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July 29, 2008

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Rockies Express Pipeline LLC
Docket No. CP07-208
Weekly Report #5, Period Ending July 23, 2008

Dear Ms. Bose:

Pursuant to Environmental Mitigation Measure 7 in the Appendix to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's May 30, 2008 Order in Docket No. CP07-208, Rockies Express Pipeline LLC hereby submits its weekly construction progress report for activities for the week ending July 23, 2008.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Crystal Heter at (303) 914-7795.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rockies Express Pipeline LLC

REX EAST Project

FERC Weekly Report

Weekly Report #: 5

Start: 7/17/2008 End: 7/23/2008

Environmental Training (this week / to date):

833 man hours / 1457 man hours

648 persons / 1017 persons

Spread/Facility	All	Name	Elshoff, Paul
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Summary

On 07/18/08, the FERC issued a notice to proceed with data recovery at three sites in the State of Indiana.

Next Week

Data recovery activities are authorized to proceed.

Spread/Facility	A1	Name	Janik, Kevin
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Summary

Notice to proceed for work on Spread A-1 was received from the FERC on 07/22/08.

The following construction activities were observed by the environmental inspection team throughout the Spread A2 active corridor:

Preliminary work for the Sny Canal HDD occurred in that, an access pad was built, topsoil segregated, ECDs installed, and timber mats placed to gain access to the entry and exit sites. Additionally, pot-holing crews worked at road crossings around the canal.

Equipment arriving at contractor's yard has been inspected for leaks and cleanliness. Data recovery from sites was taking place as they were released. Activities were also inspected by spread EI's at the Mexico CS and found to be in compliance. Environmental inspectors began placing appropriate signage on the ROW corridor. Environmental training is ongoing as necessary. See variance request table attached to this report for additional information on variances. No NCR's were recorded this period.

Next Week

Above activities will continue and likely expand. Clearing and grading activities should begin, including a fencing crew. Environmental Inspection team will continue inspection of contractor activities. Daily morning briefings will continue to be conducted between Contractor, Rockies inspection management, and Compliance Monitor, when available.

Spread/Facility A2**Name** Million, Gary**Summary**

Notice to proceed for work on Spread A-2 was received from the FERC on 07/18/08.

The following construction activities were observed by the environmental inspection team throughout the Spread A2 active corridor: Mowing/clearing began on 07/22/08 in an eastwardly direction, approaches were installed, ECDs are being installed and maintained. Environmental training is ongoing as necessary. See variance request table attached to this report for additional information on variances. There were no NCR's recorded this period.

Next Week

Mobilization to the contractor yard and the ROW will continue. Above activities will also continue with grading starting at MP 102.8. Environmental Inspection team will continue inspection of contractor activities. Daily morning briefings will continue to be conducted between Contractor, Rockies inspection management, and Compliance Monitor, when available.

Spread/Facility B**Name** Hall, Gary**Summary**

Notice to proceed for work on Spread B was issued on 07/09/08 from the FERC.

The following construction activities were observed by the environmental inspection team throughout the Spread B active corridor: No active construction occurred on the mainline ROW this week. Equipment arriving at contractor's yard has been inspected for leaks and cleanliness. Activities were also inspected by spread EI's at the Blue Mound CS and found to be in compliance.

Environmental inspectors have been placing appropriate signage. Environmental training is ongoing as necessary. See variance request table attached to this report for additional information on variances. No NCR's were recorded this period.

Next Week

Mobilization to contractor's yard will continue. Mowing/clearing and grading of the ROW is expected to begin in the oncoming week. Clearing and grading at the Ameren meter station will likely begin as well. Environmental Inspection team will continue inspection of contractor activities. Daily morning briefings will continue to be conducted between Contractor, Rockies inspection management, and Compliance Monitor, when available.

Spread/Facility C**Name** Harker, Margie**Summary**

Notice to proceed for work on Spread C was received from the FERC on 07/14/08.

The following construction activities were observed by the environmental inspection team throughout the Spread C active corridor: ROW mowing, clearing, grading, temporary bridge installation, tree clearing, and installation and maintenance of ECDs.

Environmental inspectors are placing appropriate signage and exclusion zones are being monitored and maintained. Biological monitor was present as required during clearing in potential Indiana Bat habitat. Spread C has one full-time contractor environmental crew working. Environmental training is ongoing as necessary. See variance request table attached to this report for additional information on variances. No NCR's were recorded this period.

