

## ROCKIES EXPRESS PIPELINE – EAST FACT SHEET

The Rockies Express Pipeline (REX) is a 1,663-mile natural gas pipeline system from Rio Blanco County, Colorado, to Monroe County, Ohio.

The Eastern portion of the Rockies Express system, known as Rockies Express Pipeline – East ("REX-East") will traverse approximately 622 miles from Audrain County, Missouri, to Monroe County, Ohio.

- REX East is a significant investment in the U.S. energy infrastructure and will help meet the nation's growing need for energy.
- REX East will provide energy to markets in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio with access to reliable, clean-burning domestic natural gas supplies from the Rocky Mountain supply basins.
- REX East is a development of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, LP and Sempra Pipelines & Storage, a unit of Sempra Energy.
- Where feasible, REX-East route will parallel existing pipeline and utility corridors, using siting guidelines from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

REX - East will initiate the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regulatory review process in June 2006. Shortly afterwards, REX – East right-of-way agents will begin contacting landowners along the proposed route asking permission to conduct initial civil, environmental, and cultural resource surveys.

- As the lead federal agency, FERC will oversee the federal permitting process for REX – East and will coordinate with other federal, state, and local agencies during the environmental review process to identify concerns and develop measures to minimize impacts on the environment..
- Through the remainder of 2006 and 2007, REX East will conduct environmental and engineering field surveys while FERC and other federal, state, and local agencies will carefully study the proposed REX – East route and its environmental impact, review the project's commercial viability, and examine its economic benefits.
- REX East and federal and state regulatory agencies will provide numerous opportunities for landowners and other interested parties to ask questions and provide input.
- REX East seeks final FERC approval in February 2008 and plans to begin
  construction in early spring 2008, with a targeted in-service date of December
  2008 for the pipeline, meter stations, and most of the compressor stations. REX
   East is expected to be completely in-service by June 2009.



## REX – East will benefit communities along the pipeline route over both the long term and short term.

- Local communities may benefit from the increased property taxes that REX East will pay for the pipeline and compressor stations.
- REX East will likely bring new employment opportunities for local residents during both the construction and the operation phases of the project.
- Once construction begins, restaurants, hotels/motels, and retailers should experience increased activity from construction crews.
- Local economic development efforts could be enhanced by having access to a reliable source of natural gas.

## Public participation and input is an important component of REX – East.

- The public will be informed and have multiple opportunities to provide input during the course of the project.
- REX East will host community open houses to present the project. The dates and locations for these meetings will be located on the REX Web site at <u>www.rexpipeline.com</u>. Landowners along the route will also receive letters inviting them to the meetings, and advertisements will be placed in local newspapers.
- REX East will solicit input from landowners, community leaders, and citizens through face-to-face meetings, a toll-free number, and a project Web site.
- Throughout the course of the project, a dialogue between REX East and the public will be encouraged.
- The federal and state agencies reviewing the regulatory applications from REX East will also solicit public input during their respective application review processes.

## REX – East will address safety and environmental concerns through the project's design, construction, and operation.

- U.S. Department of Transportation statistics demonstrate that natural gas transmission pipelines are by far the safest form of energy transportation.
- Construction and operation of the pipeline must follow strict federal and state guidelines for minimizing impacts on the environment during the construction and operation phases.
- REX East is committed to environmental protection and views environmental compliance as an important aspect of its overall construction and operations program.
- The pipeline will be buried underground and the right of way will be restored. The land, with some minimal restrictions, will be able to be used as it currently is.

