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The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator
10 West Market Street, Suite 1180
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2964

Dear Senator Lugar:

I am writing in response to your January 28, 2008 letter on behalf of Leon and Donna Chastain, regarding the Rockies Express Pipeline Project – East (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [FERC or Commission] Docket No. CP07-208-000).

Please be assured that Commission staff is aware of Mr. and Mrs. Chastain's concerns over the proposed and alternative locations of the Rockies Express-East pipeline near their home. In addition, Mr. and Mrs. Chastain's comments were noted regarding property values, pipeline safety, and erosion on the pipeline right-of-way that could interfere with drainage to the pond owned by their neighbor, Mr. Dan Parker.

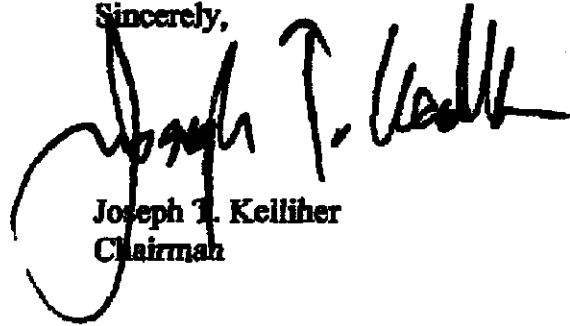
The Chastains also commented on the site visit conducted by the Commission staff on January 8, 2008 to investigate various route alternatives. At the request of Mr. Parker, staff visited his property to discuss his concerns with the route alternative recommended in the draft environmental impact statement (EIS). Because the staff was visiting specific properties, only those affected landowners were contacted prior to the visit. However, upon their return, staff placed notes in the public record describing the substance of the various discussions. As stated in staff's notes, the route preferred by Mr. Parker will be considered in the final EIS.

At this time, the Commission staff is reviewing all the comments received on the draft EIS for the Rockies Express East Project, including those received from Mr. and Mrs. Chastain and Mr. Parker. The staff's recommendations regarding the routing will be addressed in the final EIS that is scheduled to be issued on May 2, 2008.

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If I can be of further assistance in this or any other Commission matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph T. Kelliher". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a prominent "K".

Joseph T. Kelliher
Chairman