

BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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ROCKIES EXPRESS PIPELINE : CP07-208-000
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Moderator - Laura Turner - FERC

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(7:15 p.m.)

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3 MS. TURNER: I'd like to thank you all for coming
4 out tonight for what is a dark and stormy night. My name is
5 Laura Turner. I'm with the Federal Energy Regulatory
6 Commission. I'm the environmental project manager who is
7 responsible for this document. At this time we've got three
8 teams out. We've got other teams in Indiana and Ohio and
9 we're holding nine comment meetings to get your input on
10 this document. With me tonight are members of our
11 environmental contractor who's helped us with this document,
12 ICF. We have up here with me Michelle Moser and at the back
13 table we have Melissa Pauley and also back there is -- up
14 here is Ellen St. Onge (ph), who is with FERC. And also
15 with me is Karen Butler who is with the U.S. Department of
16 Transportation.

17 In case any of you are not familiar with the
18 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or FERC, we're a
19 relatively small federal agency, an independent regulatory
20 agency that regulates interstate transmission of
21 electricity, natural gas and oil. We are responsible for
22 reviewing the applications that various companies submit to
23 us. We authorize them. We have, with natural gas, the
24 siting authority for the pipelines. We're located in
25 Washington, D.C. We have five commissioners who are

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1 appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. We
2 are the lead agency for the National Environmental Policy
3 Act and that is principally what the group I'm with does.
4 That's all we do is the environmental review of these
5 documents on these projects.

6 For this project, in particular, we have other
7 federal and state agencies that are helping us write the
8 document. One of which is the Illinois Department of
9 Agriculture. We also have the Army Corps of Engineers, the
10 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Natural Resource
11 Conservation Service. The purpose of this meeting is to
12 provide each of you with the opportunity to give us your
13 comments on the draft document. After we've given everybody
14 a chance to speak, we'll open it up for questions. We may
15 not be able to answer your questions. If we can't answer
16 them at this time, we'll tell you that and we will respond
17 to it in the document when it comes out in final.

18 We're here tonight to learn from you. It will
19 help us the most if your comments are specific regarding the
20 project and the draft EIS. If you wish to speak tonight to
21 give comments, would you please sign up on the speakers
22 list, which is either at the side of the room or the back of
23 the room or now all at the side of the room. Once we get
24 your comments, we'll take them, see what more information we
25 have to gather, see what needs to be changed. This document

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1 is a draft. It can be changed and it will eventually be
2 issued as a final document. I would encourage you that if
3 there's something about the document you like to tell us
4 about it. If there's something you don't like, tell us
5 about it. If you think something is missing or needs to be
6 expanded on, tell us about it. The comment period for this
7 document ends this coming Monday, the 14th, so we need you
8 to get your comments in quickly. Besides speaking tonight,
9 you can still send in comments, use our e-Subscribe and do
10 them electronically, mail them. There are any number of
11 ways of doing it.

12 If you received a copy of the draft, you will get
13 a copy of the final. If you didn't get a copy of the draft,
14 but want one, we have a sign-up sheet for that also. The
15 purpose of this EIS is not to be a decisional document.
16 This document is not to say this project should be built or
17 should not be built. It's purpose is to say if this project
18 is built, these are what the impacts are. And this document
19 is given to both the public and to our commissioners, and
20 our commissioners will look at it and say we believe that
21 these impacts are acceptable with conditions or not
22 acceptable or are acceptable with no conditions. Our job is
23 to make sure that we have the proper conditions on this
24 document that we give to our commissioners.

25 I would also like to point out that there are

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1 various members of Rockies Express who were out in the outer
2 lobby there who will be available to answer your questions
3 after the meeting.

4 How the meeting works? We will call people who
5 have signed up to come up to this front podium and we want
6 you to give your name so that the court reporter can get it.
7 It's very important that the court reporter is able to get
8 your comments down so that we can go back, when we're
9 working on the document, and have a true sense of what it
10 was you were discussing. I think now I'll turn the mike
11 over to Karen Butler and she can give a brief overview of
12 what her role is in this project.

13 MS. BUTLER: Good evening. I'm Karen Butler. I
14 work for the U.S. Department of Transportation. The agency
15 out of the department that I represent is the Pipeline and
16 Hazardous Material Safety Administration. That's PHMSA.
17 It's also known as the Office of Pipeline Safety. If this
18 gets to be too burdensome, I'm going to move further out
19 there so you can hear.

