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CP07-208-000 REX Pipeline East

I have thought about the original pathway versus the rerouted pathway that the REX Pipeline was going to take thru the Slope Creek Reservoir in Somerset Township, Belmont County Ohio.

If the REX Engineering staff would look at bridging over the reservoir instead of going under the reservoir, this would save at least 2,000 feet of pipeline in the current reroute and would actually be a very safe method for crossing the local community water supply. This would be no more costly than the original bore that was proposed and would cost less that the added footage of the pipeline reroutes. This method has been used in many small river crossing, as well as many other applications instead of digging, all over the United States; as is know for being a safe and practical method for running pipeline thru many environments. This bridging method is being used from Alaska to Florida with few incidents.

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