citizenry in checking out the word of REX, there might be more balance. We hope FERC will soon correct this deficiency.

Such double and triple checking will be needed because REX has not dealt truthfully or accurately with the citizens who voice concerns. Documentation filed since August by Mr. Melvin Wilhelm, the Prosecuting Attorney of Franklin County, raises grave credibility problems for REX in regard to their blatant statements that these charges have been dropped. The record shows the charges are viable. More than one filing is still current. How can REX be trusted to carry through on any future promise of safety assurance when recent documentation contradicts the falsehood with fact? If REX simply misunderstood or missed the documented facts, its thoroughness is suffering. That bodes nothing but ill for the project they are pursuing in Indiana.

Sincerely,

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