20 I would like to thank FERC for inviting OPS or
21 PHMSA to this scoping session, and as the Office of Pipeline
22 Safety always in cooperation with our state partners, we
23 maintain regulatory oversight over the safety of the
24 pipelines. This regulatory oversight includes inspections
25 to ensure that the pipeline is constructed out of suitable

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1 materials, that it is welded in accordance with industry
2 standards, that the welders themselves are qualified to join
3 the pipeline, that the pipeline is installed at the proper
4 depth and that it is protected from external corrosion as
5 well as the fact that the backfill is suitable and is
6 properly tested, the pipeline is properly tested upon
7 completion.

8 Beyond the construction process, inspections will
9 be performed periodically, covering all aspects of what is
10 regulated under 49 CFR Part 192 regarding operations and
11 maintenance of the pipeline. The operator must establish
12 comprehensive written procedure describing the types and
13 frequency of monitoring to ensure the continued safe
14 operation of the pipeline. The monitoring that an operator
15 must perform includes the adequacy of corrosion prevention
16 system, the operability of the pipe valves and pressure
17 control equipment, controls of the rights-of-way and leak
18 detection service.

19 Beyond routine monitoring that we've done for
20 decades with different pipelines across the nation, pipeline
21 safety regulations now require operations of transmission
22 pipelines to implement integrity management programs. Gas
23 transmission, pipeline integrity management programs require
24 periodic assessments of transmission pipelines in highly
25 populated areas. These assessments provide a comprehensive

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1 understanding of the pipeline condition and the associated
2 risks. In-line inspection tools, frequently referred to ILI
3 inspections or smart pig runs, provide detail information
4 about pipe conditions. During an ILI inspection, sensors
5 and computers are sent through the pipeline. These devices
6 can indicate if the pipe has been deformed or there are
7 changes in wall thickness during construction or after
8 construction. By analyzing that data collected during end
9 line inspections, operators can locate and repair areas of
10 the pipeline that may have been dented or damaged during
11 construction or again, as after construction. Integrity
12 management programs require operators to protect and correct
13 damage to their pipeline in highly populated areas before
14 the damage results in a leak.

15 Another issue relative to this meeting is
16 operator public awareness programs. The goals of these
17 programs are to improve awareness of pipelines throughout
18 the nation. Operators must communicate pipeline safety
19 information to the public along the pipeline right-of-way
20 with emergency responders, local public officials and
21 excavators. Public awareness programs are emphasizing the
22 importance of notifying one-call systems prior to
23 excavating. These notifications will allow all
24 participating utility owners, including pipeline operators,
25 to mark the location of their facilities and monitor the

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1 excavation to help ensure the facilities are not damaged.

2 Another key message for these stakeholder
3 audiences includes how to recognize a pipeline emergency,
4 how to respond appropriately and how to report the potential
5 emergency to aid in rapid response by both the pipeline
6 operator and the community emergency officials. The testing
7 and programs described previously, including some operator
8 qualification requirements provide a brief overview of the
9 steps taken by the Office of Pipeline Safety and our state
10 partners to ensure the safe transportation of natural gas.
11 If inspections determine that procedures are not adequate or
12 that an operator is not following their procedure, OPS is
13 authorized to seek punitive action in the form of remedial
14 action, civil penalties and even criminal action. Congress
15 grants OPS this enforcement authority and OPS is responsible
16 to Congress for execution of its mandates.

17 Safety is our primary mission. We
18 understand how important that mission is to you and your
19 communities and the communities across this nation. Thank
20 you.

21 MS. TURNER: Thank you, Karen. Now, we'll
22 get to the most important part of this meeting where we hear
23 from you what comments you have on the document. You'll be
24 called up one by one, and if you'll come to the podium,
25 state your name. We only have four people signed up and

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1 after we get through that we'll ask if anybody else wants to
2 speak. And if nobody else wants to give comment, then we'll
3 go to Question & Answer, okay.

4 MR. BIRD: Hello. My name is Bruce Bird from the
5 Macon County Highway Department. The spelling of my name is
6 B-R-U-C-E B-I-R-D. I'm here tonight basically to mirror
7 the comments that have been e-filed on the draft EIS. The
8 concerns that Macon County has with the alignment of the
9 pipeline -- not necessarily the pipeline itself -- we have
10 existing route study ongoing called "The Southeast Beltway."
11 It would surround the south and east side of Decatur where
12 the alignment of the beltway especially runs south and east
13 side of the Village of Mt. Sinai, it conflicts with four
14 different places you've proposed alignment of the pipeline
15 line. And our stance has been every since we found out
16 about the pipeline is, in order to reduce environmental
17 impacts and impacts on future development in the Village of
18 Mt. Sinai, especially interested in that we coordinate these
19 two alignments, basically, run them side-by-side.

