

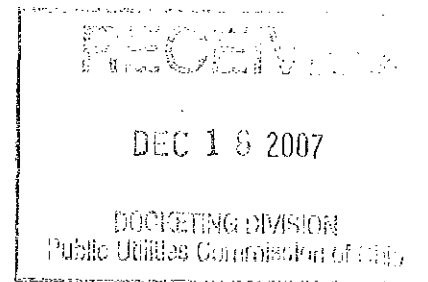
Teleconference to discuss Rockies Express EIS
November 7, 2007

Teleconference to Discuss Agency Concerns with Rockies Express Pipeline – East (REX) Project

November 7, 2007
10AM EST

Attendance –

Name	Agency	Title/Office
Laura Turner	FERC	Project Manager
Medha Kochar	FERC	Biological Resources Expert
Dave Hancock	FERC	
Trevor Loveday	Entrix	Deputy Project Manager for Third Party EIS
Karen Fadely	ICF	Project Manager for Third Party EIS
Alan Summerville	ICF	EIS Support
	US FWS Columbia MO Field Office ¹	
	EPA Region 5	
	Indiana Pipeline Safety Board	
	US FWS, Regional office	
	St. Louis COE	
	Rock Island COE	
	National Park Service	
	NRCS	
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Rockies Express DEIS update

The DEIS will be available on eLibrary the day after Thanksgiving (11/23/07) and the NOA will appear in the Federal Register the following Friday (11/30/07). The comment period will close on January 14, 2008. Public meetings are being scheduled on January 7, 8, and 9th. Agencies were invited to participate in the public meetings in January.

Wild and Scenic Rivers, NPS

NPS may need more information on crossing methods and timing of tributaries to Wild and Scenic Rivers. There are 32 crossing of tributaries for the Big Darby Creek and the Little Miami River. Water flow, water quality, and aquatic resources of the tributaries also need to be protected.

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The DEIS will recommend restrictions on clearing for the horizontal directional drills and maintenance of the permanent rights-of-way along the path of horizontal directional drills.

Sny Levee

The Rock Island COE has been invited to a meeting between REX and the Sny Levee Board. At this point, the COE is not planning on attending. The COE would attend a follow-up meeting if progress is not made in resolving the levee crossing method issue.

EPA Region 5

The EPA asked if FERC had consulted with Native American tribes with traditional ties to the project area. The tribes have been contacted.

Mitigation

FERC would require REX to follow all mitigation measures included as conditions on any certificate issued. FERC would use environmental inspectors and third-party monitors to ensure REX would comply with all required mitigation measures. The company would be required to file weekly reports on the project. We are recommending a 5 year monitoring plan. FERC have not yet determined how many environmental monitors or inspectors would be required for the project.

Illinois Department of Agriculture

Illinois asks FERC to require 5 feet of cover over pipeline. Property owners report that REX representatives have told them that REX has a signed Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan (AIMP) with the state (which is not true). Illinois is recommending landowners do not sign easement agreements until the AIMP has been finalized. Ohio and Indiana also have concerns about the depth of cover in agricultural areas.