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BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
ROCKIES EXPRESS PIPELINE) Project Number:
PROJECT-EASTERN PHASE) PF-06-30-000

GREENWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL
532 SOUTH MADISON AVENUE
GREENWOOD, INDIANA 46142
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

The above-entitled matter came on for a
scoping meeting, pursuant to notice at 7:11
p.m.

BEFORE: ALISA M LYKENS, FERC

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 MS. LYKENS: I'd like to thank you again
4 for coming here tonight. I'd like to begin
5 the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.
6 Please stand and join me.

7 (AT THIS TIME THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
8 WAS SAID; AFTER WHICH THE FOLLOWING
9 PROCEEDINGS TOOK PLACE.)

10 MS. LYKENS: Good evening, and welcome.
11 I personally want to thank you all for coming
12 out tonight. My name is Alisa Lykens. I work
13 for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission,
14 and I am the commission's environmental
15 project manager for the Rockies Express
16 Pipeline Eastern Phase Project.

17 As you are aware, Rockies Express
18 Pipeline, LLC, is proposing to build as its
19 eastern phase, which consists of about 622
20 miles of 42-inch diameter natural gas
21 pipeline; five new compressor stations and
22 other pertinent facilities in the states of
23 Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. The
24 Rockies Express Project Eastern phase is
25 currently in the preliminary stages of the

1 design, and at this time a formal application
2 has not been filed with the commission, or
3 FERC. For this proposal, the commission is
4 initiating its National Environmental Policy
5 Act review prior to receiving the application.
6 This allows interested stakeholders to become
7 involved early in the project planning, and to
8 identify and attempt to resolve issues before
9 an application is filed with FERC.

10 The National Environmental Policy Act
11 requires the commission to take into account
12 the environmental impacts that could result
13 from an action whenever it considers the
14 issuance of a Certificate of Public
15 Convenience and Necessity under Section 7 of
16 the Natural Gas Act. The Act also requires us
17 to identify and address concerns the public
18 would have about the proposal. An
19 environmental document, in this case, an
20 environmental impact statement (or EIS), will
21 be prepared to disclose what the environmental
22 impacts would be if the project is approved,
23 and is ultimately constructed and operated.

24 That being said, the purpose of
25 tonight's meeting is to hear from you. We

1 would like to know now what the environmental
2 issues are so we can address it now, rather
3 than after the application is filed.

4 Now, I'd like to discuss the agenda for
5 this evening. After my introductory remarks,
6 I will have Rockies Express present a short
7 description of their project, since there may
8 be several attendees who are here who did not
9 get a chance to attend one of the Rockies
10 Express' open houses which were held in June.
11 Then I will go over how the Commission will
12 take your comments on the record, and from
13 there, we'll open the record up to you.

14 Now, I'd like to introduce a few staff
15 members who are with me on the environmental
16 review team. Ellen St. Onge, a staff
17 archaeologist, and from ICF, International
18 Entrix, I would like to introduce Don Hammer,
19 Jennifer Thomas and Alexis Castronvinci, who
20 were at the front table as you came in. Don,
21 Jennifer, and Alexis are FERC's third-party
22 contractor, and they'll be assisting me and
23 the other agencies with the preparation of the
24 EIS for this project.

25 At this time, I'd like to introduce

1 Harold Winnie from the U.S. Department of
2 Transportation and Safety. Harold Winnie is
3 with the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety
4 Administration. At this time, I'd like to
5 invite Harold to speak to you about his
6 agency's role in the project.

7 MR. WINNIE: Good evening, my name is
8 Harold Winnie, I'm an engineer with the Office
9 of Pipeline Safety, which is a branch of the
10 U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline
11 Hazardous Materials Safety Administration,
12 Pipeline Safety Program. I would like to
13 thank Alisa Lykens for inviting me to the
14 scoping meeting. Given the concerns of the
15 public with respect to pipeline safety, my
16 purpose at this meeting is to assure you that
17 if the pipeline receives a favorable review
18 from FERC, the Pipeline of Hazardous Materials
19 Safety Administration will maintain continual
20 regulatory watch over the pipeline from its
21 construction to its testing, and for the
22 entire operational life of the pipeline.

23 This regulatory oversight will consists
24 of measuring the operator's performance to
25 ensure that the pipeline is constructed of

1 suitable materials, that it is welded in
2 accordance with industry standards. That the
3 welders themselves are qualified to join the
4 pipeline. That the pipeline is installed to
5 the proper depth, and that it is coated to
6 assure effective cathodic protection from
7 corrosion, that backfill is suitable, and that
8 it is properly tested upon completion to
9 ensure that it can hold up to the pressures
10 that the operator requires to transport its
11 product.

12 Beyond the construction process, the
13 PHMSA, Pipeline Safety Program, conducts
14 inspections periodically over all aspects of
15 the operations and maintenance of the
16 pipeline. The operator must have a written
17 plan in place to instruct his personnel and to
18 relate to federal inspectors exactly what
19 testing or monitoring is done, and the
20 frequency.

21 In addition, if testing or monitoring
22 prompts a response or corrective action, the
23 operator must detail his process to address
24 problems. Examples of the checks that an
25 operator must have in place are: The adequacy

1 of the cathodic protection; monitoring the
2 surface of the pipelines exposed to the
3 atmosphere; annual testing of the pipeline
4 valves, and inspection of pressure regulation
5 and relief devices to assure that the pipeline
6 does not exceed its maximum allowable
7 operating pressure; periodic patrolling, and
8 leakage survey of the pipeline following
9 allowed procedures for pipeline repair.

10 Beyond the routine functions that have for
11 decades been the baseline for operations and
12 maintenance, PHMSA has in the past few years
13 implemented new initiatives to ensure pipeline
14 safety. At the forefront is the integrity
15 management program. This program was
16 published in the Federal Register, December
17 15, 2003. It requires operators to identify
18 high concentrate areas, a class 3 (46) or
19 class 4 area, or other areas with specified
20 population density concentrations or buildings
21 of assembly or buildings housing confined or
22 impaired persons. IMP mandates that operators
23 rely not on spot-checks, but a comprehensive
24 understanding of its pipelines using
25 established risk assessment methods combined

1 with emerging technology. The attempt is to
2 find critical defects and repair them before a
3 failure occurs. The plan is continual,
4 implementing up-to-date mapping techniques,
5 hydrostatic testing, in-line inspection of the
6 pipeline, verification of the ILI, and
7 additional steps to assure that the pipeline
8 has a real-time file with any anomalies
9 documented and tracked. To measure the
10 effectiveness of its integrity management
11 plan, operations are required to measure
12 performance through a variety of measurements
13 including test excavations.

14 In addition to the physical pipeline
15 itself, Congress has mandated that operator
16 personnel who perform all operating
17 maintenance or emergency response be qualified
18 in the performance of those functions. The
19 aim of this initiative is to minimize operator
20 error as the cause of any pipeline failure.
21 Beginning in 2001, operators were required to
22 develop a written plan to qualify every
23 individual performing a covered task. This
24 has been expensive not only to perform the
25 testing, but it has also launched more

1 intensive training programs for employees and
2 contractors who operate and maintain the
3 pipeline.

4 The OQ regulation was stacked on top of
5 the 1988 requirement for operators to perform
6 mandatory drug and alcohol testing for all
7 employees who perform operations, maintenance
8 and emergency response functions. This was
9 not precipitated by substance abuse in the
10 pipeline industry, but as a US DOT initiative
11 on operators of transportation systems. Drug
12 and alcohol abuse had been discovered in
13 post-incident investigations in other sectors
14 of the transportation industry. Presently an
15 operator must conduct random drug testing of
16 25% of its employees performing covered tasks,
17 as well as pre-employment testing and
18 post-incident testing. Another initiative
19 relevant to this meeting is Public Awareness.
20 Recently a standard was adopted as regulation
21 (APIRP1162.) The standard requires operators
22 to identify persons along the right-of-way
23 affected by the pipeline to inform the public
24 about recognizing leaks and taking appropriate
25 action, and to evaluate the effectiveness of

1 the program. RP1162 establishes lines of
2 communication and information sharing with the
3 public, excavators, emergency responders, and
4 local officials. Operators have prepared
5 their written plans to comply with the
6 standard due June 20, 2006, and are required
7 to submit their plans to PHMSA by October 8,
8 2006 for review.

9 The initiatives that I have described
10 above are a sampling of what the pipeline
11 safety does. As I said earlier, we inspect
12 interstate natural gas operators in Indiana.
13 If an operator's procedures are found
14 inadequate or if an operator is not following
15 its procedures or the appropriate regulatory
16 requirements, PHMSA is authorized to seek
17 punitive action in the form of remedial
18 action, civil penalties (which is a frequent
19 practice), and even criminal action. The
20 authority is granted by Congress, and the
21 agency is responsible to Congress for the
22 execution of its mandates.

23 The other issue that is important to
24 understand is damage prevention. The state of
25 Indiana has legislation that requires anyone

1 performing excavating activities to call the
2 one-call center in advance of the work and
3 have all underground utilities located with
4 paint and/or flags. Since third-party damage
5 is one of the major causes of damage to
6 pipelines it is important for each of us to
7 utilize the one-call system prior to doing any
8 excavations, and to make sure that others
9 digging in our neighborhoods have had the
10 underground utilities located prior to
11 excavating by looking for paint and/or flags
12 marking those facilities.

13 Should you need additional information
14 you can visit the PHMSA website at
15 [http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/comm/
16 PublicEducation.htm](http://primis.phmsa.dot.gov/comm/PublicEducation.htm), or you can contact Karen
17 Butler or myself at our Kansas City, Missouri
18 office at 816-329-3800.

