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August 4, 2008

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

RE: Docket No. CP07-208-000 Rockies Express Pipeline LLC, REX-East Project Request to Proceed for Two Exclusion Zones - Spread C, Illinois

Ms. Bose:

Attached for filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC" or "Commission") is the correspondence from the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office ("SHPO") that provides cultural clearance for two exclusions on the Rockies Express Pipeline-East ("REX-East") Project in Illinois. On July 14, 2008, Rockies Express received authorization from the Commission to start construction of the Spread C (mileposts 190.66 to 238.2 in Illinois) with the following exceptions:

The west side of County Road 510 E (MP 192.7) and the cast side of North County Road 590 E (MP 193.6); and

The western edge of tract IL-DG-086.00 (MP 202.1) and the east side of North County Road 1525 E (MP 203.1).

Rockies Express has received concurrence from the Illinois SHPO for the completed survey in these locations and requests approval to commence construction immediately across both areas (Attachment A).

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Rockies Express is filing an original and seven (7) copies of all Public Information. In addition, Rockies Express is providing complete copies of this filing directly to the FERC Project Manager. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ryan Childs at (307) 760-5635.

Respectfully submitt Shippen Howe

Van Ness Feldman, P.C. 1050 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW Washington, DC 20007

Attorney for Rockies Express Pipeline LLC

Attachments

cc: Laura Turner, FERC Ellen Saint Onge, FERC All Parties

## Rockies Express Pipeline LLC REX-East Project CP07-208

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## ATTACHMENT A



Regional Mid-Central Illinois PLEASE REFER TO-

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Rockies Express East Pipeline Project (REX-East)/Kinder Morgan Pipeline Energy Partners, L.P.

July 23, 2008

Kari Krause, M.S., R.P.A. Natural Resource Group, Inc. 1000 IDS Center 80 South Bighth Street Minneapolis, MN 55402

Dear Ms. Krause:

Re: Supplemental Phase I Archaeological and Deep Testing Investigations REX-EAST-IL-19 (R-0739)

Thank you for requesting comments from our office concerning the possible effects of the referenced project on cultural resources. Our comments are required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties".

Our staff has reviewed the archaeological Phase I reconnaissance and deep testing report performed for the above referenced project. The Phase I survey and assessment of the archaeological resources appear to be adequate.

As previously determined, Site 11PK1702 is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under criterion "D" for its ability to contribute to scientific knowledge of the past. Data recovery will be required if the project can not avoid this site.

Archaeological sites 11PK1701, 11PK1706, 11NE433, 11ME434, 11ME435, and 11ME394 are not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. No further archaeological investigation is necessary at the location of these sites.

Archaeological sites 11PK1807 and 11PK1808 are potentially significant and, consequently, may be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under criterion "d". If your project can not avoid the potentially eligible sites, then Phase II archaeological investigations to evaluate the significance of these sites will be necessary prior to construction. If the sites are determined not to be sligible for the National Register after the Phase II work, then no further investigation will be required.

No archaeological material was found at the deep testing sites at the Embarras River and no further archaeological work is required at those locations.

A COPY OF THIS LETTER INCLUDING THE INPA LOG NUMBER SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONTRACTOR WHOSE SERVICES ARE OBTAINED TO CONDUCT THE PHASE II INVESTIGATIONS TO BUSURE THAT THEIR REPORT IS CONNECTED WITH YOUR PROJECT PAPERWORK.

If you have any questions, please contact David J. Ralpin, Staff Archaeologist, at 217-785-4998.

Sincerely,

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Anne E. Haaker Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

ABB: DJH

James Robertson, Commonwealth Cultural Resource Group, Inc. cc: Laura L. Turner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Seth Mitchell, Rockies Express Pipeline

A teletypewriter for the speech/hearing impaired is available at 217-524-7128. It is not a voice or fax line.