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August 6, 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. CP07-208-000
Weekly Report #6, Period Ending July 30, 2008

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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 30, 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 #: 6

Start: 7/24/2008 End: 7/30/2008

Environmental Training (this week / to date):

647.5 man hours / 2104.5 man hours

459 persons / 1476 persons

Spread/Facility A1

Name Janik, Kevin

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 A1 corridor: Regular construction at the Mexico CS, topsoiling and mat-placement around the Sny Canal, pot-holing for road crossings, fencing, data recovery, equipment-cleanliness inspection, and signage. Clearing work was held up due to saturated conditions. Missouri DNR 401 permit was received for the Salt and Mississippi Rivers on 07/25/08. 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 continue, weather permitting. 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 Padgett, Jack

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 corridor: Mowing/clearing, grading, tree clearing, road access/approaches, installation of signs, and ECDs have been 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 continue and expand. Installation of temporary bridges should 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 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 corridor: Mobilization to contractor's yard and the ROW, equipment arriving at contractor's yard has been inspected for leaks and cleanliness, clearing has started, and installation and maintenance of ECD's. 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 and 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 and temporary bridge installation is expected to begin in the oncoming week. Clearing and topsoiling 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; and NTP was also issued by the FERC for the Trunkline and Midwestern Meter Stations on 07/24/07, both located on Spread C. A third NTP was issued by the FERC for the HDD of the Embarrass River on 07/25/08.

The following construction activities were observed by the environmental inspection team throughout the Spread C corridor: ROW mowing, clearing, grading, temporary bridge installation, tree clearing, and installation and maintenance of ECDs. The waterbody crossing schedule has been updated in that table. The Illinois Unanticipated Discoveries Plan was implemented near MP 217.2 on 07/26/08 with work halted, protection fencing erected, notifications made, assessment conducted by staff professional, and release for work on 07/28/08 after concurrence from SHPO. (Nothing of cultural or historical value noted.)

Environmental inspectors are placing appropriate signage and exclusion zones are being monitored and maintained. All equipment has been inspected and noted as clean and weed-free. 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. An NCR was recorded by the LEI near MP 199.91 on 07/29/08; see compliance tables for details.

Next Week

Clearing and grading will continue in areas where mowing has been completed, as mowing progresses onward. Road bore crew will start at Road 2675 and pipe stringing will begin at MP 214. 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. Additional NTPs for the HDDs of the Wabash River and Big Walnut Creek on Spread D were received on 07/25/08.

LEI has held pre-construction planning meetings with contractor regarding HDDs. EIs have monitored the Bainbridge Station and found it in compliance, as well as performed ROW walk-overs placing signage and flagging at features.

Next Week

Awaiting NTP for spread mainline work. EIs will continue monitoring of the station and continue ROW walk-overs with survey to stake and flag features.

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, anchor bolts, steel tie, backfill and compaction around foundation walls, expansion joint for warehouse, concrete work, off-haul excess rock, installation and maintenance of appropriate ECD's, and environmental training. Mobilization of equipment trailers is continuing as well. There were no environmental compliance issues.

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 topsoiling, drain tile repair and relocation, and the installation and maintenance of ECDs. Eis from Spread D monitored activities at the station and found them to be in compliance.

Next Week

Mobilization will continue and the above activities will expand.

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

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

The chief inspector reports the following activities occurring on site: Concrete pours totaling over 1500 yards, placing conduit and grounding lines, pipe fabrication, setting forms and storage tanks, rebar tie, receipt of ancillary materials and equipment, installation maintenance of appropriate ECD's, and environmental training.

Next Week

Work stated above will continue next week, including X-ray, with some expansion of these activities.

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

Blue Mound CS was issued a Notice to Proceed to begin construction on 07/03/08 from the FERC.

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: 6

Start: 7/24/2008 End: 7/30/2008

Construction Progress Tracking

None

Compliance Tracking

None

Variance Tracking

Attached

Landowner Complaint Resolution Tracking

None

Other Agency Correspondence

Attached

Email from E. Walsh, Jr. (USCOE) - Concerning Rock Island's decision to limit clearing within 50 feet on either side of a stream.

