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Questionnaire and Comment Form

Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's
Proposed Rail Construction in Medina County, TX
STB Finance Docket No. 34284

June 12, 2003

This questionnaire and comment form is designed to help you identify and describe any issues of interest to you regarding Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's Proposed Rail Construction in Medina County, TX. Your comments will help the Surface Transportation Board, Section of Environmental Analysis understand public interests and concerns about the project as we conduct our environmental review.

Please complete this questionnaire after you have reviewed the exhibits. If you have a concern about a particular geographic area, please circle it on the attached map.

Please give us the completed form tonight or mail it to:

Attn: FD 34284
Rini Ghosh
Attorney-Adviser
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
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Your name and address are optional, but would be useful if you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive subsequent information regarding this project.

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1. Which of the following applies to your situation?

☒ The proposed rail line is near my home.

☐ The proposed rail line is near my business.

☐ The proposed rail line crosses my property

☐ Other, please specify

2. What are your concerns regarding potential environmental impacts and do you have any mitigation suggestions?

I have no concerns about any of the proposed rail lines except for one portion of Alternative No. 1 which I have encircled on the map. As a homeowner along Verde Creek about 2 miles north of US Hwy. 90, I am concerned about possibly more flooding in that area. Because there are only one major rail bridge and two or three smaller structures near Honda Creek on the existing Union Pacific line, there are already flooding problems. Older citizens in my area have always spoken of times when the flood waters have been held back by the existing railroad embankment until a portion washes out and lets the water recede very rapidly.

3. Please use this space for additional comments or suggestions.

In 1997 I witnessed this event myself during a major flood. Building more line in this area would only create more problems unless careful consideration were given. Also consideration should be given to changing some of the Union Pacific line to help alleviate this problem.

Thank you,
Cordell Bohlen

Thank you for your comments.

