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Dear Ms. Rutson::

This letter is presented to offer comment on the Section 106 meeting via conference call March 26, 2007, and the letter from Steptoe & Johnson, Attorneys on April 5, 2007. Preservation Texas is the statewide nonprofit preservation organization that named Quihi to its Most Endangered List.

The mitigation proposal of the Southwest Gulf Railroad (SGR) Company is not a reasonable method to counter the adverse effect to the Quihi Rural Historic District (QRHD). The four eastern routes proposed provide the best and feasible alternative and we believe should be pursued. Therefore, we feel that no additional work would be required to address the adverse effects on Indian burial remains or negative visual effects that a large bridge would present.

SGR should use one of the eastern alternative routes for the rail line. It is important to protect the significant historic resources of Texas for our descendants and ourselves.

Sincerely,


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