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Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001
Attention: Ms. Rini Ghosh

Re: Finance Docket # 34284

received
1/29/07

Dear Ms. Ghosh:

As a member of the Medina County Environmental Association (MCEAA), I have become aware of the Supplementary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) that was recently issued. I have reviewed the information and wish to submit comments on the proposed railway routes.

It is imperative to choose a route that has the least environmental impact, as well as one that does not enhance flooding and/or traffic problems. The MCEAA eastern route would be highly preferable over Vulcan's proposed Southwest Gulf Railroad project route, if a railroad becomes absolutely necessary.

Farming, ranching, and historical importance are the qualities of the community of Quihi, Texas, where the impact will be felt. The route proposed by Vulcan greatly endangers the community's cultural resources and should not be considered as an option.

The residents of Quihi, including my parents, aunt, uncle, and cousins, all enjoy the natural beauty, the historical significance, and the peacefulness that Quihi provides. My heritage is in northeast Medina County and some of this property has been in our family since 1881. The quarry is not needed there, nor is the railroad.

It is my dream to purchase land in Medina County in the near future and enjoy the fresh water lakes, hunting, fishing, bird watching and outdoor recreation that this section of the Texas Hill Country provides. I greatly appreciate your consideration toward enhancing the preservation of a beautiful, growing community. With your help historical Quihi will flourish and not perish.

Most Sincerely,

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Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison
Texas Representative Tracy King
County Judge James Barden