Waterbody Crossing Schedule

None

Wetland and Waterbody Audit Tables

None

Restoration Checklist

None

Monday, August 04, 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-A1-002-A	66.5	Level 2	7/18/2008	7/24/2008	Landowner requested that the ATWS be removed from the grass lawn and trees. ATWS was also extended to the east and west so contractor has somewhere to put the drag section.	Landowner request and avoid many trees in the area.	Approved	

Spread	Variance ID	MP/ Location	Level	Date Submitted	Date Approved / Denied	Description	Justification	Status	Stipulations
A2	CM-A2-201	71.2	Level 2	7/23/2008	7/24/2008	<p>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".</p> <p>See attached text sheets on pages three and four for further information.</p>	<p>Rockies Express Pipeline LLC East-project's (REX-East) Environmental Management is requesting a Spread A2/spread-wide (MP 71.2 - 144.1) variance of the Illinois Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement (IAIMA), section 16, page 14, regarding "Ingress and Egress Routes".</p> <p>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:</p> <p>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".</p> <p>2.Rockies Express contractor's construction methods have previously met with success in installing culverts/flumes on top of</p>	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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						ditch topsoils within the existing flow lines and not disturbing those soils. Less soil and existing vegetation disturbance and handling tend to produce less chance of erosion post-construction. Restoration efforts are made simpler and faster upon completion of construction.		
						3. Excavation of ditch topsoil beginning at shoulders of highways/roads across the ditches, to the top of the ditch backslope where agricultural land would normally transition, becomes problematic for the following reasons:		
						a. Highway/road shoulder and/or roadbed structural integrity could be impacted by the excavations, creating traffic safety issues.		
						B. Highway/road and shoulder subsurface drainage could be affected, impacting the roadbed.		
						C. Drainage farm tiles that could be found routed into or through highway/road ditches at the ingress/egress points could be damaged or impacted, requiring re-routing, and temporary and permanent repairs.		
						D. The excavation of topsoil itself would cause a lowering of the		

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							existing ditch flow line over the length/width of the access pad. The Rockies-required culverts/flumes placed to maintain existing ditch drainage would sit within a depression, likely creating ponding and saturation.		
							E.Public Utility safety: Any public utilities buried in highway/road ditches could be exposed or damaged by the excavation of the topsoil and the removal of the utilities' and public roadway agency's normally-required minimum protective cover over such utilities.		
							In support of this requested spread-wide variance, Rockies Express Pipeline LLC proposes to have one of its dedicated full-time Environmental-Agricultural Inspectors 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.		
A2	RR-A2-001-A	119.1	Level 2	7/24/2008	7/28/2008	Extend centerline to the northeast to change anchor point of crossover per REX engineering.	This variance is requested to avoid future collapsing of an abandon coal mine.	Approved	

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Ameren MS	CY-AMS-001		Level 2	7/28/2008	7/28/2008	Michels requests a contractor yard for the AMEREN Gas Meter Station to park equipment and employee vehicles. The area is a lawn previously used as a motor cross track for family members. No improvements will be made to this parking area.	This would provide a safe parking area for parking equipment and employee vehicles within walking distance of the AMEREN Meter Station. Stakes with flagging will be used to establish the parking boundaries.	Approved	
B	CY-B-1		Level 1	7/24/2008	7/22/2008	To request extra parking space outside of work area. No improvements will be made to this parking area.	To provide a save parking space for employee vehicles. This parking area will be used for like use. Stakes with flagging will be posted to establish the parking boundaries.	Approved	
C	AR-C-003	229.94	Level 1		7/29/2008	Price Gregory Int., Inc. request access south of US Hwy 36 onto public road for approximately 900 ft. and then on farm lane for 1,000 ft. x 20 ft. at .46 acres ending on the pipeline right of way at approximately Station 12140+75 for use of rubber tire vehicles during construction.	The use of this road would allow rubber tire vehicles the use of this road for access to the right of way during construction of the pipeline and will minimize impacts to the restored ROW after revegetation. This access road would not require any improvement to the existing road.	Approved	