19 I hope that the preceding has been
20 informative. If there are any questions, I
21 will address those in a short while at the
22 conclusion of the meeting.

23 MS. LYKENS: Thank you. We expect the
24 state agencies, such as the U.S. Army Corps of
25 Engineers will cooperate with us in producing

1 the EIS to meet the National Environmental
2 Policy Acts' requirements for various
3 agencies. We will also be including
4 information obtained from state agencies from
5 Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio in the
6 EIS.

7 At this time, I'd like to call Rockies
8 Express to come forward to present the
9 project, and the presentation will be done by
10 Alice Wearly.

11 MS. WEARLY: Good evening, my name is
12 Alice Wearly. I'm the project manager for
13 Rockies Express Pipeline Project. I'm an
14 engineer by training and not a public speaker,
15 so please bear with me. The Rockies Express
16 Pipeline Project is a major domestic energy
17 infrastructure project. The purpose of the
18 project is to transport natural gas supplies
19 in the Rocky Mountains to market here in the
20 central United States. One of the benefits of
21 the project is to provide the state of Indiana
22 with a significant domestic source of clean
23 burning fuel.

24 The Rockies Express Pipeline Project is
25 being developed by Rockies Express Pipeline,

1 LLC. The Rockies Express Pipeline System is
2 comprised of three distinct projects. Rex,
3 which is a pipeline in Colorado, which is
4 currently being constructed. Rockies Express
5 West, is a proposed 713-mile pipeline running
6 from Wells County, Colorado to Audrain County,
7 Missouri.

8 The project I want to talk to you about
9 tonight, though, is a proposed project known
10 as the Rockies Express Pipeline East project,
11 or we call it Rex East or short man. It is a
12 proposed 42-inch pipeline running from Audrain
13 County, Missouri to Monroe County, Ohio. The
14 length of the pipeline is approximately 622
15 miles. In addition to the pipeline there will
16 be three meter stations. Four of those
17 delivery points are here in Indiana.

18 Compressor stations will also be built
19 in conjunction with the Rex East Project.
20 These compressors will act as pumps to move up
21 to two billion two feet per day of natural gas
22 through the system. The pipeline will be
23 buried and generally speaking will have three
24 feet of cover from the top of the pipe. The
25 pipe will be made of high-grade steel that

1 will be approximately half-an-inch thick.

2 In June of this year, Rex East submitted
3 its prefiling to FERC. As part of our
4 community outreach program, we held 18 open
5 houses in June for landowners and other
6 interested stakeholders.

7 In July of this year we started our
8 civil survey, and just last week we started
9 our environmental survey. We hope to have the
10 majority of the civil surveys completed this
11 fall, so we will continue to have people out
12 in the field as we get other environmental
13 surveys, such as wetland assessments, greatly
14 endangered species, coal resources, water
15 crossings and other surveys.

16 Our plan to file for the FERC for
17 certificate is early spring of 2007. We'd
18 like to receive our FERC certificate for the
19 project the first quarter of 2008. And we
20 would actually begin construction of the
21 pipeline project in the second quarter of
22 2008.

23 Our plan is to have the pipeline in
24 service by the end of the year in 2008, as
25 well as the meter stations and majority of the

1 pressure stations. We do plan on
2 commissioning the final three compressors in
3 June of 2009. Tonight with me after the
4 meeting we will have representatives by the
5 Rockies Express Pipeline available to answer
6 any concerns and questions you may have. We
7 have representatives on the right-of-way
8 department, construction department,
9 environmental department, as well as the
10 project management. We have the 1-800 number,
11 or rather the 1-866 number, which you can
12 call, or that you can call in which you can
13 contact us. That number is 1-866-566-0066.
14 Again, that number is 1-866-566-0066. We also
15 have a website that I do keep updated. The
16 website is www.rexpipeline.com. Thank you
17 very much for your attention.

18 MS. LYKENS: Thank you. Now, I'd like
19 to briefly talk about the Commission's
20 pre-filing process. In June of 2006, the FERC
21 staff began the pre-filing proposal. Many of
22 you received the notice of intent, and this is
23 why you are here tonight.

24 The project is still in the design state
25 and the specific details have not been

1 finalized. The formal application I stress
2 has not been filed with FERC. The goal of the
3 pre-filing process is to help facilitate the
4 interaction with federal, state and local
5 agencies and affective property owners and
6 other interested stakeholders by preparing a
7 more complete application for filing of the
8 Rockies Express' application.

9 The notified stakeholders include all of
10 you that are present tonight. I also want to
11 state that the FERC is not a proponent of the
12 Rockies Express' project, but an advocate for
13 the process involved in reviewing the project.

14 We are very early in the process. There
15 will be several more opportunities to comment
16 on the project as information is made
17 available. More information will be made
18 available on FERC's, ELS system as Rockies
19 Express files updates its project information.
20 Documents that are filed under the project's
21 docket number will be posted on the
22 Commission's website, including any written
23 comments that are filed by you.

24 Instructions on how to access the
25 Commission website are addressed in the notice

1 of intent that most of you received. The
2 notice also contains instructions on filing
3 written comments, if you prefer to submit
4 comments in that manner.

5 Now, this also discusses how to make
6 electronic filings by using our website.
7 Please note: The notice states that the
8 commission -- that the comment period expires
9 as of September 29, 2006. We close the
10 initial comment period to gauge what the
11 preliminary issues are. However, because we
12 are still before pre-filing we still take
13 comments all through the process and there
14 will be other opportunities asking for your
15 participation if and when the Rockies Express
16 files its application.

17 Now, let me discuss the EIS process so
18 you understand it a little bit better.
19 Rockies Express is conducting environmental
20 studies on the preferred route and per FERC's
21 regulations and the National Environmental
22 Policy Act, it is also studying several route
23 variations and alternatives. When Rockies
24 Express files its application, it will file
25 several environmental resource reports for

1 it's preferred route, based on its survey
2 results. The resources reports cover geology,
3 soils, vegetation and wildlife, including
4 federally listed species, land use,
5 recreation, cultural resources, reliability
6 and safety, air and noise quality and
7 alternatives.

8 When Rockies Express files its
9 application, it will include finalized
10 resource reports it is currently preparing
11 based on their survey results. The resource
12 reports will be used to develop a draft EIS.
13 FERC staff will consider Rockies Express'
14 application together with the information that
15 is filed by you and other stakeholders. Then
16 we will prepare the draft EIS for public
17 review and comment. The draft EIS is our
18 independent analysis based on what is filed in
19 the environmental proceedings for this
20 proposal. FERC staff also consults with the
21 appropriate resource agencies to verify
22 information before making any recommendations
23 with state and federal agencies. The draft
24 EIS will include any mitigation or
25 recommendations needed to reduce impacts as

1 appropriate. Once the draft EIS is issued for
2 public comment, the public will have 45 days
3 to provide written comments. We will also
4 come back here and have another public meeting
5 to hear your comments on the draft EIS, in a
6 meeting similar to this one.

7 Comments received from the draft EIS
8 will be incorporated into a final EIS.
9 Comments will also be taken on the final EIS,
10 which will be incorporated into the proceeding
11 brought before the Commissioners of the
12 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission itself.

13 FERC staff will also look at economic
14 issues, the need for the project, the markets,
15 rates, cost of service and other issues. The
16 Commission will use the information gathered
17 in the proceeding, both in the environment and
18 non-environment aspects, and will vote to
19 approve or deny the project.

20 We are just about ready to hear from
21 you. If you do not feel comfortable speaking
22 tonight, please understand that written
23 comments are considered equally by the
24 Commission, so I encourage you to write to the
25 secretary of the commission. Now for those of

1 you who are on my speakers' list please come
2 to the microphone when I call your name, and
3 bear with me on pronunciation. Please say
4 your name slowly and spell your last name for
5 the court reporter. Remember, the mor
6 specific your comments about the environment,
7 the more useful they'll be for us.

8 You may have noticed that we have a
9 court reporter recording the meeting. A
10 record is being made of everything that is
11 said here tonight during the official scoping
12 meeting. If you would like to purchase a copy
13 of the transcript, please see the court
14 reporter after the meeting.

15 Again, I am specifically looking for
16 comments for the record. I am not
17 entertaining questions on the record this
18 evening, so please limit your remarks to
19 concerns or issues that may relate to your
20 property or the environment. The commission
21 staff and other agencies present tonight are
22 willing to answer any individual questions you
23 may have following tonight's meeting.

24 Please note that I may need to limit the
25 amount of time for your comments, based on how

1 many people we have signed up to speak on the
2 speaker's list. This is so everyone will get
3 a chance to speak since we do have limitations
4 tonight to use the building until 10:00.

5 We asked to turn the fans back on,
6 because it's getting warm, but please use the
7 microphone and speak a little louder now. Joe
8 DeHart?

9 MR. DEHART: Could I pass at this time
10 and reserve the right to speak later?

11 MS. LYKENS: Sure. Brad Whitaker?

12 MR. WHITAKER: Thank you for allowing us
13 to express concerns. I have two concerns.
14 Number one, we live in Madison township in
15 Morgan county, and two and a half miles south
16 of us BP has a pipeline for sale, and they
17 have a pumping station that's tagged for it.
18 I would like for you to consider using that
19 route.

20 And number two, the woods that we have
21 that you are planning on going through is a
22 large bat habitat, and a few local people
23 realized a couple of years ago that the
24 Indianapolis Airport, when they extended the
25 runway and did some improvements up there,

1 they spent several million dollars moving that
2 bat population, and I think some of it came
3 down to us. Thank you.

