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Dear FERC,

Please find this correspondence in reference to the proposed Rockies Express Pipeline (REX) East Project Docket # CP07-208-000. We would like to respectfully submit letters from concerned citizens as well as resolutions and letters of support from local government entities that stand in support of the alternate route for the 42" natural gas pipeline in hopes of diverting around the Slope Creek Reservoir. A map of the proposed reroute is also included.

Slope creek Reservoir is a 750 million-gallon water storage facility that serves raw water to be processed for use by a portion of the population in four counties in Ohio. Four water distribution companies distribute water into Belmont, Monroe, Guernsey, and Noble counties. The concern of possible contamination of these waters jeopardizes the health and safety of approximately 12,400 residents of the immediate area.

Please accept these letters and resolutions to be reviewed as part of your decision on this matter. Feel free to contact me at (740) 425-1880.

Respectfully,

Roger A. Deal
Village Administrator

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Office of the Chairman
Mr. Joseph Kelliher
Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Chairman Kelliher:

As representative for the Ohio Sixth Congressional District, I am writing on behalf of the Village of Barnesville and the Rockies Express Pipeline Project - East (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Docket No. CP07-208-000).

The Rockies Express Pipeline Project-East (REX-East) has been submitted to FERC inclusive of a proposed section which would run underneath the Slope Creek Reservoir in Somerset Township, Belmont County, Ohio. The Slope Creek Reservoir is the primary source of fresh water for the Barnesville Water Department which supplies water to 12,400 local residents in four different counties. This proposal has raised serious concerns within the local community regarding the continued safety of the area's water supply.

In the interest of preserving the public's confidence in the availability of a sufficient supply of safe, fresh water, I write to issue my support for the rerouting of the REX-East pipeline. I respectfully request that FERC, as the lead federal agency overseeing the permitting process for the REX-East gas line, consider the local concerns regarding the siting of the REX-East line under the Slope Creek Reservoir and look favorably upon a viable alternative.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and please continue to keep my office apprised of any developments in this case. Please feel free to contact Kristi Paolina in my Bridgeport District Office if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Wilson

Charles A. Wilson
Member of Congress

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We the Board of Switzerland of Ohio Water District strongly support the relocation of the Rockies Express Pipeline around the Slope Creek Reservoir.

We currently purchase our water from the Village of Barnesville and serve over 1,000 customers, including American Energy, a major employer in our area. In addition, we're the backup water source for the Village of Woodsfield and Switzer Water Association.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to this vital matter to our community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Roger E. Hendershot". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Roger E. Hendershot
Board President

BARNESVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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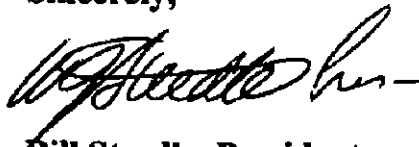
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To Whom it may Concern:

This letter is to express our support of the relocate of the Rockies Express Gas Pipeline through Somerset Township in Barnesville, Belmont County, Ohio.

Sincerely,



Bill Steedle, President

August 3, 2008

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Dear Sirs:

I urge your office not jeopardize
the water supply of local area
residents of Barnesville, Ohio 43713
Accidents do not furnish an
advanced warning.

Truly yours.

Henry O. Gallagher
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Barnesville, Ohio 43713

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OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT,
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July 26, 2007

Mayor Thomas Michelli
Attn: Roger Deal
126 East Church Street
Barnesville, Ohio 43713

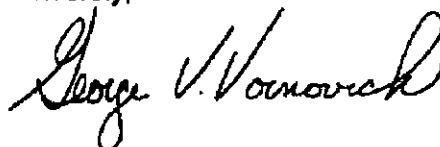
Dear Mayor Thomas:

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the problems you have experienced with the proposed alternate route for the gas transmission line in your area. As your United States Senator, I appreciate that you brought this matter to my attention.

Please be assured that I will contact the proper officials in an effort to be of assistance to you. As soon as I receive any information, I will promptly be back in touch with you.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact my casework office at 1-800-205-OHIO (6446) with any additional questions or comments.

