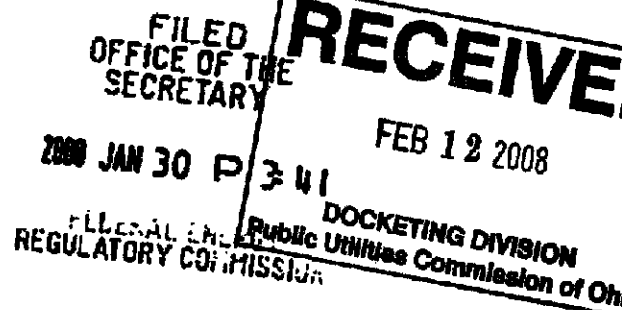


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Dear Ms. Salas:

I am writing to you as a landowner in beautiful Belmont county, southeastern Ohio. As you must be aware REX (Rockies Express Pipeline) is fervently trying to obtain FERC approval in order to extend their current pipeline to Monroe county Ohio. This letter will outline why you should NOT approve their petition for approval.

From the inception of the project REX has misrepresented their intentions. During their initial survey we saw them on adjacent land and REX officials told us that our farm was not part of the proposed pipeline route. When we returned to our land, they had destroyed an entire swath of our property. Many trees were hacked down, others just partially hacked into in order to survey land that was supposedly not in the path of the pipeline. They had no permission to survey and certainly no permission to destroy our property.

We contacted REX and their agent Robert Bower said that he would like to get an independent appraiser to look at the property in order to assess the damages. We gave permission ONLY for damage assessment. We never received ANY assessment. They only completed another survey to further their pipeline project and damaged more trees. In fact Robert Bower told me that it was a sure thing that FERC would approve the project. He indicated that FERC's official answer was just a formality. Since they would have an eminent domain right of way to the land due to the certainty of FERC's impending approval they should be able to do what they want right now to our land.

There are many more incidents that I would gladly share with you concerning the corrupt business dealings of REX. I find it disgusting that a big business like REX feels like they have FERC officials in their hip pocket and consequently don't have to follow the laws.

There are numerous articles available outlining the poor safety record of REX, as well as the questionable need for another pipeline. I of course am alarmed at the lax attitude REX has taken to pipeline maintenance and the ensuing disasters that have occurred under their watch are shocking. Even more disheartening is the idea that REX may have an inside avenue to FERC approval and therefore REX won't play by the laws. I ask that you say NO to REX's petition for pipeline approval. Send the message to them that they need to follow the laws like any other business or individual.

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