4 MS. LYKENS: Martin Goodman?

5 MR. GOODMAN: I'll wait. I want to
6 listen. I want to wait to hear some more
7 comments before I speak.

8 MR. HAMMER: Joe Ciskos?

9 MR. CISKOS: That's pretty close.
10 That's Joseph C-I-S-K-O-S, Director of
11 Planning for the City of Franklin. I'd just
12 like to reiterate our written comments for
13 support of the relocation of the pipelines in
14 Johnson county. Nobody can hear me?

15 Well, I'd like to reiterate at this time
16 our written comments of full support for
17 relocation of the express pipeline in Johnson
18 county with the consideration to the future
19 land use plans and road patterns at Franklin,
20 Bargersville, and north Johnson county.

21 MR. HAMMER: Sara Earls?

22 MS. EARLES: Thank you. My main concern
23 would be trails and recreation and what affect
24 the pipeline is going to have on the corridor
25 and wildlife, and there is a particular rail

1 and trails that is close to me in Putnam
2 county that the pipeline is going right across
3 the segment that was already set up as a rail
4 to trails, and we're trying to get more in
5 that area. And I was concerned also about the
6 recreation impact, maybe on that trail or not
7 on that trail, and the crossover impact, so
8 those areas that might be very threatened
9 environmentally, and the recreation as to the
10 health of Indiana for the bikers. My name is
11 Sara Earles, E-A-R-L-E-S.

12 MR. HAMMER: John Wheeler?

13 MR. WHEELER: Number one, I have a
14 pipeline running through my property now, I
15 don't need two. The pipeline that is run
16 through there now is not living up to the
17 expectation. I have a lot of problems with
18 drainage, I mean a lot of problems. The
19 pipeline runs through is natural gas and they
20 have failed to do anything, nothing. So what
21 are we going to do?

22 MR. LYKENS: Sir, you need to come down,
23 we need to record you. Please come to the
24 microphone when you're called.

25 MR. HAMMER: It does help us to be able

1 to get it on the permanent record, the
2 official record, if you would, to come down
3 and use the microphone, if you could please
4 accommodate us with that.

5 James Roush?

6 MR. ROUSH: Thank you. I have not seen
7 the new route, I understand that the proposed
8 route one is to the north of our property in
9 Needham Township, and the one that I
10 understand going through our property. AT&T
11 put a line through there a number of years
12 ago, and I -- a lot of us went through a
13 number of things there, and promises were made
14 from AT&T with regard to how they would take
15 care of it, but it is a disaster. The river
16 is rolling terribly, and it's destroyed a lot
17 of land. You see my property, which is under
18 consideration of putting that through where it
19 is close to the AT&T line, it goes through
20 that property, and it is going to ruin that
21 property, and affect the sale. I could never
22 subdivide it. I couldn't do anything with it.
23 I'm strictly against it, and that -- I need to
24 look at exactly where it is going because I'm
25 not going to be easy for -- with the line

1 going through that at this time. Thank you.
2 Besides the fact that there is Indian relics
3 in those fields, and many people come there
4 and hunt for hammers and for tomahawks, and
5 for spear type heads, thank you.

6 UNKNOWN PERSON: Can I make a suggestion
7 that we shut off the air conditioning, I'd
8 rather be hot and be able to hear.

9 UNKNOWN PERSON: I agree.

10 MS. LYKENS: Okay. We'll ask them to
11 turn it off again.

12 MR. HAMMER: If you hold the microphone
13 this way it will be a lot easier for everybody
14 to hear, so I know most of us are not public
15 speakers, and it takes us a little bit to get
16 used to these things. But if you hold it
17 three to four inches in front of you and point
18 it at your mouth, it does pick up pretty well.
19 Can everyone hear me pretty well? So if
20 everybody would just try and remember to do
21 that. The next speaker, Tommie Decard? Did I
22 pronounce it right?

23 MS. DECARD: Yes, you did. Are you
24 taking questions this evening or just
25 statements?

1 MS. LYKENS: Statements, and then
2 questions afterwards.

3 MS. DECARD: Okay. For everybody here I
4 would like to encourage all of you to go to a
5 website rerouterex.com. It's a group of us in
6 Johnson county and Morgan county that put
7 together this website, and we would encourage
8 all of us to band together and try to express
9 to these people here tonight what the impact
10 means to all of us and to the environment. So
11 our website is R-E-R-O-U-T-E-R-E-X.com.

12 UNKNOWN PERSON: Can you repeat that
13 again?

14 MS. DECARD: R-E-R-O-U-T-E-R-E-X.com.
15 And when we gather, when we start to meet we
16 will post on there where we are meeting and
17 when we are meeting so we can join in
18 together.

19 I'd like to point out that the current
20 route for the pipeline is proposed to go by
21 Union School, 300 plus children. In addition
22 there are railroad tracks that are abandoned
23 by U.S. 40. I'd like to propose that we use
24 either abandoned railroad tracks or a current
25 utility corridor as an option as opposed to

1 going through a booming and economic growing
2 community.

3 I would like to stress that the
4 gentleman that made the comment about the
5 bats, there are many more endangered species
6 that are all in our backyards. I brought a
7 list of rare and endangered animals in
8 Indiana. Just type in a Google search, all of
9 you can pull this up. If you type in any of
10 the animal's name in a Google search it will
11 bring up a picture. I can guarantee you all
12 of you have these in your backyard. I went
13 out one day and found an alligator snake in my
14 pond, and this pipeline is proposed to go
15 through my pond.

16 My last comment of the group of us that
17 have gathered, there are individuals who have
18 a Texas Eastern Pipeline going through a
19 property already, and they would like to add
20 to the comment that the gentleman already up
21 here that may not have been heard on the
22 microphone that they have failed to live up to
23 their original comments and expectations.

24 MR. HAMMER: Barbara Golay.

25 MS. GOLAY: I have used a microphone

1 before. So my name is Barbara Golay,
2 G-O-L-A-Y. I live in Morgan County. The
3 thing of it is, my comment is, we got this
4 little tiny map that gives us no idea where we
5 are going with this pipeline. I think when
6 they send out the next thing that our county,
7 Morgan county, our township, and Johnson
8 county and their township, and their whole
9 county.

10 Now, I know they are already settled
11 with this map, but if you are going to
12 Pennsylvania why wouldn't you go north? And
13 I -- one of the comments I'd like to make when
14 you make the map, and I have studied this, and
15 it is hard to figure out where these stations
16 are going to be. And it doesn't say exactly,
17 or I couldn't find it, what the width and the
18 sizes of these stations are, and where they
19 are planning to be located at these particular
20 areas. I think that's very important because
21 if there is a place that is a right-of-way, a
22 right-of-way is a right-of-way. I read where
23 it says that they sometimes go that route.

24 I think that if you are going on a
25 right-of-way, that if a station is going to be

1 there you could not get through. And I
2 believe that our county, I was under the
3 impression that Indiana wasn't going to get
4 any of that gas. And I don't know whether
5 that is true or not, and I would like to know
6 that for a fact.

7 As far as it goes, I'm opposed to it
8 because I know several people that it is going
9 through their ground, and we have already in
10 our particular townships, I have 11 gravel
11 pits within a mile and a half of our house,
12 why is it that you are going through a lot of
13 these places, and why can't they go through
14 some of these gravel pits and let them pay for
15 it for a change. Thank you.

16 MR. HAMMER: Tim Jones.

17 MR. JONES: Thank you. Since seeing the
18 changes to the routes that they are being
19 taken into consideration for current and maybe
20 short-term future property development, I'd
21 like to ask your representation to respond to
22 the group tonight to number one, address what
23 consideration is made for other short term or
24 for even longer term property development
25 potential in adjusting the route for the

1 pipeline, and second, could you kind of give
2 us an overview on the easement negotiation
3 process and what we can expect from that as
4 you determine where the route goes and making
5 these changes?

6 MS. LYKENS: I think that Rockies
7 Express needs to address that. I can't, it's
8 not my project.

9 MR. HAMMER: They will be available to
10 answer those questions.

11 MR. JONES: So I think it is beneficial
12 that you can at least address the general
13 process.

14 MS. LYKENS: I agree. Let's get
15 Mr. Thompson, can you come up for a minute,
16 please.

17 MR. HAMMER: The question was, provide a
18 little explanation about the easement
19 negotiation process for the project, as well
20 as what considerations are taken in terms of
21 property development?

22 MR. MCKEAN: My name is John McKean, I'm
23 the manager on behalf of the planning of the
24 right-of-way of the Rex Pipeline Project. I
25 work out of the Houston office. So let me

1 start basically with the process of how the
2 easement negotiation will be dealt with.
3 Just so everyone knows, what we typically do
4 on a pipeline project this size whether it
5 will be 300 miles or one mile, we get
6 appraisers involved of all the local
7 jurisdictions that go out and look at property
8 along our pipeline route. These will be
9 appraisers that are familiar with land value
10 in your area. They look at properties where
11 they are. They look at size of properties.
12 They look at use of property, whether it's
13 residential or industrial, agricultural, those
14 type of situations, and they do that across
15 the project from one end to the other. They
16 come back to us with a study, we call that a
17 market study. It gives us an idea on size of
18 property, what the land values, what the
19 properties are selling for in your given area
20 and then what we do, is we take those numbers
21 and extend those into a formula that basically
22 gives you a percentage of what that value is.

23 Now, in some instances it may be 50
24 percent, and some instances it may be 100
25 percent. I can tell you in this instance, it

1 is probably going to be in excess or near what
2 the fee value is for your real estate.