20 On the draft EIS that was sent out and presented,
21 the alignment that was shown in the draft EIS in this area
22 did not show any coordination. As a result of that, on
23 December 13th, the Macon County Board passed a resolution
24 and passed unanimously to oppose the alignment and also
25 attempt to work out with REX and FERC a way to coordinate

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1 the alignments. Like I said, the copy of the resolution,
2 which I have here, there's a copy of the cover letter in
3 with that and also a copy of the map that was e-filed last
4 week and is part of the comment record there. So I just
5 wanted to basically let that be known also. If there's any
6 particular questions that anybody had, I'd be willing to
7 answer those at this time.

8 MS. TURNER: I read your comments and we
9 understand what it is you're saying. I think maybe after
10 the meeting we may want to talk to you a little more about
11 it.

12 MR. BIRD: I should mention that we have a
13 meeting scheduled this Thursday with REX. They said they
14 wanted to at least meet to try to come to an agreement. We
15 agreed we would do that.

16 MS. TURNER: I know I said I would take
17 questions, but this links on something that if people are
18 dealing with REX and they come to an agreement with a group
19 that they like or if they have come up with a reroute and
20 REX says we don't like it, I would encourage you to file
21 that reroute with us and explain why you want this reroute
22 and what the benefits of it are. I'm not saying REX isn't
23 going to file it, but sometimes things don't get in, in a
24 timely manner, and we want to make sure that we're covering
25 all of your concerns.

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1 MR. BIRD: Thank you.

2 MS. MOSER: Our next speaker will be Steve Brown.

3 MR. BROWN: Steve Brown, S-T-E-V-E B-R-O-W-N.

4 I'm a landowner and my concern is with all the negative
5 impact it's going to have on the timber ground and the
6 wildlife and the groundwater, why they have to take the
7 extra feet in order to put a pipeline in because they want
8 to use the big equipment. It's not my choice to be using
9 this big equipment. They want to destroy my timber ground
10 just so they can put a pipeline in. That was my concern
11 about why they've got to take so much of the timber ground,
12 to destroy it, which they said it would not regenerate on
13 its own for 30 years we've got big tree's now that I enjoy
14 looking it.

15 MS. TURNER: May I ask you a question? On your
16 property, how much area are you saying is lost?

17 MR. BROWN: 175 feet, about 8 miles long.

18 MS. TURNER: It's information like that, if we
19 know -- if we can find your property and see what the width
20 is that we're discussing.

21 MR. BROWN: I have a map with me.

22 MS. TURNER: With you?

23 MR. BROWN: I sure do.

24 MS. TURNER: Great.

25 MR. BROWN: I met with their engineers and they

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1 said the reason why -- because of the rough terrain is why
2 they've got to tear up so much to put a pipeline in. They
3 would have had to tear up another 50 feet, tear up another 4
4 acres extra just to put the pipe in and that's my concern,
5 you know, the erosion and stuff. Once you tear up the tree,
6 you're going to have erosion on the hillside and stuff.

7 MS. MOSER: The next speaker is Andy Boston.

8 MR. BOSTON: I want to speak so you can hear
9 what's happened so far. I have about four different
10 concerns about Express here. -- prime land, prime soil or
11 non-prime soil, but my main concern is the depth of the pipe
12 in order to make the land farmable and think you probably --
13 in the future that pipeline needs to be down about 5 feet so
14 we won't have problems trying to put in a plow. Sometimes
15 it will happen slow and it will be 3 feet deep and so it
16 could some major problems there. The power line has to be
17 the same depth as the pipeline you've got a problem. So I
18 don't see where it makes no difference whether it's
19 pastureland or non-prime land or whether it's brush or
20 wooded land. Some of that's probably going to be bulldozed
21 off and it will be farmland. So it can be that texture
22 today, it's going to be farmland next year. So I don't see
23 where we it makes a difference what the use of the land is
24 at this point, whether the level is 3-feet deep or 5 feet
25 deep, it could be 5 feet all the all the way across and I

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1 don't think the difference of what the soil is being used
2 for or the type of soil it is. It shouldn't make any
3 difference at all about the depth of the pipeline. The farm
4 where I was raised -- my brother still farms it -- that's
5 about a mile away. I saw what that did and that's not very
6 pretty. I mean I don't want that to happen. So that's
7 still in the memory of both of us. That looked like a
8 moonscape -- it burned everything, and that's one reason not
9 to have it all the way through there.

