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Teleconference on Agency Concerns with Rockies Express East Project

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Attendees:

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Don Hammer	ICF
Elizabeth Zelasko	ICF
Rob Gramke	COE
David Halpin	Illinois SHPO
Steve Chard	Illinois Department of Agriculture
Terry Sadoow	Illinois Department of Agriculture
Doreen Gentry-Davis	Ohio Power Siting Board
Bill Wright	Ohio Power Siting Board
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Dave Snyder	Ohio SHPO
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Update Since the May 10th Teleconference

FERC sent Rockies Express (REX) a letter informing the company that a schedule cannot be determined at this time because the application did not contain sufficient information.

Topics of discussion**Agricultural concerns**

- ☐ Drain tile repairs, REX has stated that they will encourage, but not require the pipeline construction contractors to use local companies to repair the drain tiles. Illinois Department of Agriculture would prefer that local contractors repair damaged drainage tiles because of familiarity with local farmers and the area.
- ☐ Depth of cover for the pipeline. Illinois Department of Agriculture is concerned about REX's proposal of three feet of cover due to farming practices and the depth of drain tiles.
- ☐ Topsoil. REX would strip up to the top 16 inches of topsoil. REX proposes to segregate topsoil over the entire construction right-of-way. Landowners could request that topsoil be segregated only over the trench and subsoil storage area. The amount of topsoil segregated could dictate the width of the construction right-of-way.
- ☐ Working in wet fields. Illinois Department of Agriculture is opposed to construction during wet conditions that could cause compaction. Compaction of subsoil as well as topsoil must be taken into consideration.
- ☐ States were encouraged to file comments indicating their concerns with REX's proposed Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan.

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- ☐ FERC reminded the agencies that if landowners reach separate agreements with REX concerning construction methods or restoration on their property it is in their best interest to get these agreements/mitigation in writing.

Cultural Resources in Ohio

- ☐ FERC and Ohio SHPO reviewed cultural resource reports and analysis of sites found, but the analysis at some sites was incomplete. For other sites the report did not provide enough justification or include negative shovel testing for most of the sites. FERC requested complete and accurate information from REX and asked them to provide this information to the agencies.

Monitoring of construction activities

- ☐ REX has stated that they will provide agricultural monitors during construction and for a period of time after construction.
- ☐ FERC would inspect the project during construction.

Mississippi River Crossing

- ☐ It needs to be determined if the sediments in the river are contaminated
- ☐ The US Army Corps of Engineers request that an alternative to avoid construction on Blackburn Island be examined. It was suggested that the alternative go south of Louisiana, Missouri.

Need for the project

- ☐ The FERC noted that applicants have to demonstrate a need for the gas to the Commission. Environmental concerns are only one consideration of the projects.