



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Region 6

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August 2, 2012

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE, Room 1A
Washington, DC 20426

SUBJECT: Scoping for the Line V Pipeline Retirement Project

Dear Ms. Bose:

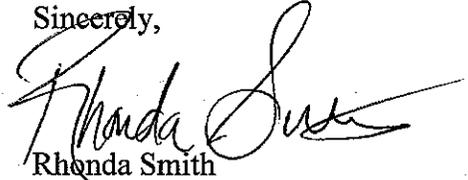
The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 has received your correspondence, dated July 18, 2012, regarding your request for information. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, and under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, our agency is providing the following comments to assist you with the preparation of the Environmental Assessment. Please see the enclosed documentation for more details.

- project area is within the 100 year floodplain
- project area is within rare and/or sensitive habitats and/or vegetation complexes; consultation with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is recommended. These areas were identified by the Regional Ecological Assessment Protocol (REAP) GIS layer. Please see information below regarding REAP
- project area crosses many waters of the U.S.; consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers may be necessary
- project area crosses waters that are within 5 miles upstream of 303(d) impaired waters

EPA suggests using the Regional Ecological Assessment Protocol (REAP) methodology to determine ecologically sensitive areas within the proposed project area that should be avoided or protected. REAP is a screening level, rapid assessment tool using existing electronic data available statewide. It is a planning tool and screening-level assessment that should lead users to progressively narrow the scope of analysis. In this case, it could be utilized to help determine avoidance areas for the pipeline. The report can be provided upon request and the GIS data can be found here: <https://edg.epa.gov/metadata/catalog/main/home.page>

Please note that the proposed project may be subject to other federal, state, and local regulations. Thank you for your coordination and don't hesitate to contact John MacFarlane, of my staff, at 214-665-7491 or macfarlane.john@epa.gov should you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rhonda Smith", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rhonda Smith
Chief, Office of Planning and
Coordination

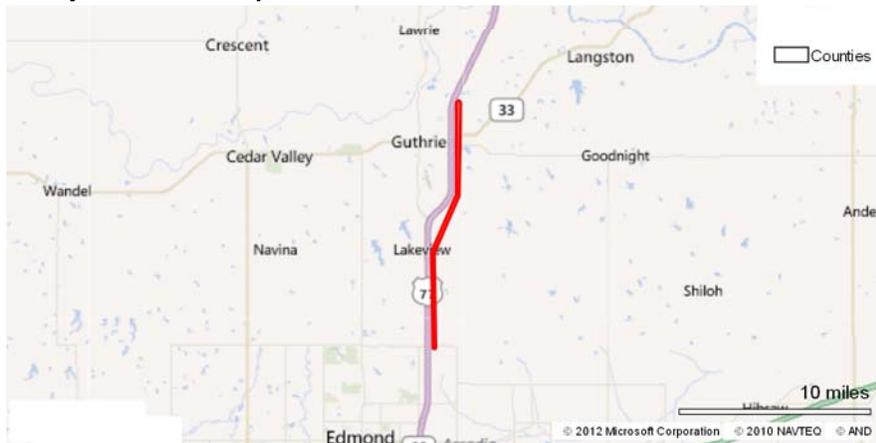
Enclosure



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Line V

Project Location Map



Geographic coordinates:

LINE (-97.387619,35.909528,-97.387962,35.839474,-97.411308,35.796323,-97.410278,35.724673) with buffer 500 feet

Length of digitized line 13.02 mi

Facility

- Within 500 feet of a hospital? no
- Within 500 feet of a TRI facility? no
- Within 500 feet of a regulated facility? no
- Within 500 feet of an airport? no

Water

- Within 500 feet of a Wild and Scenic River? no
- Within 500 feet of an area over a Sole Source Aquifer? no
- Within 500 feet of the 100 year flood plain? yes
- Within 500 feet of the 500 year flood plain? yes
- Within 500 feet of an NWI wetland? yes
- Within 500 feet of an NLCD wetland? no

Ecology

- Within 500 feet of a federal/state park or wildlife area? no
- Within 500 feet of a critical habitat area? no
- Within 500 feet of a REAP Composite area that is within the Top 10% highest scores? yes
- Within 500 feet of a REAP Diversity area that is within the Top 10% highest scores? yes
- Within 500 feet of a REAP Rarity area that is within the Top 10% highest scores? yes
- Within 500 feet of a REAP Sustainability area that is within the Top 10% highest scores? yes

Other

- Within 500 feet of a place on the National Historic Register? no
- Within 500 feet of a school? no
- Within 500 feet of a nonattainment area? no
- Within 500 feet of a previous nonattainment, maintenance, or EAC area? no
- Within 500 feet of a Tribal boundary or property of interest? no

NatureServe data

Within 500 feet of known rare, endangered, or at-risk species? [click here](#)

- Download XML
- Environmental Justice Analysis
- GISST Analysis

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