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RE: Rockies Express Pipeline, L.L.C. Proposed REX EAST Project Docket No. CP07-208-000

To Whom It May Concern:

The undersigned presidents of four (4) rural water companies in Franklin County, Indiana, wish to express our concern and objection to the proposed Rocky Express Pipeline that is currently slated to be located in Franklin County, Indiana.

Our concern stems from our responsibility as stewards of one of southeastern Indiana's most critical natural resources, *i.e.*, Whitewater Aquifer in Franklin County, Indiana. Our collective rural water companies serve the interests of over thirty-seven thousand (37,000) people, providing these individuals with potable water that cannot be secured from any other source in our region.

In short, the contamination of this aquifer by any means is unacceptable to our community and region because of its large-scale implications such as the danger to public health and the overall quality of our life including, but not limited to, damage to our economic development.

The draft Environmental Impact Statement has erroneously concluded that there will be no contamination of this critical aquifer. Such a conclusion is neither reasonable nor possible. In fact, contamination is highly probable.

The currently-proposed location of the line places it within the well field protection area of the Hoosier Hills Regional Water District and the North Dearborn Water Corporation's wellhead protection area. (See page 4-25 of the draft Environmental Impact Statement) This close proximity places the entirety of our significant investment in the asset of our well field in extreme risk and, therefore, represents an unacceptable intrusion into all well field areas. Yet, the pipeline's design team failed to account for the potential contamination of this critical aquifer, and fails to address the serious implications of the contamination that will most assuredly occur. Those failures place the entire southeastern region of the State of Indiana at risk and are unacceptable and unreasonable engineering decisions.

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We are currently in the preliminary stages of calculating the potential economic damage to our respective companies in the event of contamination. As one can imagine, the remediation of an aquifer is tremendously time consuming, if remediation is in fact possible. We must also consider the significant cost of interruption of service to our rate payers for the extensive amount of time that the remediation process would entail.

Based upon the grave magnitude of risk and the well-established likelihood of contamination of this aquifer should the pipeline be allowed to be located in Franklin County, we strongly urge the Commission to reject the draft Environmental Impact Statement. It is imperative that the Commission study in a much more careful fashion the proposed route of this line. We request that you reconsider the option of routing the pipeline in the Indy North 2 Alternative, as that route does not pose the same risk of certain catastrophic harm to public health.

We thank you for your consideration of our request.

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