Sincerely,



George V. Voinovich
United States Senator

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WARREN TOWNSHIP
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RESOLUTION NO. 106

OPPOSING THE ROCKIES EXPRESS PIPELINE

WHERE AS the Board of Trustees has determined that it would be in their best interest not to support Rockies Express Pipeline.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF WARREN TOWNSHIP, BELMONT COUNTY, OHIO THAT:

Warren Township Trustees do not wish to support the project of installing a gas line in the Slope Creek reservoir area.


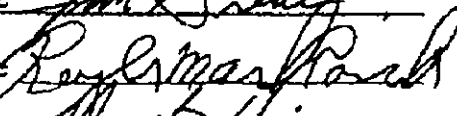

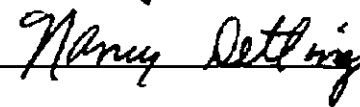
Adopted in regular session on this 29 day of May 2007.

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OPPOSITION TO THE LOCATION OF A PIPELINE THROUGH OR UNDER SLOPE CREEK RESERVOIR

WHEREAS, The Village of Barnesville has been informed that Rockies Express Pipeline, LLC intends to locate a gas transmission pipeline under or through Slope Creek Reservoir in Somerset Township, Belmont County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Slope Creek Reservoir is the primary source of fresh water for the Barnesville Water Department; and

WHEREAS, the Barnesville Water Department supplies water to the Village of Barnesville and surrounding residents, and also to the Switzerland of Ohio Water District, the Village of Quaker City and the Village of Bethesda; and

WHEREAS, Barnesville Village Council is concerned that any number of things could occur, either in the construction of said pipeline or thereafter, which could contaminate the water in Slope Creek or otherwise make it unfit or difficult to use as a fresh water source.

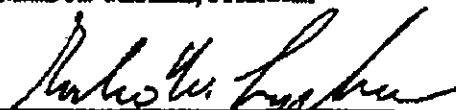
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council have contacted the Belmont County Commission to express its concern over these issues and ask for the commissions' support;

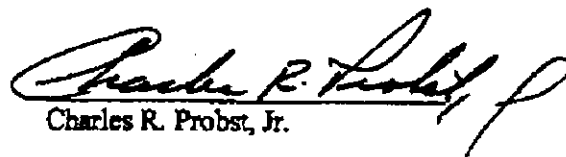
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Belmont County Commissioners supports the Council of the Village of Barnesville's opposition to the location of the proposed pipeline through or under Slope Creek Reservoir; in the interest of preserving a sufficient supply of fresh water for use by the Barnesville Water Department, it requests Rockies Express Pipeline, LLC to relocate the pipeline in such a manner that its construction and maintenance will not pose a threat to the Village and the users of water from the Barnesville water system.

Adopted May 23, 2007

BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Mark A. Thomas, President


Gordie W. Longshaw, Vice-President


Charles R. Probst, Jr.

VILLAGE OF BETHESDA, OHIO
RESOLUTION NO. 1293

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE LOCATION OF A
PIPELINE THROUGH OR UNDER SLOPE CREEK RESERVOIR

WHEREAS, The Village has been informed that Rockies Express Pipeline, LLC intends to locate a gas transmission pipeline under or through Slope Creek Reservoir in Somerset Township, Belmont County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Slope Creek Reservoir is the primary source of fresh water for the Barnesville Water Department; and

WHEREAS, the Barnesville Water Department supplies water to the Village of Barnesville and surrounding residents, and also to the Switzerland of Ohio Water District, the Village of Quaker City, and the Village of Bethesda; and

WHEREAS, Council is concerned that any number of things could occur either in the construction of said pipeline or thereafter which could contaminate the water in Slope Creek or otherwise make it unfit or difficult to use as a source of fresh water.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Council of the Village of ^{Bethesda} ~~Barnesville~~ that the Village opposes the location of the proposed pipeline through or under Slope Creek Reservoir and in the interest of preserving a sufficient supply of fresh water for use by the Barnesville Water Department, requests Rockies Express Pipeline, LLC to relocate the pipeline in such a manner that its construction and maintenance will not pose a threat to the Village and the users of water from the Barnesville water system.



