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Dear Ms. Kimberly Bose, Secretary
 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Please refer to Virginia Military Reserve Map, Clinton County, OH, sheet 116 of 161, B-120 or more the recently revised, more detailed but still obscure, map sent to my home because I am a landowner affected by pipeline route revisions. (Hard copy of DEIS & letter received Monday, January 21, 2008)

The new route REX is proposing is completely unacceptable to me. REX has arbitrarily decided to move the pipeline without consulting anyone. FERC just springs this on me in the form of a really hard to read Xerox copy of an aerial photo. It appears REX only has to submit a change proposal. FERC then sends the changes out to unsuspecting landowners who are given only 1-month to respond to this outrage.

Why has this change been made? On whose authority or suggestion other than REX?

The man who owns the property across the street from me does not live in Ohio. His permanent residence is Florida. From the very beginning he told me that REX could go through his land. He did not care. **But, REX was going to pay dearly for the privilege.** This fall he built a barn on the proposed pipeline route. The barn has an upstairs apartment where he will stay for a week or two in the fall during deer hunting season.

In order to continue on the original proposed route through Caesar's Creek, REX has simply moved the pipeline path south to miss the newly constructed barn. **In taking this action REX "proposes" to take the most destructive path possible through my farm, thus destroying my livelihood.** I breed, train and race Thoroughbred horses. I have 3 pastures/paddocks. REX will cross all three, including the pasture adjacent to my home where I have plans to build an additional horse facility this spring.

These questions need to be addressed:

1. I assume it would be more convenient for REX to again move the newly "proposed" pipeline route rather than tear down and rebuild the barn I plan to have completed early this summer. The barn will have a cement center aisle, stalls, riding arena, permanent paddocks, round-pen area and equipment storage, grooms living quarters plus drainage tiles, water and electric lines, etc.
 - ☐ Am I correct in making the above assumption (REX will propose another revised route) since this was the REX policy used to accommodate my neighbor's new barn?

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- ☐ I am concerned about my neighbors but in the dog-eat-dog REX world, I have to look at my own convenience and necessity. After my barn is complete, will REX then propose a "3rd revised route" and have FERC send a little map and note to my neighbors informing them that they have 3-4 weeks to respond to FERC with any environmental issues?
 - ☐ Will REX use horizontal drilling for the 2 roads and firehouse situation (see question #2 below)?
 - ☐ In the case that the new "revised" route is approved by FERC, would it be within my rights to ask that REX use horizontal drilling techniques to cross all of my property instead of reaming the entire farm diagonally? (REX apparently intends to use this technique to cross Caesar's Creek so the crew and equipment will all be in place in my back yard, so to speak.)
2. General public safety does come to mind in regards to the fire station across the street. On the new" revised" route the pipeline will pass less than 50 feet from the firehouse and under the fire station parking lot. I can send you pictures as I photographed the survey team in the parking lot and the "revised" route can be clearly seen due to the survey stakes and orange ribbons that were being placed by the crew. Just let me know if you want a pdf.
- ☐ Assuming the new "revised" route is approved by FERC (despite my personal issues, during construction, what will be done to ensure that the function of the fire station across the street, directly in the route of the pipeline, will not be disrupted?
 - ☐ Is it legal to place the pipeline so close to a public building or does the necessity and convenience of the pipeline trump that of a rural firehouse and the safety of surrounding farms and homes that might be affected?
 - ☐ Will horizontal drilling be used to pass under the firehouse, Mound Road and also State Route 380?

Before I can consider allowing a survey of my land I believe I am owed a response from FERC/REX. You can hardly ask me to agree to such destructive and disruptive use of my property without answering the above questions. I am a creature of this earth and should deserve the same environmental protections as a wooded area or land already owned by the government (Corps of Engineers) or bats, clover, nesting birds etc. **Granted, my species is certainly not endangered but my ability to survive and sustain my way of life now and in the future is certainly being threatened by REX.**

I would appreciate some kind of response before February 19, 2009. How can I make decisions that will impact my life permanently without the engineering and environmental task force that REX has at its disposal through the offices of FERC?

With sincere regards,
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