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RE: Docket No. PF06-30-000

Dear Secretary Salas:

Ronald J. and Susan R. Tilford are respectfully requesting that The Rockies Express Pipeline East proposed easement on our property, 530 Millville-Oxford Rd., Hamilton, Ohio, 45013 be moved approximately 350 feet south to be adjacent to or to co-locate with The Duke Energy Electric Power Line Easement. This easement would then follow the FERC guidelines as stated in the REX East - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQS) Paper.

Our property of 32 acres is adjacent to a subdivision with a street stopping at our property line. We have frontage on Millville-Oxford Rd. and well as frontage for access from Minton Road. Currently, there are two transmission easements on our property. A Duke Electric Power Line 745 KW is on the south end; at the north edge is a TEPPCO pipeline easement. Attached is an updated version to a plat plan that was done in 1975. We attempted to mark the REX proposed easements. REX has been provided with both the original plan and the updated one.

If the REX easement is allowed to stay where it is currently planned we will loose three building lots totally. Our 32 acres will then have 3 separate utility corridors on it. **Co-location of the two easements would reduce the negative impact on our property value and development potential.**

I, Susan Tilford raised the question of co-location at the September 13, 2006, Edgewood High School Scoping Meeting (Transcript Pages 61, 62, 63). Bob Oliphant REX ROW Agent told me on September 19, 2006, that the REX easement could not be located next to the Duke Energy Electric Easement because the new pipeline would turn on our property. However, the plan we saw on April 2, 2007, does not show a turn on our property.

Rick Meador, our current REX ROW agent, told us that REX would be recommending, this easement which is approximately 350 feet north of the Duke Energy Electric Easement, in the FERC Environmental Study-Application.

We would like you to understand that the decision to use this route was made before we had an opportunity for input. At the same April 2, meeting where we saw the plan for the first time, we were informed that this plan was being recommended. The following will indicate the total lack of communication on the part of REX from November 6, 2006 to March 10, 2007.

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Mr. Harrison a ROW supervisor had set up a meeting on October 13, 2006, to show us where the easement would be on our property. No one came to this meeting; no one called to say they had to cancel the meeting. One week latter Dennis Lee left a message that the reason no one came was that Mr. Oliphant became ill (Note: Mr. Harrison was to be present also) and could we call him to reschedule. He offered no apology for the time we lost waiting for them.

Dennis Lee called again on November 6, 2006, he wanted to come the next day to hear our concerns about the easement. We had plans it was Election Day. Since we had not seen any easement plans, I asked if he could mail one to us. We could then discuss the location of the easement, and would be better prepared to express our concerns. He seemed very agreeable to this idea. He wanted me to call him when I received the plans. **The plans never came.** He never called back. I did not call him back because a new easement route was staked.

On November 21, a survey crew arrived on the other side of the road from our home. I walked over to see what was going on. They were surveying a new REX easement and wanted permission to survey on our property. My husband would not allow them to survey, no 24 hour notice had been given. He did walk with Walt, the survey supervisor east on our property to show him the houses on Minton Road. Walt said FERC wanted the REX line closer to the TEPPCO pipeline easement. At the road they staked a second easement route on our neighbor's frontage, which would continue onto us. Walt said he would talk to Dennis (Lee) that afternoon. Dennis Lee did not call us nor did he call our neighbor.

On December 15<sup>th</sup> another surveyor was on our property, what did he survey, we do not know he left no stakes. His truck was hit while it was parked. A car lost control and left the road and hit it. The sheriff's deputy told us he was a surveyor from Arkansas working for the pipeline company. Here again, REX ROW agents did not call to notify us that he would be coming.

A crew from ASC Group, Environmental Consultants parked on our property March 9<sup>th</sup>. We met Rick Meador, ROW agent when he came to our door to explain why he did not notify us. The ASC employees were working on the adjacent farm, they had no right to park where they did. During this March 10<sup>th</sup> visit we found out that REX was considering an easement route south of the Village of Millville, which would not include us at all.

Please consider that if the REX pipeline must cross our property, the route with the least economical impact would be one that would join or even co-locate on the Duke Energy 745 Electric Easement.

Respectfully,

  
Ronald J. Tilford      Susan R. Tilford

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