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Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Attn: Rini Ghosh
Re: Finance Docket No. 34284

Dear Ms. Ghosh:

In response to the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, I am submitting the following to be considered in the formal scoping process.

I believed Vulcan's proposed quarry and proposed SGR rail line, regardless of where the railroad is constructed, are connected actions, and should be studied in the same Environmental Impact Statement. The study should include direct impacts and alternatives to both projects, including no quarry and no rail line at all.

My name is Sandra Kent. I am 46 years old and I own my property on 261 CR 450 in Ouhi.

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My main concern is additional flooding. My place already gets flooded in and there is no way out until the water recedes. Another concern is derailment. Is Vulcan going to evacuate us and how? What about the chemicals, oil, etc. that is used to build the rail line and upkeep of the rail cars? You cannot make me believe that there will be no danger of air, land and water pollution. Not to mention, the increased chance of fire, dust, vibration and destruction of Historic homes. The wells in Quihi will be affected. This will ruin our hunting and frighten our livestock. Traffic jams in the country are incomprehensible. To take an alternate route, if available, is miles out of the way. Also, fire routes are needed on rail line.

Sincerely,
Sandra Kent
Sandra Kent
261 CR 450
Hondo, TX 78861

cc: U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla
U.S. Senator John Cornyn
Texas Senator Frank Mafla
Texas Representative Timoteo Garza
Medina County Judge Jim Barden
Medina County Commissioner Royce Hartman