3 Now, when those appraisers look at that
4 it is really hard for them to make an analysis
5 of what the future might bring. If you have a
6 development that is next door to your
7 property, then they will take that into
8 consideration whenever they are doing their
9 analysis about what the property is valued
10 for, and we will use that as a basis of our
11 analysis when we calculate what the evaluation
12 is going to be when our agents start the
13 acquisition process. And just so you know how
14 that works, once we get those numbers, all the
15 route agents -- at the Rex project, we have a
16 procedure in place with trained agents of how
17 we go about the acquisition process. They
18 will go out and make contact with each
19 individual homeowner. And we have the input
20 of trained agents in that phase of the
21 project, those agents will be armed with the
22 evaluations of route appraisals that they have
23 helped to put together for us. They will be
24 armed with easement documents that we will
25 propose to acquire from you folks, and all the

1 terms and conditions of that easement document
2 are subject to negotiation. It is basically a
3 arm's length negotiation between Rex pipeline
4 and the landowners. And it is really --
5 nothing is held back in that negotiation. And
6 I know there are a lot of issues in
7 agricultural lands, there are issues with
8 development properties. That is really your
9 opportunity just as it is now in the survey
10 phase, when those agents come out and request
11 survey permission from you, that is your
12 opportunity to bring things to our attention
13 that we may have missed at a pretty high
14 level, and that's the reason we request to get
15 a survey on the property. There may be
16 something unique to your property when the
17 appraisers, when they did their evaluations
18 they didn't take all of it into consideration.

19 Now, I'm not saying that we do
20 individual appraisal reports on every
21 property. Again, this is a market study, it
22 is pretty high level. It is on the other
23 project, the West Newton project, the
24 landowners have been pretty receptive to the
25 valuation that we used. We're not just

1 pulling numbers out of the sky. It is based
2 on what the land values are of what your
3 property is selling for, and from appraisers
4 who are familiar with your area. Again, with
5 regard to the development issues, again, we
6 try to take all those type of things into
7 consideration when we start that process.

8 If during the survey phase if we found
9 out there is a development out there, we go
10 look at those things, and make sure that all
11 those things that are considered in our
12 initial route site, and then when we get to
13 the acquisition phase, if we're doing
14 something to your property, or if we're doing
15 some harm to your property that's over and
16 above what would be typical compensation for a
17 50-foot easement or a 125 total construction
18 area, or crop damage, whatever, then again,
19 all that is subject to negotiations with each
20 individual landowner.

21 If you have something unique to your
22 property, if you feel that there is some type
23 of severance damage that if we've done fatal
24 harm to your property, then we will consider
25 all of those factors. We will consider, and

1 whenever we get into that phase of the
2 project, which we really hope to start that
3 sometime around the end of October, first part
4 of November, depending on how successful we
5 are in the survey. It's really everybody's
6 benefit as we go into that phase as to take an
7 individual basis one on one, and get all the
8 issues out, negotiated with. I hope that has
9 been a help.

10 MS. LYKENS: Thank you. At this time,
11 I'm going to call the speakers. I want to
12 stress that we weren't really intending to
13 answer questions on the record tonight, but I
14 did call them up so they could answer those
15 specific questions. At this time, I'd like to
16 finish up our speaker list, and then call
17 anybody up who would like to speak, and then
18 close the meeting. We can all stick around
19 for a while and answer your questions
20 individually. We can take a look at the maps
21 that Rockies has, so I appreciate your
22 patience. The next speaker is James Butler.

23 MR. BUTLER: Good evening. My name is
24 James Butler, B-U-T-L-E-R. I'd like to start
25 out with a response that may not be expected,

1 but I put quite a bit of personal sacrifice
2 into purchasing some property that I own in
3 Shelby county, and to know that a 50-foot wide
4 strip of untreed property would exist or an
5 easement would exist on my property after this
6 is over with, a proposed pipeline goes right
7 through the middle of my property. And to
8 say, knowing that if I receive a good market
9 value to have to look at this strip of land
10 through the middle of my property with no
11 trees on it where currently it's forested, it
12 really wouldn't, I guess comfort me any to get
13 a good price for that. It means more to me
14 than that.

15 This proposed pipeline, evidently the
16 people that have done the proposal haven't yet
17 coordinated with the different federal
18 agencies, water and soil conservation, farm
19 service agency, and Indiana Environmental
20 Management. I currently have a classified
21 state forest program. A portion of my
22 property is classified in the state forest
23 program, and that has recently been combined
24 with the classified wildlife program, as well.

25 I currently have a projects in process

1 for wildlife habitat improvements on my
2 property that is funded by federal money.
3 None of these individuals that I have had
4 contact with frequently have known anything
5 about any planning on this proposed pipeline.
6 There are maps that exist that show where
7 these properties are, and it is obvious that
8 the planning hasn't been done today and
9 whatnot, has not been taken into account the
10 various places where they may not be
11 classified wetlands, but they are mapped to
12 show that they are potential wetlands that
13 existed previously.

14 My property before I purchased it was in
15 the same family since statehood. It means a
16 lot to the previous owners and to me. Some of
17 the tiles that were put in place in the
18 portion of this property that were -- that are
19 currently farmed, those tiles have been there
20 some 80 years, and it would be difficult for
21 anyone to know where those are, and how to
22 plan around them, and how to repair them
23 properly if they are cut through.

24 Another thing that I think is important
25 to consider is, at least for me, about half of

1 my property is forested. The time that it
2 takes a tree to grow, I know the jokes about
3 tree-huggers, but forgive me, but I am a
4 tree-hugger. I do love trees. And it takes a
5 long time for these trees to grow. If I were
6 to get a fair market assessment for a good
7 straight tree saying something as valuable as
8 a black walnut, you're looking at probably
9 \$200 for a 10-foot section. And to me the
10 \$200 is great if that tree is matured and it
11 is ready to be harvested, but when you go
12 through and you clear-cut, you know, a 50 foot
13 or say in this case, it might even end up
14 being 125 feet strip through my property, it
15 to me it's just not worth the money. That's
16 all I have to say.

17 MR. HAMMER: Wayne Norman.

18 MR. NORMAN: My name is Wayne Norman.
19 N-O-R-M-A-N. I live at the 4500 block of East
20 Day Huff Road in Morgan county. The pipeline
21 shows going through that part of that area
22 down there. In the area I live in about -- at
23 least a quarter of a mile to the side of me is
24 wooded. There are springs that go through it,
25 some of them spring fed. There is some small

1 wetlands down in there, lots of wildlife. The
2 wooded area there is an oasis for that.

3 The water table is extremely high
4 through there. Going through there can
5 definitely disrupt any of our well systems, in
6 our finger systems, it's just not really a
7 good place for them to run the pipeline.

8 Thank you.

9 MR. HAMMER: Dan Parker?

10 MR. PARKER: Good evening, my name is
11 Dan Parker, and I am the so-called
12 spokesperson as well as founder of Reroute
13 Rex. As I look up here in the crowd I see a
14 lot of faces that are familiar. A lot of
15 farmers out there that I have worked with.
16 This is a tough time for us. I received a
17 booklet in the mail, and I realized that I
18 just couldn't do anything, so I opted to sit
19 down and make a list and start calling people.
20 Within three days we had a gathering. I was
21 surprised with all the small community halt in
22 banter on a Tuesday evening at seven o'clock,
23 there were 60-plus people had gathered.

24 They were concerned individuals that
25 lived in my immediate area. With that being

1 said, we have since had another meeting and a
2 number of meetings and getting stronger. The
3 unfortunate part is is that time is not with
4 us. The clock is ticking, and how do we get
5 something turned around about this route.

6 We as one and one and one cannot get it
7 done. We have to come together as a group to
8 be heard. And at this time, there are folks
9 here that are taking actions to be heard, but
10 at the same time as we're getting the word out
11 we need more people to come onboard to show
12 support.

13 As you were told earlier there is a
14 website out there called Rex --
15 rerouterex.com, and we are keeping it updated
16 to the point where you will see where the next
17 meeting will be. We most likely will be
18 putting it in the paper, so that we can meet
19 much like we have this evening, so that we can
20 discuss our process, and where we are at with
21 trying to get this thing turned around.

22 I know that we're not here tonight
23 because we approved for it to go through, we
24 are at opposition. So with that being said,
25 we have got a couple of good game plans that

1 we are wanting to propose, and with that we
2 need to reach out and call the senator and the
3 house of representatives and let them know
4 your feelings. I have already been told by a
5 few that they had gotten phone calls, and that
6 we need to continue to let them know our
7 feelings so that they can represent us as
8 well.

9 This is a big task. We can't do it like
10 I said by ourselves. It is going to take
11 groups of folks coming together to be heard.
12 So with that being said, keep current on the
13 website and look daily, because there's always
14 a new post of information as I look up to my
15 webmaster he's shaking his head. So if you
16 have any new information that you'd like to
17 share with us, please forward that information
18 to the website so that we can post it as well.
19 With that said, I hope I can look up here and
20 see all of you folks and get the backing that
21 we need to get this thing turned around,
22 because I think we can. I know we can. Thank
23 you.

24 MR. HAMMER: Scott Thomas.

25 MR. THOMAS: My name is Scott Thomas.

1 T-H-O-M-A-S. I'm sorry, I'm getting emotional
2 about this. I spent my adult life to afford
3 some land in the country, and getting to have
4 my privacy and enjoy the countryside. And for
5 whatever reason, it goes right through where I
6 start building my home this weekend, and this
7 is the first notice I have seen. I did not
8 know about this preroute Rex stuff. I didn't
9 know. I'm just -- I'm trembling. I can't
10 fathom this. I don't know. I'm just beside
11 myself. I hope we can do something about
12 this, because I really want to realize my
13 dreams, and I know a lot of people want to
14 realize theirs. Thanks.