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C	AR-C-008	233.9	Level 2	7/28/2008		Rockies Express Pipeline LLC requests access off of US Hwy 36 onto private road for approximately 2112 ft. x 9 ft. at .44 acres ending on the pipeline ROW at Station 12340+90 for use during construction. Rockies Express Pipeline LLC requests to widen the road to 20' to accommodate traffic.	The road will allow access to the ROW to install and maintain the main line block valve and during general construction of the pipeline. This road would be graded and graveled as needed. Access road is shown on construction alignment sheets (pg 86) as a Permanent Access Road.	Pending FERC	
C	AR-C-010	218.56	Level 1		7/29/2008	Price Gregory International, Inc. requests permission for an access road south from US Hwy 36 onto a private road for approximately 1,250 ft. x 20 ft. at .57 acres ending on the pipeline right of way at approximately Station 11540+11 for use of rubber tire vehicles during construction.	The use of this road would allow rubber tire vehicles and/or rubber tire equipment the use of this road for access to the right of way during construction of the pipeline and will help when the weather becomes bad later in the year for revegetation efforts. Will grade and place gravel as necessary during construction of the pipeline.	Approved	
C	WS-C-001	197.18	Level 2	7/17/2008	7/24/2008	Price Gregory Int., Inc. requests ATWS for an area of 200 ft. x 70 ft outside of the existing work space.	This would provide the work space needed for a false trench in order to complete this boring of US 45 and the railroad tracks.	Approved	

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C	WS-C-005	193.34	Level 2	7/28/2008		Price Gregory Int., Inc. request permission for an additional 25 ft. wide x 291 ft. long of work space on the spoil side across the wetland at WL-IL-193-AAA (only within the existing culturally surveyed corridor) for spoil storage at the Kaskaskia River.	Due to the waterbody crossing associated with this wetland and that there is only 25 ft. of work space on the north side of the trench centerline more space is needed for spoil storage.	Pending FERC	
C	WS-C-006	228.72	Level 2	7/26/2008		Price Gregory Int., Inc. request permission for an additional 15 ft. wide x 307 ft. long of work space on the working side across the wetland areas for a total width of 90 ft. (in lieu of the 75 ft. for wetlands) at WL-IL-228-BBB (only within the existing culturally surveyed corridor) for bridge installation that is shown to be in proximity to the waterbody of Brouillets Creek.	Due to the deep waterbody crossing associated with this wetland, there is only 35 ft. of work space between the center of the trench and the edge of the right of way due to not being able to move the trench centerline. The bridge crossing installation needs to be moved farther away from the deep excavation of the waterbody in order to allow both the trenching work and the bridge installation to be completed in a safe manner.	Pending FERC	

Spread	Variance ID	MP/ Location	Level	Date Submitted	Date Approved / Dented	Description	Justification	Status	Stipulations
C	WS-C-007	235.44	Level 2	7/26/2008		Price Gregory Int., Inc. request permission for an additional 15 ft. wide x 140 ft. long of work space on the working side across the wetland areas for a total ROW width of 90 ft. (in lieu of the 75 ft. for wetlands) at WL-IL-233-A & WL-IL-235-A (only within the existing culturally surveyed corridor) for bridge installation that is shown to be in proximity to the waterbody at Salt Fork.	Due to the deep waterbody crossing associated with this wetland, there is only 35 ft. of work space between the center of the trench and the edge of the right of way due to not being able to move the trench centerline. The bridge crossing installation needs to be moved farther away from the deep excavation of the waterbody in order to allow both the trenching work and the bridge installation to be completed in a safe manner.	Pending FERC	
C	WS-C-008	237.06	Level 2	7/26/2008		Price Gregory Int., Inc. request permission for an additional 15 ft. wide x 270 ft. long of work space on the working side across the wetland areas for a total ROW width of 90 ft. (in lieu of the 75 ft. for wetlands) at WL-IL-234-A (only within the existing culturally surveyed corridor) for bridge installation that is shown to be in proximity to the waterbody at Lick Run.	Due to the deep waterbody crossing associated with this wetland, there is only 35 ft. of work space between the center of the trench and the edge of the right of way due to not being able to move the trench centerline. The bridge crossing installation needs to be moved farther away from the deep excavation of the waterbody in order to allow both the trenching work and the bridge installation to be completed in a safe manner.	Pending FERC	

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Subject: RE: REX EAST Project(UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

Charlie and Jim,

I spoke with Rob Gramke, and he concurs with Rock Island's decision to limit clearing within 50 feet on either side of the stream.

We are suggesting a narrower ROW within a 50-foot width on both sides of the waterway beginning at the bank top unless there is a wetland or other water present that extends beyond that 50-foot wide reach. In those situations the restriction extends to the outermost boundary of the water present.

The 100-foot construction right-of-way limit is a maximum limit. We would prefer that your contractor minimize his/her impacts within waters of the U.S. by narrowing the construction right-of-way even further. So if he/she can install the line with a 75-foot wide corridor, great, let's do it.

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-----Original Message-----

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Subject: RE: REX EAST Project

When we should start the neck down and when we should end the neck down on the other side

Thanks

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