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Diana F. Wood
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface of Transportation Board
395 E Street S.W. Room 1110
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's proposal
To construct and operate a rail line in Medina
County, Texas

Dear Ms. Wood,

Our families own property and have lived in this area on agricultural farms for over 100 years. Many of use are related to Joseph Riff, the Texas Ranger who worked in this area and was killed here by Indians in December of 1870.

We are opposed to the eastern route as this route would split more than double the number of farms and ranches when compared to the original proposed route. This has the potential of destroying the farming and ranching culture in the Quihi area.

The farmers have spent large amounts of money to go to the overhead pivotal irrigation systems to save water. The eastern route would split farms and make a portion of the systems inoperable.

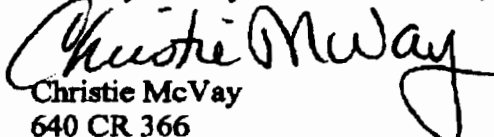
In the original proposed route, only 9 properties were divided, with 2 partially divided and 5 on the boundary.

The eastern bypass that we are opposed to would divided 20 properties, with 8 partially divided and 0 on the boundary.

We would appreciate your consideration of the above in your final decision.

We are listing the names of families in our area that are opposed to the eastern route. There are many more families opposed to the eastern route and we can send you additional names, if necessary.

Thank you for your consideration,


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THOSE OPPOSED TO THE EASTERN ROUTE:

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 Dorothy Masters, 650 CR 366, Hondo, TX 78861
 JoNell Tarvin, 530 CR 366, Hondo, TX 78861
 John & Betty Lawrence, 644 CR 366, Hondo, TX 78861
 Lee and Christie McVay 640 CR 366, Hondo, TX 78861
 Felix and Mistie Gonzalez, 646 CR 366, Hondo, TX 78861
 Ben Lawrence, 642 CR 366, Hondo, TX 78861
 Keith Lawrence, 644 CR 366, Hondo, TX 78861
 Roman and Nadine Calabrese, 250 CR 366, Hondo, TX 78861
 Kevin and Rhonda Gear, 330 CR 366, Hondo, TX 78861
 Ron and Wanda Bohmfalk, 350 CR 366, Hondo, TX 78861
 Calvin and Virginia Schott, 380 CR 366, Hondo, TX 78861
 Billy and Colleen Brieden, 940 CR 464, Hondo, TX 78861
 Kerwin and Nicole Muller, 449 CR 362, Hondo, TX 78861
 Coy and Billie Joe Ricord, 4310 FM 1343, Devine, TX 78016
 Jeff and Pat Prestridge CR 4617, Hondo, TX 78861
 Donna Burell, 3080 CR 4516, Castroville, TX 78009
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