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Rockies Express Pipeline LLC
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May 29, 2007
Alice Weekly
Project Management, Vice President
Rockies Express Pipeline LLC
500 Dallas Street, Suite 1000
Houston, TX 77002

RE: Environmental Resource Reports

Dear Ms. Weekly:

The application filed by Rockies Express Pipeline LLC's (REX) on April 30, 2007 for the Rockies Express Pipeline-East Project lacks certain environmental information and project details that we previously identified to REX and which should have been developed during the pre-filing process. Specifically, REX was informed of the missing information in letters dated January 24, January 30, February 22, and April 26, 2007; and in weekly conference calls during the pre-filing process. Some of the critical items that are missing include: waterbody crossing methods; geotechnical information to determine if horizontal directional drills are feasible; surveys for federally-listed endangered and threatened species; cultural resource survey reports; site-specific impact for public interest areas; site-plans and surveys for the crossing of two Wild and Scenic Rivers which address the concerns of the National Park Service; plans and surveys for the crossing of the Mississippi River which address the concerns of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the levee board; and mitigation plans for construction in agricultural areas which address the states' and landowners' concerns.

This information is necessary for the analysis of substantive issues and the completion of the environmental review. As a result, we cannot set a schedule for completion of the environmental review. Once REX has filed the missing information,

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and we are satisfied that it is sufficient to proceed with development of the draft environmental impact statement (EIS), a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will be issued for the project.

Please note that once the Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued we will make every effort to issue the draft EIS within four months of the notice, and to issue the final EIS within four months of the draft EIS. Based on the filing schedule for the missing information you have identified in your application, it is not possible for Commission staff to prepare an adequate record for the Commission decision on the schedule you have requested.

If you have any questions, please contact Richard R. Hoffmann, Director Division of Gas-Environment and Engineering at 202-502-8066.

Sincerely,

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Director
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cc: Public File, Docket No. CP07-208-000
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