10 The pipeline should not be in the middle of the -
11 - I do not understand that and what the justification is for
12 offsetting it from the middle of the easement, the permit
13 easement. Why is it in the middle all the way through? Is
14 that so they can put another pipeline in at a later date? I
15 don't understand the reason for that. I don't see the
16 justification for offsetting there when they're not that
17 close to the front of our property and this one is going to
18 be far enough away that it should never be a problem, at
19 least on our farm anyway. I don't understand that part of
20 it either. I think it should always be in the middle. That
21 could be easily done, I think. The fact that there's,
22 I think the tiles and the crops should be monitored, I
23 think, the next five years because if we have dry weather
24 like we had this year. It may take two or three years
25 before we get that soil moisture back with the dew, you

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1 know, whether they're going to work it right or not. So if
2 we have it two or three years from now and find we got a
3 problem we didn't know we didn't have enough moisture for
4 the plows to run and we're going to be left hanging the way
5 things are now. I think there should be some liability or
6 accountability here for, say, five years out just in case of
7 property damage that might show up because of the weather or
8 the environment that might show up next year or the year
9 after that. Thank you.

10 MS. MOSER: The next speaker will be Doug
11 Crawford.

12 MR. CRAWFORD: My name is Doug Crawford of
13 Kincaid, Illinois. I represent my mother and her family and
14 we have concerns regarding the damages which are going --
15 which our property is going to incur as REX lays its
16 pipeline through our property of eastern Sangamon County.
17 Our property is joined with South Fork River where the
18 pipeline is planned to be laid across the river. I'm not
19 exactly sure what method they're going to use for a trench
20 or whatever, but we're right on the border. We have
21 property on both sides of the river. Our acreage that is
22 going to be affected is not a large amount. We own 22 acres
23 out there. We believe that the project is going to change
24 our land forever. We have trees that -- I'm not a tree
25 expert -- but they have trunks in excess of 2 to 3 feet in

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1 diameter. I've been told by many people they're very old
2 oak trees, sycamores, elms, ash. I've spoken with REX's
3 representatives. Got to know a couple of them fairly well,
4 expressed my concerns that they need to keep their damages
5 to a minimum. The plans that I've reviewed that they've
6 provided to our family show places 180-foot beyond the
7 working easement. I expressed my concerns about that. I
8 think that if the government has a voice in this they should
9 help represent the small landowner like my family to keep
10 the damage to our property to a minimum.

11 We're trying to work with REX, but we ought to be
12 able to work something out when we're not happy with the
13 damages. But I think my comments here ought to be on the
14 record. We hate to see our land torn up. We hate to lose
15 all the timber and we have younger woods grow, 30-year-old
16 oak trees. We have a nice little stand of those. They're
17 all going to be gone forever. I had to move a family cabin
18 that we have out there. It's got to all be moved. I can
19 deal with all that, but I'm really not happy that plans are
20 going far beyond any 60-foot working easement and some of
21 the reasons given to me are simply not acceptable. So for
22 whatever it's worth, I want my comments to go into the
23 record that I don't believe that their plans are having the
24 least impact on the environment out there that they could
25 have. So that's my point. Thank you.

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1 MS. MOSER: You had said South Fork River? I
2 just wanted to confirm that was the South Fork River.

3 MR. CRAWFORD: The South Fork of the Sangamon
4 River on the eastern border of Sangamon County.

5 MS. MOSER: At this point that's all the speakers
6 that have signed up, but if anyone else would like to speak,
7 if you could please raise your hand, I'd be happy to call on
8 you. Thank you.

9 MS. MYERS: My name is Joan Myers, J-O-A-N M-Y-
10 E-R-S. And question is, will there be any soil heating
11 downstream from the compressor station, since we will be
12 close to the compressor station, I'm wondering if there will
13 be any soil heating?

14 MS. TURNER: Well, from an engineering point of
15 view, and I'm a geologist, I believe there normally is some
16 heating of the soil, yes. It's a mixed blessing. Things
17 germinate faster over them, but it also dries the soil a lot
18 faster. It usually doesn't extend very far, but yes, and
19 that's something that I think we need to discuss more in our
20 final document.

21 MS. MYERS: My other question is, the amount of
22 land they want to take is beyond what FERC had said, 125
23 feet, there wanting a lot of excess land. I believe that's
24 all I have.

