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Kari Krause
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Federal Agency: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Re: Phase II archaeological investigations of eighteen sites in spreads 5 & 6 pertaining to the Rockies Express Pipeline LLC's installation of a 622 mile long natural gas pipeline through Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio (FERC Docket #PF06-30-000; DHPA#1562)

Dear Ms. Krause:

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. § 470f) and 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the staff of the Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer ("Indiana SHPO") has conducted an analysis of the materials received on June 13, 2008, for the above indicated project in Decatur and Franklin counties, Indiana.

In terms of the archaeological report, we concur with the recommendations that sites 12De745 and 12Fr335 are eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, these sites must be avoided by all project activities or subjected to Phase III data recovery. If avoidance is not feasible, a plan for the archaeological investigations must be submitted to the Department of Natural Resources for review and comment prior to the initiation of fieldwork. The investigations must be done in accordance with the "Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation" (48 F.R. 44716).

We also concur that sites 12De701, 12De809, 12De811, 12De813, 12De814, 12De815, 12Fr338, 12Fr343, 12Fr355, 12Fr360, 12Fr337, 12Fr394, 12Fr395, 12Fr398, 12Fr401, and 12Fr403 do not appear eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, no further archaeological investigations are necessary for these sites. If any archaeological artifacts or human remains are uncovered during construction, demolition, or earthmoving activities, state law (Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29) requires that the discovery must be reported to the Department of Natural Resources within two (2) business days. In that event, please call (317) 232-1646. Be advised that adherence to Indiana Code 14-21-1-27 and 29 does not obviate the need to adhere to applicable federal statutes and regulations.

We appreciate the levels of effort for identifying and evaluating cultural resources for this project and look forward to continuing our review. A copy of the revised 36 C.F.R. Part 800 that went into effect on August 5, 2004, may be found on the Internet at www.achp.gov for your reference. If you have questions about archaeological issues please contact Cathy Draeger at (317) 234-3791. Additionally, in all future correspondence regarding the above indicated project, please refer to DHPA #1562.

Very truly yours,

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Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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