



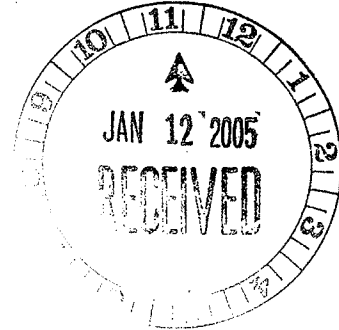
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Ms. Rini Ghosh
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
STB Docket No. FD 34284
Washington, DC 20423



Re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Finance Docket No. 34284
Southwest Gulf Railroad Company
Construction and Operation Exemption
Medina County, Texas

Dear Ms. Ghosh:

The Environmental Affairs Division and the San Antonio District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) have completed their review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement received by this agency on November 22, 2004.

TxDOT has no comments to the proposed project at this time; however, for any portion of the project that crosses TxDOT right-of-way, Southwest Gulf Railroad Company would be responsible for compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal regulations and for performing any environmental analysis and mitigation. If Southwest Gulf Railroad Company does plan to cross TxDOT right-of-way, please contact the San Antonio District Maintenance office at 210.615.5856 for any coordination and permitting that may be required.

Thank you for affording TxDOT the opportunity to comment on this proposed project. If you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact Barrlynn West in the TxDOT-San Antonio District at 210.615.5840 or Vicki Crnich in the Environmental Affairs Division at 512.416.3029.

Sincerely,

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