Next Week

Clearing and grading will begin in areas where mowing has been completed, as mowing progresses onward. Environmental Inspection team will continue inspection of contractor activities. Daily morning briefings will continue to be conducted between Contractor, Rockies inspection management, and Compliance Monitor, when available.

Spread/Facility D**Name** Padgett, Jackie**Summary**

Spread D awaits notice to proceed from the FERC, however; the Bainbridge CS located at MP 277.3 on Spread D received its notice to proceed from the FERC on 07/18/08.

Next Week

Awaiting NTP for spread.

Spread/Facility Arlington CS**Name** Kinney, Mike**Summary**

Arlington CS received a notice to proceed with construction on 06/25/08.

The following construction activities were observed at the station: Expanded mobilization, pour office and warehouse trench and floor, pour foundations, miscellaneous concrete work, installation and maintenance of appropriate ECD's, and environmental training. Mobilization of equipment trailers is continuing as well. No NCR's were recorded this period.

Next Week

Above activities will continue, with some expansion of work activities.

Spread/Facility Bainbridge CS**Name** Franzene, Eric**Summary**

Bainbridge CS received a notice to proceed from the FERC on 07/18/08. Work this week included only the installation of ECDs. Mobilization to the station/yard is expected to begin 07/25/08. EIs from Spread D monitored activities at the station and found them to be in compliance.

Next Week

Mobilization is expected to begin on 07/25/08.

Spread/Facility Bertrand CS**Name** Vanya, Kevin**Summary**

Bertrand CS received a notice to proceed with construction on 06/25/08.

The following activities occurred on site: Concrete pours totalling over 400 yards, pipe fabrication, setting forms, rebar tie, receipt of ancillary materials and equipment, installation of appropriate ECD's, and environmental training.

Next Week

Work stated above will continue next week with some expansion of activities.

Spread/Facility Blue Mound CS**Name** Suggs, Garvin**Summary**

Blue Mound CS was issued a Notice to Proceed on 07/03/08 from the FERC to begin construction. Activities this week included installation of appropriate ECDs, clearing and grading, excavation for footings, environmental training, and the delivery and receipt of ancillary materials and equipment.

Next Week

Above-listed activities will continue and likely expand.

Spread/Facility Mexico CS**Name** Larson, Ray**Summary**

Mexico Compressor Station received notice to proceed with construction from the FERC on 07/14/08. Work this week included excavations, footings, mobilization of and receipt of materials and equipment, installation and maintenance of appropriate ECD's, and environmental training.

Next Week

Above activities will be ongoing and likely expanding.



Rockies Express LLC

REX East Project

FERC Weekly Report

Weekly Report No: 5

Start: 7/17/2008 End: 7/23/2008

Construction Progress Tracking

None

Compliance Tracking

None

Variance Tracking

Attached

Landowner Complaint Resolution Tracking

None

Other Agency Correspondence

None

Waterbody Crossing Schedule

None

Wetland and Waterbody Audit Tables

None

Restoration Checklist

None

Monday, July 28, 2008



Rockies Express Pipeline LLC

REX West Project

FERC Weekly Report

Variance Tracking

Spread	Variance ID	MP/ Location	Level	Date Submitted	Date Approved / Denied	Description	Justification	Status	Stipulations
A1	WS-A1-1	47.12	Level 2	7/23/2008		Request a variance to use the permanent right-of-way between the drill exit and the Sny Canal and between Spring Lake Road (CR 2031E) and the drill entry for normal pipeline construction traffic, including but not limited to pipe stringing trucks and tracked equipment.	The use of the right of way on the west side of the canal is needed for access to the pipe side of the HDD. Alternate access from the west includes two waterbody and two pipeline crossings. No trees would be cut, and the right-of-way between the canal and the exit point would be matted with truck mats. The use of the right-of-way between the road would be for normal drilling support. This area would either be topsoiled or matted. No tree cutting would take place.	Pending FERC	
A2	WS-A2-001	97.325	Level 2	7/17/2008	7/18/2008	Welded Construction, LP requests extra TWS of 300' long x 65' wide parallel to REX East pipeline. This location has been chosen as the kickoff for Spread A2.	This work space will be used to initiate pipe laying operations.	Approved	