25 MS. MOSER: Thank you. Thank you very much.

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1 I believe there was another hand.

2 MR. MIDIRI: My name is Louie Midiri, L-O-U-I-E
3 M-I-D-I-R-I and I have two questions. I'll just ask one now
4 and then sit down and if there is time, I'll ask the second
5 one. My first question is the integrity management along
6 with the typical operational monitoring systems of the
7 valves of pressure stations, I'd like to know how would that
8 be done and what is being included in the installation that
9 will prevent criminal, terrorist activities -- criminal
10 activities?

11 MS. BUTLER: There are some special provisions
12 for Rockies Express in the waiver and some of those special
13 provisions require activation that typically are not there
14 on a pipeline. In addition to that there's going to be some
15 smart pigging, which is not always required. They have
16 other options. But in addition to hypostatic testing, there
17 will be smart pigging and combined on the data, they will be
18 looking for high-risk factors. So there are some specifics
19 that Rockies must address. The remote valves assist with
20 the terrorist concerns, in that should there be an event it
21 helps with quick shutdown in isolation.

22 MR. MIDIRI: Well, those be fiber or wireless
23 satellite or wi-fi type transmission systems?

24 MS. BUTLER: (Off mic) I can't tell you the
25 method of communication, but typically they will have more

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1 than one communication system, because it's to their
2 benefit, the safety of the pipeline, so typically they will
3 use one method, satellite, and have a backup of some type
4 of fiber. We can ask specifically of Rockies afterwards.

5 I believe there are some people here that can
6 specifically answer that question.

7 MR. MIDIRI: Thank you.

8 MS. TURNER: Is there anyone else that wanted to
9 ask a question?

10 MR. McLLELAN: My name is Forest McLlelan. We
11 have some farm party in Sangamon County that's affected by
12 the pipeline and I've got some general questions in regards
13 to the installation and construction standpoint. One of the
14 questions I had, and I did express this concern to the
15 Rockies Express people. What happens to the areas where
16 they have fuel spills or fuel and oil in the work areas, in
17 the staging areas. We're focusing on the digging of the
18 pipeline, but what about the soil contamination in the
19 secondary areas? How is that being addressed?

20 MS. TURNER: They are required to have a plan in
21 place and equipment to contain spills like that. The plan
22 tells them what steps they have to take. Depending on the
23 size of the spill it may be a matter of just digging it up,
24 putting it in a barrel and then taking the barrel to the
25 appropriate place. If it's a larger spill, they may need to

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1 do more remediation work. But there will be a plan in place
2 and that's one of the things that we look at. We will be
3 doing inspections if this project is built. Rockies has
4 agreed to furnish us with monitors who would be out here at
5 all times and then we would come out at various times and
6 also inspect, and that's one of the things we look for.

7 Now, there are other agencies like DOT and the
8 Corps and some of these other agencies, they'll also be out
9 looking at the pipeline as it's being built.

10 MR. MCLLELAN: The people you refer to are they
11 government employees or are they employees for Rockies
12 Express.

13 MS. TURNER: The monitors -- they report only to
14 us. And if we find out they're reporting to Rockies and not
15 to us, then we will find new monitors.

16 MR. MCLLELAN: Another question that I had was in
17 regard to the top cover in two different scenarios. One of
18 the statements in the draft that I read said that the top
19 cover would be the same as paralleling pipeline. Panhandle
20 has a pipeline out there. If it was within 100 feet I think
21 it was. Now, I don't know that that's an issue on our
22 property, but that's something that jumped out at me when I
23 read that statement. What's the logic in that? Because to
24 have a pipeline less than 3 feet under the surface invites
25 impact damage from farm equipment where we're farming 15, 18

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1 inches deep with soil rippers and then you get slippage on
2 the tires. We've had neighbors who have hit pipes that are
3 only 2 foot under the ground.

4 MS. TURNER: I was quoting what Rockies said. We
5 have made a recommendation that the pipe be buried deeper,
6 even if it is. So we're -- that's one of the things we
7 wanted to get feedback from the public on, whether or not
8 they agree that it should be buried deeper and our main
9 concern is not -- since we're not the agency that's in
10 charge of the safety, we're looking at the environmental
11 impacts and particularly with the drain tiles and where the
12 drain tiles are relative and in this area they're relatively
13 deep. So that was the main reason that we put the condition
14 in because of the drain tiles.

