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Subject: Comments to Draft Environmental Impact Statement, REX East project,
Docket # CP07-208-000, FERC/EIS-0217D

To Whom it Concerns:

The following comments concern map 304 (T 14 N R 1 E, SEC. 21, also referred to as IN - HE - 293.000). This is the area proposed to cross the Elizabeth Anderson property by the REX East Pipeline. There are two issues that indicate that the proposed pipeline route is inappropriate on this property for environmental and cultural reasons:

1. There is a dated human gravestone in the proposed REX East pipeline permanent easement, indicating human remains are present.
2. The proposed pipeline location will cause issues including flooding, erosion, siltation, and loss of topsoil in the adjoining bottom field near the proposed crossing with McCracken Creek.

Gravestone (Cultural): This historical gravestone is located 25-30 feet southeast of the proposed pipe location. This historical gravestone dates June 29, 1892. The ridge that the proposed pipeline crosses has been a known home location for many generations known as part of Spring Mill Valley according to historical deeds. This indicates the possibility of multiple human remains. The Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library has created a file in their historical department on the Joppa Spring Mill Valley area. The culture and long history of this area is not well documented, but known by generations still living in the area. This area should not be disturbed.

Erosion (Environmental): Existing McCracken Creek flooding/erosion/siltation issues will be magnified as a result of the pipeline coming too close to McCracken Creek before crossing it. The proposed crossing is at the worst possible location for the area. The proposed location is directly on top of a large outward swing of McCracken Creek. The stream has a long, 3/4 mile straight run to develop force during flooding prior to entering the sharp turn. This turn has been problematic for as long as our family has owned this property (since 1959). We are losing the field and the stream is taking the soil. It is not uncommon for the entire 8-acre bottom field to be covered with water during flood conditions, because of this weak location (where the pipeline will be going). Efforts to stabilize this bare portion of the south stream corridor with rock, concrete, and other means have been to no avail: the trees are now gone. Construction in these areas will further magnify this problem, which is already a very sensitive location. If the pipeline were on the other side of the creek, this would not be a problem.

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Solution: An alternate route has been proposed by concerned property owners which could help solve these cultural and environmental issues. Mr. Morey Gladden has submitted this alternate route, refer to his letter dated 12/25/27 on this issue.

Feel free to contact me at 317-695-6487. I can provide good pictures of the weakened area of McCracken creek and the gravestone, and answer questions.

Note: Due to problems with the FERC computer server I was not able to submit these comments, before midnight 1/13/08, but am submitting them on the 14th.
Sincerely,

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