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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Case Number: F-2013-06560

Ms. Marcie Keever
Friends of the Earth
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Dear Ms. Keever:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated April 15, 2013, concerning communications between the Department of State and the lobbyists or other individuals representing TransCanada and other specified entities regarding the Keystone XL Pipeline. Specifically this letter addresses your appeal of our denial of expeditious processing which was dated April 26, 2013.

We have considered your appeal of the denial of expeditious processing. Our published regulations regarding expedition, 22 C.F.R. 171.12(b), require a specific showing of a compelling need. **Expeditious processing is granted only in the following situations:**

- (1) Imminent threat to the life or physical safety of an individual;
- (2) Urgently needed by an individual primarily engaged in disseminating information in order to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activity and the information is urgently needed in that a particular value of the information would be lost if not disseminated quickly;
- (3) Substantial humanitarian reasons; and
- (4) Loss of substantial due process rights.

Your request and appeal do not meet any of the established criteria.

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Regrettably, I must advise that you have not provided adequate justification for expedition and I must uphold the decision to deny expeditious processing. Please be assured that the Department takes its FOIA responsibilities very seriously and we are processing this request in as timely a manner as possible. All appropriate offices have been advised of your interest in this matter.

For further communications, please note our contact information at the bottom of this page. You may also refer to our website for general information and guidelines. We can provide faster service if you include your request case number F-2013-06560 in your communications with us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosemary D. Reid" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rosemary D. Reid, Chief
Requester Liaison Division