15 MR. HAMMER: We're going to go back to
16 the folks who wanted to wait until the end to
17 speak after hearing comments from others. Joe
18 DeHart, are you ready now?

19 MR. DEHART: I'll pass.

20 MR. HAMMER: Martin Goodman?

21 MR. GOODMAN: Yes. My name is Martin
22 Goodman, and I have just a couple of comments.
23 On the maps, when you come in and try to find
24 out where this pipeline is definitely going.
25 They only have like two people up there or

1 three people working on it and it's almost
2 impossible to get any answers on anything. I
3 think that is bad planning, they need much
4 more.

5 Also on the southside, as you all know,
6 they're planning to build a Honda plant down
7 there and that property value is going to go
8 up a great deal because of that, and I think
9 that they are getting this pipeline through
10 before taking that into consideration. Thank
11 you very much.

12 MR. HAMMER: That's the last speaker who
13 had signed the sheet previously. We'd like to
14 open it up to any other folks in attendance
15 who would like to speak, and just come up and
16 say your name, spell your last name, and make
17 your comments, one at a time, please.

18 If you are planning on speaking, if you
19 want to make your way done here, and we can
20 get done a little bit more quickly.

21 MR. WAYMIRE: Thank you, Don. I'm
22 Warren Waymire. W-A-Y-M-I-R-E. I'm on the
23 board of directors of soil and water
24 conservation of Morgan county. And we didn't
25 get any notice on this. In fact, I wasn't

1 coming to speak, I was coming with my wife.
2 But there is a couple of things that I think
3 the project manager ought to know, and one of
4 the things is that the love of trees that we
5 have in Morgan county. We have -- I don't
6 know how it is in Colorado, I think they love
7 the trees there, I don't know how it is in
8 Washington, but in Morgan county, we are
9 working with the nature conservancy to get a
10 zero net loss to our tree canopy.

11 Now, I know on the environmental impact,
12 I don't how that effect is on trees, but we
13 would like the project managers not only to
14 work with the homeowners, because they own the
15 land, but if you destroy the tree canopy that
16 you apply that to the mitigation process that
17 is built in on the environmental impact
18 statement that has to be made.

19 The second thing is wetlands. We on the
20 southside of Indianapolis, we're seeing our
21 wetlands destroyed more and more each day.
22 Sometimes we can't do anything about it, but
23 we'd like to have the project manager that if
24 he's going into the wetlands area that he do
25 the mitigation in the county in the watershed

1 where he's destroyed the wetlands. Don't do
2 mitigation in Ohio, don't do it in another
3 state for another county, do it in the county
4 that is affected, and that's Morgan county,
5 Johnson county, right across those two areas,
6 and the use of the agriculture. We are a very
7 agriculture related economy in Morgan county.
8 They are already asking us to raise
9 agriculture for food, they are also asking us
10 to raise agriculture for fuel. And this is
11 not something that is going to change. It is
12 still going be an agricultural economy in
13 these counties, and I want the people from
14 Washington to understand this. That this is
15 their livelihood, and if you are asking to
16 bring a pipeline through you've got to respect
17 the potential output of that soil.

18 So on the wetlands on the trees, and on
19 the agricultural, I ask all of it to be put in
20 the mitigation process. Thank you.

21 MR. KITE: Good evening. I'm Tom Kite,
22 K-I-T-E. I'm a Johnson County Commissioner
23 and resident of Union Township, Johnson
24 county. I was involved in the very early talk
25 with Rex, when they proposed the first route

1 and we asked them to move that route south.
2 The people that -- my constituents lived in
3 that area. And now the people that are
4 affected largely by this are my constituents
5 again, which happens to be my neighborhood. I
6 can tell you this much that I can only speak
7 for Tom Kite, as a resident of Union township,
8 and as Tom Kite, as a county commissioner, I
9 would much rather see you folks find an area
10 somewhere if it's not in the donut county of
11 Marion county or Indianapolis.

12 Johnson county is going to grow maybe
13 farther south, maybe not, but with that said,
14 the people that I represent don't want this
15 pipeline in their area, and, so, therefore,
16 I'm a man of people, I don't want it either.
17 Thank you.

18 MS. CRAWFORD: My name is Maryann
19 Crawford, and I live in Morgan county off of
20 Day Huff Road. First of all, I want to say
21 thank you for the people who are trying to
22 stop this. For all the people who showed up
23 here who care enough not to want to see their
24 area changed. I got my first notice and I
25 actually was probably one of the ones that

1 goes, oh, what is this? So I didn't really
2 look at it, and I sent it to my husband who is
3 currently serving for our country in Iraq.
4 And he said, oh, my God, I'm serving my
5 country, and they're going to take my house
6 away. Because -- well, you can't see on the
7 actual map where this stands. You can see
8 when once you blow it up, and you put it on
9 google.com, you can see approximately where it
10 is, and where it is going to be on your
11 property, and it happens to run underneath my
12 garage.

13 I currently own five acres of fenced in
14 wooded property with natural pond and creeks.
15 The last thing I want to see when it took me
16 four years -- and my husband -- four years to
17 find property that we found and that we love,
18 I do not want to see it torn up, because we
19 can't see the deer run by. We won't be able
20 to see the foxes as they steal the chickens
21 from the chicken house. But these are the
22 things that are going to be torn up, and I'm
23 not going to be able to see anymore. I have
24 walnut trees scattered everywhere on my
25 property and they tower over my house. So

1 please look into that on Day Huff Road, all of
2 our houses in that area, all five acres, and
3 even further back are in woods, and we went
4 there and we moved there to be out there in
5 private areas. That's all.

6 MR. JUSTICE: Yes. My name is Bruce
7 Justice. J-U-S-T-I-C-E. Being in the
8 construction trades working around pipelines
9 waterlines everything, they -- the people that
10 originally come to talk to my mother-in-law
11 and said that the pipeline was going to be put
12 in five foot and to code, and five foot of
13 cover that's even contrast against any public
14 waterlines, drainage, everything you'll have
15 to deal with agricultural or any other kind of
16 property, development property. And if they
17 say three to seven foot that's a complete
18 contrast to anything. Because I think if
19 you've got anywhere from three foot to seven
20 foot it would have to have a pumping station,
21 and every kind of process imaginable, and
22 you'd have to go under the pipeline which
23 would be a complete disaster with a 42-inch
24 line.

25 And when they say 50 feet of

1 right-of-way, you're talking about a situation
2 where they'll have 120-foot area that they'll
3 have to deal with, but what it really affects
4 is 500 feet in any direction from that
5 pipeline is not even usable for development of
6 property because nobody wants to live within
7 500 feet of a 42-inch gas line. There is no
8 mention of concerns about that.

9 I will not take up everybody's time
10 tonight but it's a total disaster to put a
11 42-inch gas line within a mile of you, because
12 of the situation on the northside of
13 Indianapolis, just a house with a 3/4 inch gas
14 line exploded, and it shattered the glass out
15 of the whole neighborhood and knocked the
16 house off the foundation. It's a scary thing.
17 I just can't say enough. Thank you for your
18 time.

19 MR. HAMMER: Are there any other
20 speakers?

21 MR. SELIG: Hello, my name is Marcus
22 Selig, S-E-L-I-G. I'm here on behalf of
23 Indiana Farm Bureau, and its thousands varied
24 and affected members. Indiana Farm Bureau's
25 concerned with maintaining the integrity of

1 the Indiana agricultural lands. We therefore
2 want to ensure that Rockies Express Pipeline
3 uses appropriate construction and mitigation
4 procedures when constructing the pipeline on
5 agricultural lands. We've already addressed
6 and met with officials to express our
7 concerns. We now wish to pay our concerns to
8 FERC.

9 Indiana Farm Bureau wants to guarantee
10 that one, that the pipeline is buried to a
11 proper depth considering the drainage issues
12 and future erosion.

13 Two, that all topsoil be segregated and
14 replaced after the pipeline is buried.
15 Three, that all damaged drainage tiles are
16 repaired and new tiles are constructed when
17 necessary. Four, that all excavated rock is
18 removed from the construction site.

19 Five that all construction debris is
20 removed from the site. Six, that construction
21 contractors use proper precautions to prevent
22 soil compaction and running. Seven, that the
23 chemical properties of the soil are fully
24 mitigated using fertilization and liming.

25 Eight, that all soil is leveled after

1 the pipeline is buried. Nine, that proper
2 soil erosion practices are implemented. And
3 10, the damage to any leaking soil practices
4 are repaired.

5 The livelihood of Indiana farmers
6 depends upon the integrity and productivity of
7 Indiana agricultural lands, therefore, it is
8 vital that all these concerns you see are
9 called to your attention and FERC's
10 environmental safety to hopefully bind Rex to
11 these standards.

12 Indiana Farm Bureau is currently working
13 with governmental and university engineers and
14 ergonomist to develop a detailed list of
15 mitigation requests. These requests will be
16 submitted to FERC before the end of the
17 scoping period. Thank you.

18 MR. MILLER: My name is Steve Miller. I
19 live in Union Township. As Mr. Wheeler said a
20 minute ago drainage is one of our big
21 problems. Texas gas never fixes nothing. You
22 can't get anyone back to fix anything. It may
23 not affect -- I mean you may think it's just
24 going to affect the farmer, but it may affect
25 someone that's a half a mile away, or maybe

1 three quarters of a mile away. They are going
2 to start having drainage problems. And it
3 don't just take one year, it takes three or
4 five years for this to start showing up, but
5 then you have no recourse to go back on
6 anyone.

