

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission April 19, 2007 Open Commission Meeting Talking Points of Commissioner Suedeen G. Kelly

## Item C-1: Rockies Express Pipeline LLC et al. (CP06-354-000 et al.)

- o The Rockies Express REX-West Project, as its name implies, is truly a king-like project. Along with two related applications approved today to build facilities that will interconnect with REX-West, this project will result in nearly 800 miles of new pipeline designed to bring reliable and affordable supplies of natural gas from the Rocky Mountain region to major markets in the U.S.
- o This is a significant investment in U.S. energy infrastructure, and is yet another big step in helping to meet our growing need for energy. It will help to enhance the competitiveness of our natural gas markets by bringing Rocky Mountain natural gas to major markets east of the Rockies haven't seen it before.
- o I want to recognize staff for its huge effort on this order. As one of the biggest greenfield projects ever certificated by the Commission, there were many moving parts to assess in this proceeding. Staff processed the certificate applications in a timely, yet thorough manner, and it resulted in an order we can all be proud of.