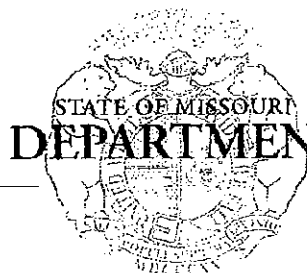


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October 18, 2007

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
 888 First St. NE, Room 1A  
 Washington, DC 20426

Re: Rockies Express Pipeline Project, REX-East  
 Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan  
 Project Docket No. CP07-208-000

Dear Ms. Bose:

I am writing regarding the Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plans submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) by Rockies Express Pipeline, LLC for the REX-East pipeline. We noted with interest that the company submitted Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plans for the states of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. The company submitted no Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan for the State of Missouri, despite the fact the proposed pipeline would transverse Audrain and Pike Counties within the State of Missouri. We request that FERC require Rockies Express, LLC to submit an Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan for the State of Missouri in consultation with the Missouri Departments of Natural Resources and Agriculture.

We are concerned that, without appropriate mitigation, soil conservation practices paid for by the State Soil and Water Conservation Program will potentially be permanently impacted. For example, pipeline excavations crossing terraces will destroy the structural and hydrologic integrity of the sediment control systems unless they are promptly and properly repaired. Similar observations can be made about sediment retention ponds.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Soil and Water Conservation Program administers the State of Missouri's soil conservation efforts. Missouri citizens have consistently indicated their support for soil conservation efforts. Missourians have voted overwhelmingly for a one-tenth-of-one-percent sales tax in 1984, 1988, 1996 and 2006. Half of the revenues collected from this parks-and-soils sales tax finance all Soil and Water Conservation Program activities. Included in these activities is the provision of funding to Missouri landowners that implement soil and water conservation practices. These practices conserve soil, which consequently improves water quality. The practices reduce soil erosion by a variety of methods

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that may include increasing crop residue, improving vegetation, diversion or containment of water to facilitate slower release, protection of stream bank and forested areas from livestock and reduction of wind erosion.

We appreciate your attention to this issue. If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact Mr. Dru Buntin in my office at 573-751-3195. The address for correspondence is Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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H. Floyd Gilzow  
Deputy Director for Policy

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Bill Foster, Director, Soil and Water Conservation Program

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