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Trailblazer Pipeline Company, LLC and
Rockies Express Pipeline LLC

Trailblazer Conversion Project

Docket No. CP22-468-000

May 7, 2024

VIA Electronic Mail

L. Drew Cutright
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs
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Re: Variance Approval

Dear Mr. Cutright:

I grant your May 2, 2024, variance request for Trailblazer Pipeline Company LLC (Trailblazer) and Rockies Express Pipeline LLC (Rockies Express) (collectively, Applicants) to relocate a portion of the REX Lateral to TPC East, west of the original location, to accommodate landowner preference. The lateral would shift from approximately milepost 21.6 to milepost 22.14 to the western edge of the tract. Construction workspace associated with the reroute would affect about 10.9 acres of farmland, which is 3.2 acres more than the original route.

The Applicants have confirmed landowner approval for use of the areas associated with the relocated route. We have determined that the relocated route will not impact forests, cultural resources, or listed species. The relocated route would cross an ephemeral stream and agricultural ditch. The Applicants would follow the FERC *Upland Erosion Control Revegetation and Maintenance Plan* and *Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures* to minimize impacts on these resources.

We have confirmed the receipt of all federal authorizations relevant to the approved activities herein. Your request is in compliance with environmental condition 5 of the Commission's October 23, 2023, *Order Issuing Certificate and Granting Abandonment* (Order) in the above-referenced docket. I remind you that the Applicants must comply with all applicable remaining terms and conditions of the Order. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 502-8081.

Sincerely,

Amanda Mardiney
Environmental Project Manager
Division of Gas – Environment
and Engineering