



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis and Administration

September 7, 2007

Lester R. Landrum
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Quihi, TX 78861

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34284, Southwest Gulf Company - Construction and Operation Exemption - Medina County, TX; Request to be a Consulting Party under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

Dear Mr. Landrum:

The Surface Transportation Board's (Board) Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) is in receipt of your September 4, 2007 written request to act as a consulting party for the above referenced project pursuant to Section 36 CFR 800.2(c)(5) of the regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), which states: "Certain individuals and organizations with a demonstrated interest in the undertaking may participate as consulting parties due to the nature of their legal or economic relation to the undertaking or affected properties, or their concern with the undertaking's effects on historic properties interest." As you know, SEA is conducting an environmental review, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and NHPA, of the Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's proposed rail line construction and operation in Medina County, Texas. Section 106 of NHPA requires that the Board consult with Federal, tribal, state and local agencies, and additional consulting parties with an interest in the project area, to identify, assess and resolve any adverse effects to significant historic properties that may be caused by the proposed undertaking.

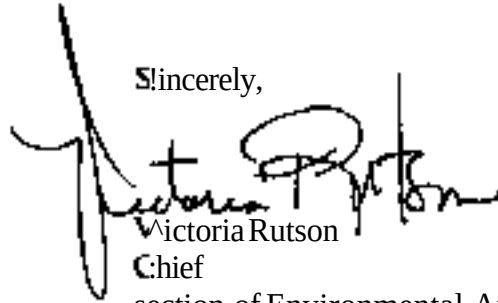
We believe your involvement as a Section 106 consulting party is appropriate given your close connections to the area. We are therefore pleased to include your organization as a Section 106 consulting party for this proceeding and will ensure that you receive all relevant information to assist you in your reviews.

We appreciate your interests in this project and look forward to working with you as we

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complete the Section 106 and NEPA processes. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Diana Wood, SEA Project Manager at 202-245-0302.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria Rutson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "V" and a stylized "R".

Victoria Rutson

Chief

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cc: F. Lawrence Oaks, Texas Historical Commission
Brad Patterson, Texas Historical Commission

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September 3, 2007

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34284, Southwest Gulf Company - Construction and
Operation Exemption - Medina County, TX: Request to be a Consulting Party
Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

Dear Ms. Rutoon:

I request to be listed as a Section 106 Consulting Party as my family has deep ties to
the Upper Quint area and has interest, history, and knowledge of the rural historic
landscape of this area. Owfrniandicaideis776CR354inKfedinaCoimtywhthi8
a few hundred yanto north of the proposed rail line.

The Texas Family Land Heritage program registered <ur farm as it was founded in
1881 aiid had been in contnwouBownefsh^ ami operatic as a family agricultural
enterpriaeibr mow than a century. In addition, knowledge of me other local heritage
farms and ranches in the area is available.

I have been closely following the Vulcan Materials project since 2000, and have also
attended a teleconference and a San Antonio meeting held for Section 106 Consulting
Parties. I feel that my family knowledge, history, and heritage on this project area can
aid to identify and resolve effects important to the historical area.

Please grant this request lobcaConMkiBgPiartyimderaccdoa KhSoftheNaaottd
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Sincerely,

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