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April 4th, 2008

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Re: OEP/DG2E/Gas 2
Rockies Express Pipeline LLC ("REX East")
Docket No. CP07-208-000

Dear Mr. Hershfield:

My office is in receipt of correspondence consisting of emails, petitions, and letters asking for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to approve the suggested alternate routes suggested in the Environmental Impact Study dated November, 2007 ("EIS") prepared by your office. I would ask your agency to review closely the environmental impact on natural resources, drinking water sources, personal and public property.

The Ohio Power Sitting Power Board ("OPSB") contradicts the EIS prepared by FERC in the statement regarding the absence of long-term impacts being anticipated as a result of constructing and operating the REX East project. The OPSB points out when "headwaters and associated riparian areas, along with sedimentation, are involved, destruction of existing aquatic habitat can cause long-lasting, adverse impacts to these small streams, some of which may be significant enough to prevent attainment of water quality standards." The crossing of the headwater of Caesar's Creek as it enters Caesar's Creek Lake should be avoided to assure adverse environmental impacts are minimized, as requested by the OPSB. Caesar's Creek Lake is a potable water supply for the City of Wilmington and other nearby communities. In consultation with the ODNR-DNAP, the OPSB requests that an alternative that avoids Caesar's Creek State Park and crosses the Little Miami River below the reservoir be considered as a preferred route. This alternative route that crosses the Little Miami State and National Scenic River south of Caesar's Creek State Park would avoid any impacts to the State Park.

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Additional impact on the current route of the REX East Project is the destruction of personal property. Numerous locations including the Hunt Foreman Farm, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and the Wilson Maple Farm, in operation since the Civil War, will also be affected by the proposed REX route. The alternative route, also known as the Mowrey Route Alternative referenced in the EIS, would minimize the effect on historic personal property.

I would also ask your agency to perform all due diligence in preparing the final Environmental Impact Study ("EIS") and order in the above referenced Docket. I would further ask your staff to review and strongly consider those recommendations provided by those agencies that have reported to your agency, including but not limited to the Comments Submitted on Behalf of the Ohio Power Sitting Board dated January 14, 2008.

Sincerely,



Michael R. Turner
Member of Congress