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B	CM-B-201		Level 2	7/17/2008	7/22/2008	Rockies Express Pipeline LLC East-project's (REX-East) Environmental Management is requesting a Spread B/spread- wide (MP 144.1-190.8) variance of the Illinois Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement (IAIMA), section 16, page 14, regarding "Ingress and Egress Routes". See attached text sheets on pages three and four for further information.	Rockies Express Pipeline LLC East-project's (REX-East) Environmental Management is requesting a Spread B/spread-wide (MP 144.1-190.8) variance of the Illinois Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement (IAIMA), section 16, page 14, regarding "Ingress and Egress Routes". In so much as topsoil is required to be removed and stockpiled for replacement from areas in highway/road ditches immediately under where a rock and flumed access pad would be constructed for ingress/egress to the pipeline construction area, REX-East submits the following: 1. Excavation of the topsoil in public highway/road ditches would fall outside the defined areas of intended protection related on IAIMA page one; third paragraph; regarding standards and policies, i.e.: "...they are not intended to apply to activities occurring entirely on public right of way, railroad right-of-way, publically owned land, or privately owned land that is not agricultural land". 2. Rockies Express contractor's construction methods have previously met with success in installing culverts/flumes on top of	Approved	Environmental-Agricultural Inspectors are to review each site-specific ingress/egress location compared to engineered drawings, to determine where the actual and appropriate topsoiling transition is to begin in agricultural lands.

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C	CM-C-201	Level 2	7/16/2008	7/22/2008	Rockies Express Pipeline LLC East-project's (REX-East) Environmental Management is requesting a Spread C/spread- wide (MP 190.8-238.2) variance of the Illinois Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement (IAIMA), section 16, page 14, regarding "Ingress and Egress Routes". See attached text sheets on pages three and four for further information.	Rockies Express Pipeline LLC East-project's (REX-East) Environmental Management is requesting a Spread C/spread-wide (MP 190.8-238.2) variance of the Illinois Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement (IAIMA), section 16, page 14, regarding "Ingress and Egress Routes". In so much as topsoil is required to be removed and stockpiled for replacement from areas in highway/road ditches immediately under where a rocked and flumed access pad would be constructed for ingress/egress to the pipeline construction area, REX-East submits the following: 1. Excavation of the topsoil in public highway/road ditches would fall outside the defined areas of intended protection related on IAIMA page one; third paragraph; regarding standards and policies, i.e.: "...they are not intended to apply to activities occurring entirely on public right of way, railroad right-of-way, publically owned land, or privately owned land that is not agricultural land". 2. Rockies Express contractor's construction methods have previously met with success in installing culverts/flumes on top of	Approved	Environmental-Agricultural Inspectors are to review each site-specific ingress/egress location compared to engineered drawings, to determine where the actual and appropriate topsoiling transition is to begin in agricultural lands.

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C	CY-C-001	Level 2	7/17/2008	7/21/2008	Price Gregory Int., Inc. request additional material storage and welding testing yard for an area of approximately 3.73 ac what was once an existing work site. The area has been previously disturbed and graveled.	This would provide the necessary work space for the testing of welders in a location away from the main office/warehouse area where both the public and employees would be safe from arc burns due to welding.	Approved	
C	CY-C-002	Level 2	7/17/2008	7/21/2008	Requests a material and personnel meeting yard for our tile contractor on an area of approximately 1.5 ac on what is an existing graveled site. The area has been previously impacted and graveled.	This would provide the necessary yard for the storage of drain tile material and a place for employee's to meet and park vehicles.	Approved	
C	CY-C-003	Level 2	7/17/2008	7/21/2008	Price Gregory Int., Inc. requests a vehicle parking area on approximately 3.0 ac what is an existing graveled site. The area has been previously graveled and is being used as a CO-OP Fueling Station.	This would provide the necessary yard for the parking of stringing trucks in a safe and secure place away from the public.	Approved	
C	WS-C-003	Level 2	7/17/2008	7/18/2008	Price Gregory Int., Inc. request additional work space on the south side of the right of way west of I-57 for an area of 200 ft. long x 200 ft. wide outside of the 125 ft. existing work space for spoil storage.	This would provide the appropriate work space needed for additional spoil storage due to the depth required due to the boring of I-57 so the work can be completed in a safe and orderly manner.	Approved	

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