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**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials
Safety Administration**

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Mr. M. Dwayne Burton
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RE: Request to Increase Operating Pressure of the Rockies Express Pipeline, East
(REX East), PHMSA-2006-23998

Dear Mr. Burton:

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) received your September 22, 2009 letter addressing PHMSA guidelines to verify pipe properties dated September 1, 2009. Your letter also included a request to increase the REX East operating pressure from Mexico, Missouri to Hamilton, Ohio to a pressure commensurate with 80 percent SMYS.

In confirmation of my October 2, 2009, e-mail message to you, we approve the request. This approval is based on PHMSA's review and acceptance of data submitted by REX East addressing the conditions contained in the PHMSA Guidelines.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-366-5124 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Alan K. Mayberry, P.E.

Director, Engineering and Emergency Support
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