

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426  
OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

**In Reply Refer To:**

OEP/DG2E/Gas Branch 3  
Trailblazer Pipeline Company, LLC, and  
Rockies Express Pipeline LLC  
Trailblazer Conversion Project  
Docket No. CP22-468-000

December 20, 2023

VIA Electronic Mail

L. Drew Cutright  
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs  
Tallgrass Energy, LP  
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**Re: Notice to Proceed with Partial Construction and Modification Approvals**

Dear Mr. Cutright:

I grant your November 1, 2023 and November 17, 2023 requests, as supplemented on November 30, and December 11, 12, and 13, 2023, for Trailblazer Pipeline Company LLC (Trailblazer) and Rockies Express Pipeline LLC (Rockies Express) (collectively, Applicants) to proceed with construction of the Trailblazer Conversion Project. In accordance with your November 17, 2023 filing, construction associated with the Redtail Compressor Station should be limited to removing and stockpiling topsoil and compacting the soils in the construction area. I also grant your request for seven minor modifications, filed with the Applicants' request, including pipeline installation across three roadways via the bore method (mileposts [MP] 1.7, 2.0, and 4.9 of the REX Lateral to TPC Adams), relocation of a mainline valve to the south side of the road at MP 9.6 of the REX Lateral to TPC East, removal of two contractor yards, and use of four hydrostatic test areas as temporary contractor yards. The Applicants have confirmed compliance with the applicable conditions of the Commission's October 23, 2023 *Order Issuing Certificate and Granting Abandonment* (Order). We have determined the modifications will not result in additional impacts on any sensitive resources.

In considering this notice to proceed, we have reviewed your Implementation Plan filed on November 1, 2023, as supplemented, and the best management practices described in your application and subsequent filings.

Based on our review, the Applicants have provided the information necessary to meet the applicable pre-construction conditions of the Order issued to Trailblazer and Rockies Express for the project in the above referenced docket. In addition, we have

confirmed the Applicants' receipt of all federal authorizations relevant to the approved activities herein.

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 Amanda Mardiney, Environmental Project Manager, at (202) 502-8081.

Sincerely,

James Martin  
Chief, Gas Branch 3  
Office of Energy Projects