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Dear Karen,

Attached is the NEPA review by TCEQ for the proposed project “DOCKET NO. FD 36854, UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY – CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION EXEMPTION PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION” in Matagorda County.

Please feel free to contact us if you require additional information.

Have a great day!

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On behalf of the Surface Transportation Board’s (Board) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA), Parametrix (OEA’s third-party contractor) is sending the attached letter to inform you of a proposed rail line construction and operation project near Wadsworth, Texas. OEA is currently gathering information about the project and is requesting your input. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Stevens at 202-245-0304 or by

email at Karen.Stevens@stb.gov.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Brooke Paup, *Chairwoman*
Catarina R. Gonzales, *Commissioner*
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

March 12, 2026

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Via: **E-mail**

Re: TCEQ NEPA Request #2026-148. DOCKET NO. FD 36854, UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY - CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION EXEMPTION PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION. Matagorda County.

Dear Ms. Stevens,

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has reviewed the above-referenced project and offers the following comments:

The proposed action is located in Matagorda County, which is currently designated attainment/unclassifiable for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for all six criteria air pollutants. Federal Clean Air Act, §176(c) general conformity requirements do not apply for this action.

The Office of Water does not anticipate significant long term environmental impacts from this project as long as construction and waste disposal activities associated with it are completed in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal environmental permits, statutes, and regulations. We recommend that the applicant take necessary steps to ensure that best management practices are used to control runoff from construction sites to prevent detrimental impact to surface and ground water.

Any debris or waste disposal should be at an appropriately authorized disposal facility.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions, please contact the agency NEPA coordinator at (512) 239-5538 or NEPA@tceq.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Vise".

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