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Docket Nos. CP07-208-000, 001

Rockies Express Pipeline LLC, REX-East Project

Response to Commission Staff on Recent Non-Compliances

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Ms. Bose:

This letter responds to inquiries from FERC staff regarding recent environmental compliance issues on the Rockies Express East Project

Several environmental noncompliance instances have occurred over the past week of construction. A summary of these instances is provided on the attached excerpts from Rockies Express's compliance tracking report for the week ending in 8/6/08. With one exception, these instances of environmental non-compliance are for mowing off-ROW or mowing in areas not approved for construction by FERC staff. In all instances, no sensitive areas or resources, such as wetlands, cultural resources, or threatened and endangered species, were affected. As reflected on the attached excerpts, these incidents occurred for a number of reasons. Corrective actions taken to resolve these occurrences and prevent them from re-occurring are also described on the attached excerpts.

Several of the incidents occurred due to drafting differences either on the alignment sheets approved by FERC staff or on those alignment sheet sets provided to the field inspection and contractor personnel. Rockies Express is undergoing a thorough quality assurance/quality control review of alignment sheets reviewed and approved by FERC and those alignment sheets subsequently provided to field inspection and contractor personnel. Any and all alignment sheets requiring correction will be filed with FERC along with a variance request to use any previously unidentified or mistakenly identified workspace areas noted on the corrected alignment sheets. Rockies Express is also conducting a thorough quality assurance/quality control review of the alignment sheets recently filed with FERC staff as part of its Notice To Proceed requests for other project facilities.

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Rockies Express considers the frequency and nature of the environmental noncompliance occurrences unacceptable. It has, and is, taking measures to prevent such incidents in the future and will continue to strive to maintain environmental compliance across all of its project areas.

Please direct any questions with respect to this request for authorization to proceed to Ryan Childs at (307) 760-5635.

Respectfully submitted.

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