7 My other question is, the federal
8 government funds money for interstate
9 highways, why don't you make the gas lines
10 follow along the interstate, it would be so
11 much simpler, it wouldn't have as much
12 trouble.

13 MR. LAUREDINE: My name is Warren
14 Laurendine. L-A-U-R-E-N-D-I-N-E. This is our
15 slice of heaven area here. We moved here four
16 years ago from California to get away from
17 this kind of stuff, and we're right back into
18 it.

19 This particular path that they have
20 chosen goes directly between my house and my
21 neighbor's house. There is a hundred yards
22 between us. So 150 feet, you've got about a
23 hundred -- and extra 100 feet on each side.
24 So the pipeline itself before you actually get
25 to the corners of our house it goes

1 approximately 50 yards into my five acres --
2 cuts through my land. So it basically it has
3 made my property useless.

4 Johnson county, someone from Johnson
5 county, they've got a written request to
6 relocate due to proposed land uses. In Morgan
7 county that land is already used and I'm in a
8 residential area. They are putting this
9 through a residential area, it may not be as
10 compact as California, but to me it is like a
11 hundred yards, that's still pretty close.

12 I was taking notes all night trying to
13 get things in line here, so give me just one
14 moment. The gentleman from the pipeline, all
15 the checks and balances and stuff and required
16 inspections are great, but when do we actually
17 find out when things go wrong, that is usually
18 when something catastrophic happens. As an
19 example, I have a friend who lives in Colorado
20 who is near probably where a lot of this stuff
21 is coming out of there. They had the wellhead
22 crack in Colorado. I believe it was a
23 five-mile radius around the cracked wellhead,
24 that had to be evacuated and up to 25,000
25 feet, no aircraft could fly through it.

1 So what would apply through here, the
2 pressure going through a 42-inch pipeline
3 pumping, you know, a million cubic feet per
4 day. If there is a bad weld or crack or
5 something like that, you are going to end up
6 finding out after the fact, after it hits an
7 ignition source.

8 We're not looking to -- I guess we are.
9 We are looking to get this moved, because we
10 do not want it here. There are plenty of
11 other areas that I believe that they can find
12 to take it through that have not been
13 developed to proposed new areas for Johnson
14 county and Morgan county is still growing.
15 It's time to looking into some beneficial
16 areas, land ownership's, prices have gone up.
17 If anyone thinks that their property value is
18 going to go up with a pipeline on it, are
19 kidding themselves. Our houses and our land
20 prices are going to plummet as soon as our
21 real estate paperwork declares that we have a
22 pipeline going through our property. And if
23 in five acres there is not much there to work
24 with. And five acres with a 150 or 50-foot
25 easement, the value of my property there is

1 absolutely no use for my property for any
2 future buyer who would want to look at it.
3 Thank you for your help.

4 MR. ROGERS: Pardon my nerves on this.
5 My name is Gary Rogers. I live out on Day
6 Huff Road in Morgan county. I'd like to kind
7 of talk about three things, is the good, and
8 the bad, and the ugly.

9 The good are some of the comments we've
10 gotten tonight from the neighbors. I think
11 they have been good comments. The good is
12 that I have finally seen some details on where
13 this pipeline might go. I've seen all kinds
14 of vague references on where it might be run,
15 anywhere from right through the middle of our
16 house. Now, that we have seen some details,
17 it goes right through the middle of our
18 neighbor's house, so I don't know if I should
19 feel good about that or not.

20 The bad is -- and it has been absolutely
21 too hard to get any information where the
22 route is. The bad is that our Department of
23 Transportation Safety Group is making sure
24 that the people working on the pipeline are
25 drug tested. I don't care about that. I want

1 to know that it is safe. Is this pipeline
2 safe, and none of what you told me has
3 reassured me at all.

4 FERC is going to study our environment.
5 Now, that makes me feel comfortable, yeah,
6 we're going to do an environmental study,
7 what's that going to do for me? So that gets
8 me down to what I'm concerned with, as a
9 landowner, I'm concerned where is this thing
10 going to go exactly. Where are similar
11 pipelines that we can look at? What kind of
12 accidents have there been? I haven't seen any
13 information on that, and it has been difficult
14 to get that. What happens to our property
15 values when a 42-inch gas pipeline goes
16 through your neighbor's house or through your
17 house, whatever they decide to do.

18 I want to make sure that the route is
19 actually done in a logical well planned manner
20 following the path of least vocal resistance.
21 And I will be vocal with you if I need to be,
22 but I'm hoping that there are some level heads
23 that are running this. So those are my
24 comments.

25 MR. GARRETT: John Garrett, Nineveh

1 Township. I'm a farmer, been in agriculture
2 all my life. I've dealt with ground that had
3 pipelines on it. Two of the properties that I
4 own there having to do with a pipeline --
5 currently have pipelines on them. As I farm
6 and go through that ground you talk about
7 restructuring and building up properties and
8 adding minerals back to them. The timeline
9 that I saw on the website was five years of
10 crop payments. Five years doesn't touch it.
11 We've got ground that's had pipelines put in
12 20 years ago, and as I drive through them the
13 tractor pulls down. The ground is hard, it's
14 packed. The compaction problem does not go
15 away. The drainage problems do not go away,
16 they are there forever.

17 I moved to our current home. I like my
18 privacy. I don't like the idea of someone
19 digging around on my ground, driving around
20 without my permission, because I don't have
21 any use for it. I value my privacy. It is
22 very offensive to me that someone could come
23 on my ground without me giving them that
24 permission. I could go on and on all night,
25 so I'll let somebody else talk.

1 MR. ROBERTSON: I'm Don Robertson from
2 Brown Township, Morgan County. The surveyor
3 has been on my property, and I talked to him.
4 I thought it was a good idea to talk to the
5 surveyor and see if he could arrange for the
6 line to come through a more appropriate place
7 in the field. And he was kind to me, but he
8 won't move the stakes.

9 I want to speak in his behalf. He
10 has -- he's from Oklahoma, and he has Oregon
11 license plates on his pickup truck. And I
12 said, oh, are you from Oregon? He said, no,
13 I'm from Oklahoma, but they got a big sales
14 tax there, and I saved \$7000 by buying my
15 license plates in Oregon. I'm thinking this
16 is the guy I want to talk to.

17 One of the reasons that I discussed
18 that, he couldn't change anything. You know,
19 up until now they have been telling us, oh, we
20 don't know nothing firm. We don't know where
21 it is. We're just getting into that, but when
22 you ask him to change and scoot the line about
23 300 feet on down the field to a more
24 appropriate place, well, we've already pulled
25 all the records of all the property owners,

1 we'd have to go back and do that. And we have
2 done the survey, and so we would have to start
3 over, and so that was his reason.

4 Now, I have to say on the issue of
5 trees, and I have a certified forest also.
6 You don't make a man whole when you cut his
7 walnut trees and give him a 100 bucks for it
8 or whatever.

9 If you get on the Internet, you'll find
10 out that there is some men that can move
11 trees. The Internet -- get on to the place
12 that says tree movers. And in order to make a
13 man whole you don't come in and cut his trees,
14 you move them to another likely spot on his
15 property. That changes the economics quite a
16 bit, but that makes it fair, a lot more fair
17 than making firewood out of a nice walnut
18 tree.

19 MR. BARKER: My name is Mike Barker,
20 B-A-R-K-E-R. I'm a taxpayer, and I'm very
21 opposed to the proposed route. I look at
22 these people, and is Willy Burton here? No, I
23 didn't think so. We didn't bring Mike Duke?
24 I didn't think so. We might not have brought
25 what other people have brought to the last

1 meeting, but I look out here and I see faces
2 of people that want to say no.

3 I sat at home today and explained to my
4 children, eight and 13 that the creek that
5 they play in they won't be able to play in any
6 more, because the federal government wants to
7 bring a pipeline through my land that I have
8 bought for my children to go out and play in
9 the creek.

10 The young lady that spoke about her
11 husband being in Iraq, and they are coming to
12 take his house, his garage, his land. How
13 touching, thank you.

14 Tom Kite? Are you still here, Tom?
15 Tom, it took a lot of nerve to stand back up
16 here after being grilled. I know you have
17 heard the people, and they have voiced their
18 opinions, thank you for expressing those
19 opinions.

20 A lot of you laughed when Tom got the
21 land pushed on him, because of sacrifice. He
22 didn't know that was coming, it blindsided
23 him, too; is that correct, Tom?

24 MR. KITE: Yes.

25 MR. BARKER: He wouldn't have voted for

1 that. I don't know how Mike Duke, or Willy
2 Burton, or the rest of the people in this, but
3 I can bring my children in here our next
4 generation, and say that you are running your
5 pipeline next to my school, why? Is there a
6 real necessity for your pipeline next to this
7 school of our next generation of taxpayers.
8 Are you taking notes? Please, explain that
9 next time we meet, my children will be here.
10 You're taking away what I wanted to give to
11 them. Thank you.

12 MR. BARNETT: I'm Barry Barnett. I'm
13 not sure that there is going to be a next time
14 like Mike just says to bring his children to.
15 This Rockies Mountain Express -- or the
16 Rockies Express Pipeline people or Rex are
17 starting out in a hole with me, the reason why
18 is because of the -- right here, I have it
19 right here, right off their website, public
20 participation and input is an important
21 component of the project. To this end the
22 project hosts several open houses. Well,
23 guess what, 90 percent of these people haven't
24 had their open house. Why would I go to an
25 open house meeting of a pipeline that was

1 being run eight miles from my house, I
2 wouldn't, and you wouldn't either.