Scott Blake, Mayor

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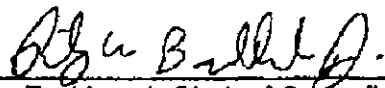
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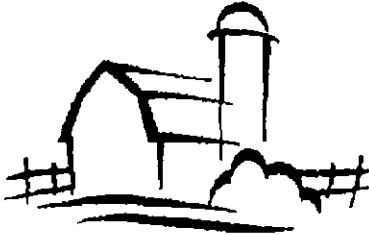
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CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, Ricky Burkhead, Clerk of Council, hereby certify that the preceding Resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of Bethesda Village Council at a regular meeting this 24 day of May, 2007.



Ricky Burkhead, Clerk of Council



**BELMONT-GUERNSEY-MONROE-NOBLE COUNTY
FARM BUREAUS**

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Providing A Voice In Agriculture For Farmers

May 30, 2007

TO: Village of Barnesville
Roger Deal, Village Administrator

As you are aware, the Belmont County Farm Bureau has offered support for your efforts to convince REX Pipeline Company to alter plans to go under and through Slope Creek Reservoir - your domestic water supply.

On Monday, April 9, 2007 our Board approved to support the Village of Barnesville to oppose the passage of the REX Pipeline through the watershed and/or the Barnesville Reservoir.

We are also contacting Ohio Farm Bureau Attorney, Larry Gearhardt, to investigate actions we might take with ODNR, FERC and REX to voice our opinions. We are aware that this affects residents in Belmont, Guernsey, Monroe and Noble counties so we may be able to involve their Farm Bureau leadership, also.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Floyd Simpson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Floyd Simpson, President
Belmont County Farm Bureau

FS/ga

VILLAGE OF BARNESVILLE, Ohio
Resolution #3313

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE LOCATION OF A PIPELINE
THROUGH OR UNDER SLOPE CREEK RESERVOIR**

WHEREAS, The Village has been informed that Rockies Express Pipelines, LLC intends to locate a gas transmission pipeline under or through Slope Creek Reservoir in Somerset Township, Belmont County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Slope Creek Reservoir is the primary source of fresh water for the Barnesville Water Department; and

WHEREAS, The Barnesville Water Department supplies water to the Village of Barnesville and surrounding residents, and also to the Switzerland of Ohio Water District, the Village of Quaker City, and the Village of Bethesda; and

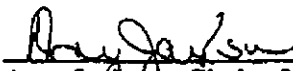
WHEREAS, Council is concerned that any number of things could occur either in the construction of said pipeline or thereafter which could contaminate the water in Slope Creek or otherwise make it unfit or difficult to use as a source of fresh water.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Council of the Village of Barnesville that the Village opposes the location of the proposed pipeline through or under Slope Creek Reservoir and in the interest of preserving a sufficient supply of fresh water for use by the Barnesville Water Department, requests Rockies Express Pipeline, LLC to relocate the pipeline in such a manner that its construction and maintenance will not pose a threat to the Village and the users of water from the Barnesville water system.


James Meyers, Acting Mayor

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the preceding Resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of Barnesville Village Council at a regular meeting on the 29th day of May, 2007.


Amy Jackson, Clerk of Council

VILLAGE OF BARNESVILLE, OHIO
RESOLUTION NO. 3319

BE IT RESOLVED by Council of the Village of Barnesville as follows:

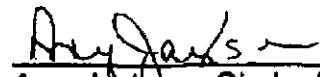
That the Village hereby approves of the plan to reroute the proposed Rockies Express Pipeline around Slope Creek Reservoir as presented to Village Council by Rockies Express at the regular council meeting held on July 9, 2007.

The Village wishes to express its appreciation for the cooperation shown by Rockies Express in its working with the Village to avoid the potential threat which might have occurred by routing the pipeline through the reservoir.


Thomas E. Michelli, Mayor

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by Barnesville Village Council at a regular meeting on the 23rd day of July, 2007.