15 MR. MCLLELAN: The other thing -- two other
16 things while I'm up here. A statement that if they
17 encounter gravel in the subsoil or a leak 100 or 200
18 continuous feet that they could lay that pipe 24 inches
19 above the surface. And again, that was a red flag when we
20 saw that. Is that no longer an issue?

21 MS. BUTLER: I'm not sure when that statement was
22 made and I will look into that. In the waiver there's a
23 definite requirement that says the soil cover must be a
24 minimum of 36 inches except in certain areas. But in any
25 event, I will be sure to look into that specific matter and

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1 potentially give you a better answer.

2 MR. MCLLELOW: Thank you.

3 (Off mi ke.)

4 MS. TURNER: You have a second question.

5 MR. MIDIRI: You want my name again? Louie
6 Midiri, last name M-I-D-I-R-I. I understand that the
7 western point of the pipeline is under construction and has
8 been under construction since June. What I'd like to know
9 is if that project has -- will provisions be put in place to
10 protect the environment, any problems with the construction.
11 If so, what specifically were those problems and how were
12 they addressed?

13 MS. TURNER: That question I cannot answer. I
14 have not been dealing with the REX West. So at this point I
15 can't answer that question.

16 MS. BUTLER: one specific issue on Rockies
17 Express West -- it has to be a certain type of pipe
18 manufacture and it has to do with the welding process.
19 Rockies has worked with the United States Department of
20 Transportation to go through a detailed analysis, including
21 a metallurgic analysis of what transpired and they've come
22 up with, per our agreement, a plan that we were working on
23 to go back and look at an additional level to make sure on
24 the ultrasonic records that those have been accounted for.

25 MR. MIDIRI: Installation operational activities

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1 have been a concern.

2 MS. BUTLER: Regarding temperature, I believe
3 they are working through as well. Now, if there were others
4 in the farmer's complaints, I may not have heard about
5 those. They may not have made their way from D.C. to the
6 central region at this time, so we may not have been
7 contacted. There may have been other agencies. So as
8 result of that, I know of nothing else at this that's been
9 brought at least to my attention.

10 MR. MIDIRI: Could I ask one more question? A
11 little bit of a departure from I asked before. Certainly,
12 there are landowners in the western part of the project that
13 have similar concerns and had negotiations with the
14 pipeline. In order to see if people that are landowners
15 they made offers, could it be possible that a list of those
16 landowners in the western part of the project be made
17 available to the eastern portion of Henderson so they can
18 contact each other?

19 MS. TURNER: Normally, we don't give out names
20 and addresses because of privacy issues. If you want to get
21 them, you could file a Freedom of Information Act request
22 with the Commission. But normally, they don't give them
23 out.

24 MS. TURNER: Is there anything else? MR.

25 MCLLELAN: Forest McLellan. You may have already addressed

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1 this. I was having trouble hearing. I think the
2 gentleman's name is Mr. Boston. In regards to the damages
3 on the secondary area, not the primary right-of-way, but the
4 secondary, the discussion is that damages are for one-year
5 damage award and I believe I heard Mr. Boston say that he
6 was concerned with compaction, which we are too. Compaction
7 is not a one-year issue. You'll have after two or three
8 years after the fact.

9 The other issue is subsoil or drainage issues
10 with field tile, and I understand Rockies Express is going
11 to either repair or have repaired any tile that's damaged in
12 this process, which is good. But if we have a dry year or
13 several seasons, we may not know that we have drainage
14 problems until four or five years down the road. So my
15 concerns are drainage and then soil compaction in the
16 secondary or in the work areas and damages only covering a
17 one-year period with that compaction.

18 MS. TURNER: The extra work spaces of that right-
19 of-way that's all covered -- that all has to be -- what
20 we've recommended is that be monitored for five years.
21 Anybody else have questions, comments? Okay, yes. Yes, you
22 have to come up to the front.

23 MS. LONG: When will you issue the final EIS.

24 MS. TURNER: Normally, the final EIS comes after
25 the draft. That's normally. There has been -- REX has

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recently made a filing for a different location for compressor stations in Ohio. That may or may not affect the schedule. The number of comments we get may or may not affect the schedule. If we don't get many comments, we can probably get the final out sooner than four months. But if we get a lot of comments and a lot of really specific comments, it could take us that long. But in the normal course of events, it's usually four months. Anybody else? No?

Well, if no one else has any comments or questions, we'll close the formal part of this meeting. We'll be around for a while afterwards if you've got some other questions you want to ask. Thank you all for coming.

(Whereupon, at 8:00 p.m., the above-entitled matter was concluded.)