3 Then I get a notice a week and a half
4 ago that it is running through my property.
5 The open houses are over with. I couldn't
6 even go to another state and go to an open
7 house. So the Rex people are probably
8 perplexed, why are we having some of these
9 questions we're having tonight? Why do you
10 have to have a gentleman get up on some of the
11 issues and talk, because these people that are
12 here, 90 percent of people have not had the
13 opportunity to deal with a lot of these issues
14 in an open house meeting, they didn't have
15 one. And as I looked at the website there is
16 none coming, there is none coming for them.

17 If I would ask the Rex people why is the
18 pipeline being located where it is being
19 located at, I would assume that they would say
20 because they think that is the best location
21 for the line. They predetermined that, but
22 evidently they made a mistake, or have they
23 made a mistake. They changed the line. Every
24 foot of that pipeline is being run through
25 this county is not running where it was

1 before, every foot has changed. So did they
2 make a mistake? And If they could make one
3 mistake, could they be making another mistake.
4 How are you going to know, if they don't allow
5 these people that are here tonight to have
6 their voice at an open house meeting and state
7 their facts in an open area, not just one on
8 one, so other people can respond to the
9 questions being asked.

10 I have a property, too, and it is part
11 of the certified forest. I don't know how
12 many certified forests they are going through.
13 I live in Blue River Township. And I doubt
14 there is a lot of people here from Blue River
15 Township, because we're the smallest township
16 by size, and not only the smallest, but the
17 smallest school district by size. And besides
18 the fact that that area we have a smaller
19 school district, we had a large percentage of
20 the area of our township that is taken out by
21 the federal government for Camp Atterbury.
22 And besides having Camp Atterbury in our
23 township that limits the amount of people that
24 live in our township. We have the largest
25 assessment of our township that is taken out

1 by the State Department of Natural Resources,
2 between those two, they take a large portion
3 of our township out, approximately 25, 30
4 percent.

5 Now, besides those in our small
6 township, we already have three, count them,
7 three right-of-ways, AT&T lines going through.
8 From my house I can walk one mile one
9 direction and cross two lines. And I can walk
10 one mile the other direction and cross another
11 line.

12 Now, from my perspective speaking for
13 the people who live in the Blue River
14 Township, we have done our share. We have
15 done our share for the good of the country by
16 having Camp Atterbury. We have done our share
17 for the state by having natural resources
18 there. I mean, we've done our share as far as
19 for the good, the whole of having something
20 like telephone lines go through three times,
21 three times across our township. What? We
22 don't have much left to give. What we got
23 left to give, they want for this pipeline.
24 They want for this pipeline.

25 So, you know, one of the gentleman

1 talked about with the other pipeline that the
2 issue was with the Texas Eastern, and not
3 owning up to their part of the agreement after
4 they have come through, they're gone. And I'm
5 just letting the Rex people know right from
6 the start now you are already in the hole,
7 because you tell me you want public input and
8 you want to have community meetings, and we
9 haven't had ours, thank you.

10 MR. ALDRICH: My name is Jerry Aldrich,
11 Johnson county, north Union Township, a mile
12 east of Morgan county. I'm very concerned
13 about my tiles, which has already been talked
14 about. My ground is brookston and dark soil.
15 Here a few years ago it averaged 213 bushels a
16 day to the FAC office yields. And if this
17 tile goes through, where they've got it going
18 through it will tear up those tiles. My
19 shallowest tile will be impacted. I don't
20 know where all the old tile is, but it's all
21 working. I work very diligently to keep that
22 going, it cuts right across the farm.

23 I mean, it is something that you have to
24 work at every year to keep it draining right,
25 because brookston soil is lomas is poorly

1 drain to start with. My tiles vary from 14 to
2 18 inches to possibly four feet. And it's a
3 major undertaking. I can't emphasize it too
4 much to keep it working, and that's an
5 environmental -- to keep my yields up that
6 tile has to be kept working. And if it's not,
7 what am I going to get down to a 100 bushels
8 instead of 200?

9 And another concern I have that wasn't
10 brought up here. I'm 68 years old, and I've
11 been on the farm there for 40-some-years now,
12 and we have had three earthquakes that I know
13 of. One of them I was writing a letter at the
14 table, and my girls were wiggling the table,
15 and finally I looked up and said, girls, sit
16 still, I'm trying to write this letter. Well,
17 that tremor lasted, I'm going to say
18 20-some-seconds. It cracked our chimney of
19 the house there, and some of the brick on the
20 house. And where this pipeline goes they got
21 a bend in it right across the road there
22 almost on the road, it turns back to the
23 southeast. I'm very concerned about something
24 happening to that, or a gas leak.

25 There was a picture in the Farm Week, I

1 don't know how many years ago, between New
2 Castle and east of Greenfield there, and
3 somebody was using a trencher and it come up
4 on that pipeline and it chewed on it for just
5 a little while. Then they went away and left
6 it, and it did not blow up. But they had a
7 picture in there about three weeks later it
8 blew up and left a crater 35 feet deep, and
9 100 feet maybe across. I don't know, it was a
10 monstrous hole.

11 And where they are moving it to -- the
12 first proposed line, where they are moving it
13 to is two or three, four miles, I'm not even
14 sure of that. I didn't come here to speak
15 tonight, but that was development ground and a
16 major developer down there got with the
17 commissioners and senators, and got them to
18 move it south -- where he's moving it to. And
19 I'm not saying he moved it, I don't know, but
20 it moved anyway. But anyway that ground that
21 it's going through now in 10 years will be the
22 same thing that he moved it from, it's
23 development ground.

24 What I'm proposing that it go north of
25 Indianapolis through some grounds somewhere

1 that is going to be farm grounds 75 years from
2 today, not 10 years. I know when you say,
3 okay, it doesn't have houses on it right now,
4 I guess within 10 years it will have. And
5 there we got a -- I call it an extra large
6 pipeline or a monstrous pipeline. It's not
7 your average pipeline. I know that the
8 pressure is there at the pumping station, I
9 think 1200 pounds per square inch, and they
10 hope to maintain 900 pounds throughout the
11 line. And also that pipe, 42 inches, it's
12 just like a big tank of gas, it actually
13 stores gas. It's not just a small pipeline.
14 It's a big pipeline. Ten years from today
15 they will be building houses just like they
16 were five miles north of us right now, and
17 there is all these people are going to be
18 there, and you've got a dangerous pipeline
19 where there will be things waiting to happen.

20 I'd just like to see it moved north to
21 where it's going to be farm ground 50, 75, 100
22 years from today, not 10 years. And if it
23 doesn't move, it's just an accident waiting to
24 happen, where if there is thousands of people
25 in a close proximity to wherever that accident

1 would happen, and with people involved in it
2 sooner or later it will happen.

3 I definitely would want to see it moved
4 to a place like that. I'm sure that if I had
5 the maps and that, and the assets that the
6 pipeline people have that they could snake it
7 away from out west to east where they're going
8 on agricultural lands that's not going to be
9 developed, or doesn't have the environmental
10 concerns like this land over here does.

11 So I just wish they would take another
12 look at it. Thank you.

13 MR. JUSTICE: This is Bruce Justice
14 again. I'd like to address something that was
15 asked earlier about something that is
16 comparable with what we're going through here.
17 I mean, the only thing that I can think of is
18 the Alaskan pipeline that my wife and I talked
19 about earlier this evening. And what kind of
20 the longevity that it had. I don't the dates,
21 but she kind of pinned the time down to the
22 time that she thought about going there and
23 working on the Alaskan pipeline somewhere
24 about 30 years, and it shut down because of
25 problems with it already.

1 When you talk about you're trying to
2 reassure people 75 to 100 years, I mean that's
3 not true, especially when the man just said,
4 is that in a place where development is just
5 booming. I mean, it's just closer to them
6 right now, and the area where my mother-in-law
7 lives is the next stage. It is prime real
8 estate property, and it is a concern. Thank
9 you.

10 UNKNOWN PERSON: I don't want to say
11 anything, I just want to untangle this line.
12 Can you all hear me? I own land in Morgan
13 county. I got some neighbors here who do too.
14 I own land in Green county that is 65 miles
15 south of there, and they are doing wells down
16 there, gas wells, one after another. It is
17 straight east to St. Louis. Why don't you
18 just go straight east over there and hook all
19 them lines, and go wherever it is going.

20 If you cross my farm out there in Brown
21 township, and I might have this man your
22 neighbor do this work for me, he did it one
23 before, put in a -- out a division, and we got
24 a lot of money in this. This land will be
25 even better to develop now. We're under a

1 plan to do it right now, 600 acres there, and
2 they're going to go three quarters of a mile
3 across. I think I'll go to Green county.

4 MR. HAMMER: Thank you. Is there
5 anybody else that would like to speak in the
6 last few minutes that we can allow for
7 comments?

8 MR. DEHART: Could you reach the mike
9 for me? Thank you. Two or three comments.
10 I'm Joe Dehart D-E-H-A-R-T. I understood from
11 one of the people that was out there looking
12 at my parcel of land that this was going to be
13 an inch thick. I believe I heard a half inch
14 tonight. Now, can we confirm that one way or
15 the other? Okay. Maybe at the next meeting
16 we can confirm that.

17 MS. WEARLY: Approximately one-half
18 inch.

19 MR. DEHART: Approximately one-half
20 inch. That means it could be less than a half
21 of an inch. Folks, I have been around Jerry
22 since he was six or eight, and I'm a little
23 older than Jerry. I can remember when I saw
24 that big fireball go up that night when that
25 gas line blew up. I remember that. It had

1 quite an impact on me. It looked like it was
2 just a mile or two away, it was 30 or 40 miles
3 away. Things do go wrong. When humans put
4 their fingers on something, it can go wrong,
5 believe me, and you're going to have a lot of
6 people dealing with this line from the people
7 that make the steel from the people that lay
8 it, and weld it, to the people that impact the
9 dirt, so it's pretty scary to me to have
10 something like that fairly close to my
11 residence.

