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August 21, 2008

Kari Krause  
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Federal Agency: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Re: Treatment plan 2 for affected historic properties 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 dated July 24, 2008 and received on July 25, 2008, for the above indicated project in Vermillion, Parke, Hendricks, Shelby, Decatur, and Franklin counties, Indiana.

In terms of cultural resources, we concur with the proposed actions in the treatment plan dated July 21, 2008 for the following resources: sites 12Ve586, 12P652, 12He347, 12Sh450, 12De745, and 12Fr335. We do, however, have a few comments regarding the treatment plan:

1. The archaeological plans for the data recovery must be approved by our office prior to initiation of field investigations.
2. It is our understanding that additional treatment plans for other cultural resources will follow.
3. If the horizontal directional drill method of avoiding site 12FR335 fails, then this site must be subjected to data recovery.
4. Site 12Ve593, recorded through the reroute, must be avoided by all project activities or subjected to further archaeological investigations.

If you have questions about archaeological issues please contact Cathy Draeger at (317) 234-3791 or [cdraeger@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:cdraeger@dnr.IN.gov). If you have questions about buildings or structures please contact Holly Tate at (317) 234-3919 or [hate@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:hate@dnr.IN.gov). 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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