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Docket No. CP07-208-000  
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August 29, 2008

Alice Weekley  
Project Management, Vice President  
Rockies Express Pipeline LLC  
500 Dallas Street, Suite 1000  
Houston, TX 77002

Re: **Authorization to Commence the Horizontal Directional Drills of the Salt and Mississippi Rivers**

Dear Ms. Weekley:

Based on our review of the information you filed in August 2008, I approve your request to commence the horizontal directional drills (HDD) of:

- ☐ the Salt River including use of:
- the drill entry and exit workspaces as shown on the on drawing 280-D-SX-SK-012 dated August 19, 2008;
  - the temporary access road off State Road 79 to the southern edge of the right-of-way near milepost 42.8; and
  - the portion of the construction right-of-way which extends 4,182 feet west from the western boundary of the drill exit workspace, including the 35-foot-wide extra workspace for topsoil segregation, for pipe make-up. This does not include the portion of the construction right-of-

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way and extra workspaces in this area which are protected by safety fence.

- ☐ the Mississippi River including the use of:
  - a. the drill entry and exit workspaces as shown on drawing 1280-D-SX-SK-013 dated August 27, 2008;
  - b. the levee road as a temporary access road; and
  - c. the false right-of-way shown on drawing 1280-D-SX-SK-013 dated August 27, 2008 as a pipe make-up area.

This approval also includes the workspace in the Mississippi River as a barge anchorage (including dredging as required) and the access workspace on Blackburn Island as shown on drawing 1280-D-SX-SK-013 dated August 27, 2008. The boat ramp on the east bank of the Mississippi River may be used as long as the use does not interfere with the operation/maintenance of the Syn Levee and the use complies with Environmental Condition 117 (maintaining public access).

This approval is in accordance with Environmental Conditions 5, 14, 17, 52, 61, 71, 74, 75, 82, 84, 88, 89, 90, 91, 117, 130, 141, and 143 of the Order.

This letter does not authorize commencement of construction of other Rockies Express LLC (Rockies Express) facilities. I remind you that Rockies Express must comply with all applicable remaining terms and conditions of the Order, including written authorization before commencing construction of the project.

Sincerely,

Laura Turner  
Environmental Project Manager  
Gas Branch 2

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