12 Now, the other end that I heard tonight
13 I believe Steve mentioned it, we got an
14 interstate systems, they got beaucoup
15 right-of-way up through there. If you could
16 move it over to the outside edge of that and
17 go down the interstate. You're hurting all
18 America, because we all own that interstate.
19 We will share in this, consider that.

20 And the other thing that I would like to
21 see you do if you do come across my property,
22 I would like to see you go 15 feet deep or so,
23 so we don't ever have to worry about getting
24 into it with a backhoe or tile ditch, because
25 some of our lines are 40 to 48 inches deep,

1 and that's getting too close to it. And too
2 easy to puncture a hole through a half-inch
3 line.

4 So that's approximately one-half inches.
5 It's a scary thing to have a line fairly close
6 to you knowing that it might -- maybe not this
7 year, maybe not five years from now, 20 years
8 from now my grand kids get blown up because
9 they happen to be in a facility close to this
10 line that leaks, and then it seeps through the
11 soil and it catches a spark somewhere and away
12 we go. So moving it to another location. I
13 don't want to see any farmer have to suffer,
14 but the interstate system seems good to me
15 even a state road that is straight if you
16 don't have all those jogs and curves, and take
17 it more to a general location.

18 One other thing, and then I'll shut up.
19 Does this benefit Johnson county or Morgan
20 county or Shelby county or any of these
21 counties in this area? How do we benefit from
22 this? Does a better outlet here mean that we
23 receive cheaper gas because this is being
24 transported a simpler way? How do we benefit
25 from this, or are we just a matter of passage

1 from the west coast to the east coast and we
2 just happen to be in the middle? Do we
3 benefit from this? Can somebody answer that
4 question? Maybe we'll answer that one at the
5 next meeting. Thanks a lot.

6 MR. HAMMER: Any others?

7 UNKNOWN PERSON: Yes, sir. I just have
8 one question for you folks. Can you guarantee
9 us in the future it will only be natural gas
10 that goes through this line, that 10 years
11 down the road that it could not be gasoline,
12 crude oil, toxic waste? Can you tell us
13 tonight that it will only be natural gas only?

14 MS. LYKENS: Well, the answer, the
15 commission's certificate indicates it will
16 only authorize gas, natural gas to flow
17 through the pipeline. However, the company
18 may try to negotiate multi-use so that is the
19 answer.

20 MS. KASTING: Lane Kasting,
21 K-A-S-T-I-N-G. This is my mother, and she has
22 lived on a farm, a family farm for 60, almost
23 over 62 years. And we heard people talk about
24 development, and we've heard people talk about
25 farm ground, not wanting it on their ground.

1 We heard Mr. Garrett talk about the problems
2 that they have had with drainage, compacting
3 of the soil. And so there is no -- we talked
4 about alternative routes and what we would
5 support, but we were also upset about coming
6 tonight and trying to talk to the people and
7 see the maps. The maps were not available.
8 There was confusion. There was not
9 information to the people here. The public
10 meetings that were held, this is the first
11 meeting that my mother learned about.

12 We commend people for the website that
13 they have, rerouterex, again, that information
14 was only available tonight. So we support
15 those who are going against this.

16 Again, it is not good for development.
17 It's not good for farmers. My mother wants to
18 keep the farm as a family farm. There's four
19 generations on there, and we want to continue
20 that having the family be able to live there
21 in a safe environment.

22 The Texas pipeline that is in the north
23 its proposed route, the pipeline is in the
24 south, so she's sandwiched in between that.
25 And even at her age, she's not going to

1 live -- even at 85, she's not going to live
2 forever, but she still wants to be able to
3 live her life in safety there on the farm.
4 Thank you.

5 UNKNOWN PERSON: I have a comment for
6 people that are out here. You wanted to know
7 why your representatives weren't here, they
8 weren't informed. That's one of the comments
9 I was going to make. Why is it that our State
10 Representative, Richard Bray's office wasn't
11 notified? Foley's office wasn't notified.
12 Our county commissioner in Morgan county
13 wasn't notified, because I talked to the
14 commissioner this morning. He called me. If
15 I hadn't told him, they might -- they would
16 have sent somebody, but they didn't know about
17 the meeting. And I think our representatives
18 from all of these counties should be notified,
19 so they can know what is going on in their
20 state. I mean they were voted by our people.
21 For me to call them last week, and they called
22 me back, I'm sorry, we didn't know about the
23 meeting, but they each one had a couple of
24 appointments that they already made for
25 tonight. So they were -- they were informed,

1 I will tell you that, because I talked to them
2 all personally. Richard Bray, Foley's office,
3 and the commissioners in our county have other
4 things. I don't know about Johnson county,
5 but I believe my comment is, notify our public
6 officials, please.

7 MR. RUGE: My name is Tom Ruge R-U-G-E.
8 I live in Monroe county -- township, Morgan
9 County. I don't think that I'm directly
10 affected by the pipeline in my property, but
11 since there have been some changes recently to
12 the location, and since the only thing I could
13 find on the Internet was not very specific,
14 I'm not sure about that. But I'm also an
15 attorney, I have been asked to come here and
16 listen to what is going on, on behalf of some
17 of the people who oppose this. I wasn't going
18 to speak, I'm just getting up to speed. But
19 one point, a theme that we have heard through
20 here that people have concerns about the
21 process. I have some real concerns about the
22 this process. We know that it's the Kinder
23 Morgan people or the Rex people, do we have
24 the people who are actually doing this here?

25 MS. LYKENS: Yes.

1 MR. RUGE: You're a multibillion-dollar
2 company, and you've hired probably the best
3 engineers and the best consulting firm for
4 environmental purposes that are available.
5 I'm sure that you have all the expertise in
6 the world. So you have developed your own
7 maps. You have your aerial views. You know
8 all the other easements that crisscross. You
9 know where the railroads are. You know the
10 ones that have been abandoned, and you know
11 where the highways are, and you made a
12 decision to put the pipeline where you decided
13 to put it, but you haven't shared that
14 information with anybody here or okay with the
15 public. If you really wanted to get public
16 input, and it's obvious that we have well
17 intended people, smart people, who they might
18 be able to bring up points, but you're just
19 thinking about this that you have made the
20 correct decision. But the disclosure to me is
21 one of the key things that has been
22 inadequate. We don't know what is going on.
23 I know you said it is preliminary. But really
24 we know you've spent millions of dollars to
25 get this thing put together up to this point,

1 and you should let us know that, and give us
2 an opportunity to comment on it specifically.

3 What alternatives did you consider, all
4 that should be out in the open, so we can talk
5 about this. It hasn't been timely.

6 We really have not -- we have two weeks
7 to do written comments, and the people who
8 have done the studies have had months and
9 months on this and they're engineers. It's
10 not enough to find out today for the first
11 time that the route has been changed, and then
12 come up with good comments in two weeks. It
13 is an inadequate amount of time, it is not
14 timely.

15 I don't think you're prepared for the
16 number of people here today. The idea that
17 you won't answer questions except one by one,
18 and we've got 200 people here, and you're
19 going to answer their questions one by one.
20 It's an inadequate process. It has given the
21 people -- and I'm not saying this to scold
22 anybody. It affects the process. It hurts
23 your creditability. It is in effect you're
24 saying to the people here, we don't really
25 want your informed comments. You know, it's

1 bordering on insulting, and it certainly
2 undermines, and it demonstrates a lack of
3 respect of people. So let's come forward and
4 let's be more forthright, and let's take a
5 little bit more time to give people an
6 opportunity to see the work that you have done
7 and have some real opportunity for people to
8 comment. Thank you.

9 MS. LYKENS: I'd just like to address
10 what this gentleman just said about the
11 proposed comments here today. I did state
12 earlier in my opening remarks that we gauge
13 early in our initial comment period, we did
14 put that date as the 28th or 29th of
15 September, but I also said, we are in
16 prefiling, and we will continue to receive
17 your comments, and encourage you to continue
18 commenting throughout this entire process.

19 You will have opportunities not only
20 now, but if and when Rockies Express does file
21 an application next spring, you'll have every
22 chance to be involved in a more official
23 level, and really be involved in the
24 proceedings. But right now, FERC doesn't even
25 have the maps. We have the same questions you

1 have, and we are so early in the process, we
2 just wanted to get you involved now, so you
3 will be aware of what is going on, so you can
4 be involved. The whole idea behind this
5 meeting and the open houses is so everyone can
6 engage in communication, and talk to each
7 other, so we know what the issues are.

8 I really appreciate that you did come
9 out tonight, and you did tell us what your
10 issues and concerns are, because we are going
11 to take this back to the Regulatory
12 Commission, and put it up on the website, so
13 everyone can see it, and everyone can know
14 what concerns of the county, and all the other
15 counties affected by this project.

16 So I sincerely thank each and every one
17 of you for coming out tonight. This process
18 is hard to be involved in, but I just want to
19 let everyone know that we were listening and
20 will take it back to Washington. The Rockies
21 Express is going to do, I hope, every effort
22 to address the issues that have been raised
23 tonight.

24 So thank you for coming out tonight, and
25 let the record show that this meeting is

1 adjourned, it is about 9:10 p.m.. Thank you.

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6 REGULATORY COMMISSION in the Matter of Kinder
7 Morgan Pipeline Company Rockies Express
8 Pipeline.

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13 Greenwood, Indiana 46142

14 Date: September 12, 2006

15 Were held as herein appears, and that this is
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