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STB Representatives:

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Vulcan Representatives:

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We sought the serenity of the country life to get away from the hustles and bustles of traffic congestions and the density of homes in the San Antonio area. We purchased a ranch of our dreams in the year 2003 and have worked hard to clean and make our dream come true. Much to our dismay, your company now wants to erect a railroad through our community and ruin the precious resources of nature to include our water systems, let alone homes devalued due to the presence of a railroad.

I have attended all of the MCEAA meetings and have come to the realization that your plans for a railroad will adversely affect my real estate as well as my fixed dwellings. According to the proposed rail routes, the eastern route will adversely affect my home as well as my ranch in its entirety. At the time that your proposed route (Eastern) aerial photos were taken prior to the building of my 3500 hundred square foot home back in the latter half of 2006. Our neighbor's home is adversely affected by according to your aerial map, our home is not even shown to exist. Our main source of drinking water comes from two hand dug wells w/a depth of 45 feet of which the railroad would run right through them. This would greatly impact our water supply of which is not shown on your aerial map, Reference Figure 10, Resource Area 202 Appendix E. You must reconsider your route and give serious considerations to my habitat.

Our home is situated at 6009 FM 2676, with coordinates of:

Home: 29 degrees, 25.895 N
098 degrees, 59.651 W

Log cabin: 29 degrees, 26.676 N
098 degrees, 59.618 W

Windmill: 29 degrees, 25.784 N
098 degrees, 59.737 W

Barn: 29 degrees, 25.770 N
098 degrees, 59.745 W

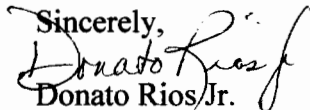
Please review my coordinates with your routings and see the impact your proposed rail line will have on my property!

I strongly urge you and your engineering staff to reconsider the impact your railroad would have on our ranch and home as well as our main source of water supply.

It is also my understanding that a massive fuel depot is planned to be built for the RR/Quarry operation on CR 353 across the street from the boundary of the Edwards Aquifer Recharge zone and located in the Elm Polecat Creek's flood plain. Now is the time to safeguard to protect against spillage, leakage, flood or other possible disasters that would contaminate the soil and drinking water with petroleum contaminants including deadly benzenes. To ignore these issues would be a callous disregard of the health, safety and welfare of all downstream users of the aquifer in a multi-county area.

I am confident that your staff would not want a situation like this imposed on them that would demoralize their character and values of their properties. I ask that you get back to the drawing board and plan your routings so that property owners are not adversely affected as in our situation.

Please feel free to call at your earliest convenience should you have any questions regarding our plight to save our home and ranch. I know that you have received tons of letters in the past year and probably do not have the time to read them, but please make an honest effort to read my concerns.

Sincerely,

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