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March 27, 2008

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First St., N.E., Room 1A Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Biological Assessment for the REX-East Project and Request for FWS Concurrence and FOIA Request CP07-208-00

Dear Secretary Bose:

l am responding to FERC's Submittal of Biological Assessment for the REX-East Project to the U.S. FWS as FERC's Submittal relates to my client Dave McCarroll's interests. FERC's Submittal purports to address a biological assessment of the Indiana bat and potential effects by the REX-East Pipeline. However, no documentation or actual analysis is evident in the letter published in the online docket.

The letter indicates that REX-East, the party seeking the certificate of public convenience and necessity, has served as FERC's "non-federal representative . . . [in] conducting informal consultation[s]" with FWS. Mr. McCarroll objects to FERC's appointment of REX-East as its representative. REX-East's financial interests are directly affected by the FERC and FWS decisions involving endangered species, including the location of the pipe, construction methods for the pipe, mitigation measures for endangered species, and time-frame in which to construct the pipe. REX-East has no incentive to protect the endangered species, especially if actions to protect the species require additional effort or conflict with REX-East's plans for pipeline construction.

The new conclusions in FERC's March 25, 2008 letter, that the project "may affect, not likely to adversely affect" the Indiana bat, contradict FERC's conclusions from its November 23, 2007 Draft EIS, that the project is "likely to adversely affect" the Indiana bat. See Draft EIS at Table 4.7-1. Such an abrupt change of position surely follows documented analysis that addresses the reasons why FERC's conclusions could vary so greatly. Therefore, I have enclosed with this letter a FOIA request, which seeks information relating to FERC's determinations of effect and biological assessment. I insist that FERC explain its dramatic change of position.

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Very truly yours,

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cc: Dave McCarroll

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Re: FOIA Request Regarding Biological Assessment for REX-East Pipeline Project

Docket No. CP07-208-00

Dear Mr. Black:

This law firm represents Dave McCarroll as his interests relate to the REX-East Pipeline Project. Mr. McCarroll requests that you provide all documents and records relating to FERC's reports, studies, and meetings for the biological assessment ("BA"), and the BA itself, which was submitted by FERC to the United States Fish & Wildlife Service via correspondence dated March 25, 2008.

Specifically, please send all documents relating to the BA. This request includes the enclosure to the March 25, 2008 letter, any studies or reports conducted or generated by FERC, REX-East, or any of their representatives, relating to the Indiana bat around Mr. McCarroll's property, and all records, notes, or minutes from meetings during which the Indiana bat and Mr. McCarroll's property have been discussed. For each record, please include a list of all contributing parties and identify individuals present and their affiliation at each meeting. Include with your identification of individuals full names and contact information, including address and telephone number. This information is requested pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act § 552. I agree to pay reasonable fees for copies.

Very truly yours,

Robert R. Clark

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cc: Dave McCarroll

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary

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