Amy Jackson, Clerk of Council

VILLAGE OF BETHESDA, OHIO
RESOLUTION NO. 579

BE IT RESOLVED by Council of the Village of Bethesda as follows:

That the Village hereby approves of the plan to reroute the proposed Rockies Express Pipeline around Slope Creek Reservoir as presented to Barnesville Village Council by Rockies Express at the regular council meeting held on July 9, 2007.

This Council wishes to express its appreciation for the cooperation shown by Rockies Express in its working with the Village of Barnesville to avoid the potential threat which might have occurred by routing the pipeline through the reservoir.



Scott Blake, Mayor

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by Bethesda Village Council at a regular meeting on the 26th day of July, 2007.



Ricky Burkhead, Clerk of Council

WARREN TOWNSHIP
P.O. BOX 2
BARNESVILLE, OHIO 43713

Resolution No. *107*

Support for a relocation of the proposed Rockies Express Pipeline

Whereas the Warren Township Board of Trustees has determined that it would be in the best interest of the residents of said Township that support be extended to a relocation of the pipeline to avoid Slope Creek Reservoir.

Whereas many residents of Warren Township receive their drinking water from this water supply source.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Trustees of Warren Township, Belmont County, Ohio that;

Warren Township Trustees stand in support of the Village of Barnesville in protecting the water source and are in favor of a relocation of the pipeline to divert away from the reservoir.

Adopted in regular session on this 23rd day of July 2007.

Trustee

Trustee

Trustee

Fiscal Officer

[Signature]
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[Signature]
Nancy DeLong

VILLAGE OF BETHESDA, OHIO
RESOLUTION NO. 579

BE IT RESOLVED by Council of the Village of Bethesda as follows:

That the Village hereby approves of the plan to reroute the proposed Rockies Express Pipeline around Slope Creek Reservoir as presented to Barnesville Village Council by Rockies Express at the regular council meeting held on July 9, 2007.

This Council wishes to express its appreciation for the cooperation shown by Rockies Express in its working with the Village of Barnesville to avoid the potential threat which might have occurred by routing the pipeline through the reservoir.



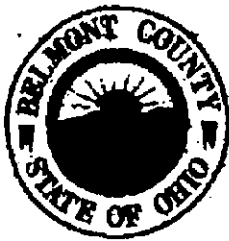
Scott Blake, Mayor

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by Bethesda Village Council at a regular meeting on the 26th day of July, 2007.



Ricky Burkhead, Clerk of Council



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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED REROUTE OF THE ROCKIES EXPRESS PIPELINE AROUND SLOPE CREEK RESERVOIR IN BARNESVILLE

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Village of Barnesville, the Belmont County Commission and other local government entities opposed the location of the proposed pipeline through or under Slope Creek Reservoir and requested Rockies Express Pipeline, LLC to relocate the pipeline; and

WHEREAS, Barnesville Village Council approves of the plan to reroute the proposed Rockies Express Pipeline around Slope Creek Reservoir as presented to Village Council by Rockies Express at the regular council meeting held on July 9, 2007; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Belmont County Commissioners, in support of the Village of Barnesville and its residents, does hereby approve of the plan to reroute the proposed Rockies Express Pipeline around Slope Creek Reservoir and express its appreciation for the cooperation shown by Rockies Express in working with the Village and Belmont County to avoid the potential threat to the residents' health, safety and well-being which might have occurred by routing the pipeline under the reservoir.

Upon roll call, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted this 1st day of August, 2007.

Mark A. Thomas

Mark A. Thomas, President

Gordie W. Longshaw

Gordie W. Longshaw, Vice-President

Charles R. Probst, Jr.

Charles R. Probst, Jr., Member

I do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Journal Entry of August 1, 2007 as recorded in Volume 88 of the County Commissioners Journal.

Jayne Long

Jayne Long, Clerk

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Dear Council Members
I am a tax payer in Barnesville
I attended the meeting about the gas
line. I am concerned not so much for
myself as I'm 89. I do have kids
grand kids & great grand kids who
live here and will be for years to come.

So I don't want them to go under the
reservoir for I'm afraid it ~~will~~ do
something to the water.

Thank you

Gray Burris

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