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RE: Docket No. CP07-208-000 Rockies Express East/Communication and Trespassing Issues

I am writing about the July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 site visit posted on the FERC website and calendar. The site visit included the Hamilton Compressor Station site (proposed) in Monroe, Ohio, Butler County, near Todhunter Rd. and Britton Lane. This property is immediately adjacent to my property and also to Mary Detcher's property. We found out after the fact that a group of approximately 10 people had been on our property during the daytime on July 19<sup>th</sup>. They parked in Mrs. Detcher's drive and walked back and forth along the back of our properties and around her house. We had no idea at that time who could have been trespassing until we later discovered that a compressor station had been proposed for this site and finally made the connection.

I had written a letter about this on August 23, 2007 asking why FERC felt they could freely trespass on my property with no attempt to get permission or even advise me that there would be a group visiting but have received no response. My neighbor had complained around the same time and had received a response since REX personnel had also dug a series of about 20 test holes in her property (not the property the compressor station was to be built on) which killed sections of her lawn. She received a response that REX employees had asked her permission to bring visitors to her property. She remembers talking to them but since she was not given any information about the project, was not sure for what they were asking permission. I believe she only received a response because she had filed a police report.

It is questionable as to whether or not they received permission from her, but the one thing that is not in question is that nobody from FERC or REX ever asked my permission in any way to use my property. I have not yet received an answer as to why FERC feels they can trespass, with no attempt to get permission when there was sufficient time in the schedule to ask by mail, phone, or in person, and would still like to know why they feel they have this right.

I would also like to inquire why the proposed pipeline route was moved further south earlier this year when the compressor station was moved to the present proposed location. The move was in the section about 1/2 mile to 1 mile west of the station and connects to the existing route. The section in question which is north of Todhunter Rd. was originally further north and followed an existing utility corridor, which would be appropriate and follow FERC guidelines but the new section cuts through the middle of a field, following a small creek line in parts and runs through an area that frequently floods, as it did earlier this spring.

Please get an answer to me on whether or not trespassing is a common practice for government officials and why the one section of the pipeline does not follow the existing utility corridor and instead tears through an existing creek and trees.

Respectfully submitted,

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