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Kimberly Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E., Room 1A  
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Docket # CP07-208-000

Dear Secretary Bose,

We are dairy and beef farmers in Monroe County, Ohio, who will be affected by REX East pipeline (docket # CP07-208-000). After walking and flagging trees for over three hours with two gentlemen from Rockies Express East pipeline to show them where the pipeline would least affect our water, cropland, and pastures, we are questioning why the line is not to be near these locations. We have requested a detailed map from REX since March 2007, always getting assurances that it is on the way -- but no printed map has materialized as of today. Our county library does not have a map of the proposed route either. On January 7, 2008 Mr. Wark showed us a map using his laptop computer. Our request for a print out has still been ignored.

Our farms are transected by other pipelines and high tension power lines. REX wants to run their pipeline near the high tension line. Locating a pipeline (especially such a large one) along a 740KV power line is a highly questionable procedure. This power line energizes wire fence that only runs under it a short distance. You can feel the electricity on your skin. When (not IF) the pipeline has a leak, the gas will fill the valley and static from this power line will ignite gas thereby causing a fire and/or an explosion that our local firefighters have neither the man power nor the equipment to contain. How much of the country will be without electricity when the explosion wipes out the power line, and for what duration?

Underground coal mines in this area should also concern REX. We have room and pillar mining as well as long wall mining. Due to the use of long wall mining and the current local mines, plus all of the ground that was used in room and pillared mining years ago, the ground is shifting and will continue to do so for years to come. For instance, Interstate -70 (I-70) was closed for approximately one year when it developed a large sink hole over an old mine. I-470 was also closed for a period of time due to another old coal mine.

The majority of the temporary work space that REX says they need to construct this pipe line is unnecessary. The more soil that is move on these hillsides the hard it is to prevent from slipping when it is put back. This construction also affects the under ground water channels. When the pipeline transects these water channels, the water will be diverted, thereby affecting the soil drainage and water springs. Also, the timber in our area will be affected for decades, not just a couple of years.

In our farming operations, we use equipment that penetrates the ground approximately

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two (2) feet. Several fields have drainage tiles varying from three (3) to six (6) feet in depth. Therefore, we request that REX shall have a minimum cover of six (6) feet over the pipeline.

I was unable to use the e-file feature of the FERC web site. If I have done this correctly, there is an aerial picture of where we were told REX wants the pipeline and where it would be less invasive for us. (The dashed line is REX's route. The solid line is the route we prefer.)

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Don Forni  
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Dale Forni  
Stella Forni



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