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Attn: Ms. Rini Ghosh
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC 20423-0001

January 19, 2007

Re: STB Docket No. FD 34284
No Action Alternative

received
1/29/07

Dear Ms. Ghosh:

Because of the continued threat of building a quarry and railroad in Quihi – about a year ago the village of Quihi became listed as an endangered historical site by Preservation Texas (www.preservationtexas.org/endangered/2006.htm). The rural landscape and many historic sites would be ruined if the SGR at Vulcan's preferred Proposed Route is permitted.

Historians recognize this area depicts life on the frontier in the mid-1800's when Texas was a republic. Several sites have a state marker or a federal marker. The MCEAA continues to work very hard to present detrimental issues that would affect these sites, with many letters, charts, maps, and engineering facts being sent to STB from residents and from experts to warn of pitfalls and the detriment to historical sites. The letters, etc. are being sent for STB to evaluate the environmental impact of a 50-year project such as this on old rock structures, old wells, and old cemeteries. But at present, big boardrooms and conglomerates are being given far too much influence over private lands, and any lands where they gain financially.

People in Quihi (not only the farmers and ranchers) value this area, and are very concerned about it becoming an industrial area and undermining its' importance to Texas history with many properties eligible for listing with the National Register of Historical Places. Please do not authorize the Vulcan conglomerate to destroy Texas cultural sites such as archeological deposits, 1850's stone architecture, and Native American and other historic sites. I prefer the No-Action Alternative!

Cc: Senator John Cornyn
Senator Kay Bailey Hitchison
Texas Representative Tracy King
County Judge James Barden

Yours truly,

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