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Dear FERC Commissioners and all affected people in Ohio,

Kinder Morgan is trying to tell us that 4,500 people will not have jobs unless this pipeline gets started before all of the investigations and reports have a chance to get finished. Those are actually one year long jobs. How many permanent jobs will be created in the state of Ohio and in the Ohio Valley area? We need those more than the pipeline workers, who will go away when the project is complete. We could look at the economic ripple effect; yes the pipeline workers will spend some of their pay in the area during the construction period, but that is only a short term situation.

If our residential, business and agricultural properties become devalued because of the Rockies Express Pipeline East (REX), then the pipeline workers spending in the community won't compensate for the loss of value in our area. REX has never answered any questions concerning this issue.

When Murray Energy, a local employer has issues with the practices of a company and that company is ignoring the sound practices that have developed with many years of mining experience and knowledge that Murray Energy possess, then I wonder about what other issues will be "stream rolled over" by the REX people, that will be missed in the certificate issuance process.

I can see that the REX people and FERC may be creating many jobs, mostly cleaning up after the REX pipeline once in operation.

There is still the issue of the First Responders, those brave Americans that face many dangers in their jobs. REX has not answered the questions or even suggested an alternative to the request by local people to have enhancements to our local Emergency Management Agencies. What does REX have against First Responders and those folks trying to be prepared?

Currently, I see many big issues posted on the FERC website concerning situations that the REX people have created these issues that need to be resolved before the FERC certificate is issued. Then there is the overall damage that REX's attitude towards the land owners. Many times it is out right criminal what the REX Company has done ranging from trespassing to misrepresentation or prefabricating facts to violating the Open Meeting/Sunshine laws in Ohio. The next pipeline that plans on coming thru my area, will probably meet stiff opposition, if not out right civil disobedience.

There is an old adage; you catch more flies with honey than you do with vinegar. There is also another adage: This is my Home!

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