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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Re: Docket No. CP07-208-000
Rockie Express East

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FEDERAL ENERGY
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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Dear Ms. Bose,

We are one of the affected landowners in the Rockies Express Project, Eastern Phase. Our property is located in Butler TWP, Franklin County, Indiana near Mile Post Marker #386.5 (WB-IN - 375 A.) located within a FEMA Floodway. We are concerned about erosion where they cross Walnut Fork Creek.

(On page 3-30) In the "Draft Environmental Impact Statement," "Based on the results of Rockies Express' analyses of potential for erosion in this area, we concluded that the potential for erosion and subsequent pipeline exposure in this area was low, therefore, we did not identify a pipeline reroute."

My husband and I attended a "Public Comment Meeting" in Greensburg, Indiana on January 8, 2008 chaired by Ms. Alisa Lykens, FERC Representative. I requested and was granted time to talk of our concerns at this meeting. Ms. Lykens was interested enough in what I said that she asks for the newspaper articles we had brought to the meeting telling of the floods in the area. Heavy rains in the area causes Walnut Fork Creek to have flash floods. We feel they will take out anything that REX will put in to control erosion.

A REX representative called Mr. Bane to tell him FERC would like to meet with him and the Lechers on Wednesday January 9, 2008. We were unable to meet with Ms. Lykens the next morning because of a previous doctor's appointment in another state, but a FERC group did meet with our neighbor, Mr. Bob Bane. He was able to show them our concerns with erosion and problems with a planned shut-off valve in a FEMA floodway. In the 29 years that we've owned the property, there has been a flood about every 10 years, July 1981, May 1989, and July 2001. Mr. Bane showed them an alternative route that would be a safer location for a shut-off valve and would avoid crossing Walnut Fork Creek altogether.

We ask that FERC please consider this alternative route that would avoid crossing an extra water body. REX will need to cross Pipe Creek either way, but can avoid Walnut Fork Creek if the route was moved to Mr. Bane's suggested alternate route.

We are also concerned about the depth of the pipe. We do not know what the farming practices will be in the future, but feel the pipeline should be required to be buried 5 feet deep in agriculture land.

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