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Subject SGR's Rail Line in Medina County

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Diana Wood
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Re: Southwest Gulf Railroad Co.
Construction & Operation Exemption - Medina
County, Texas
(Alternate rail routes for Vulcan Construction
Materials, LP proposed quarry
to Union Pacific RR Co. rail line near
Dunlay, Texas)

In regards to SGR's Modified Dam Route as possible
route.

My family's property would be severely affected. Our
land has been honored for a century or more of
continuous ownership and operation as a family
agriculture enterprise, through generations of
dedication and perseverance of the founders and heirs.
Our property having been founded in 1890 has been
awarded the Texas Family Land Heritage Award. It now
provides homesteads for two families.

Physically, the route would cut through two (2)
parcels which produce vital family income and major
ongoing improvements. One tract is being improved in
cooperation through the Environmental Quality
Incentives Program through the United States
Department of Agriculture which provides assistance to
help conserve and efficiently use natural resources
that will benefit the environment, use of land, and
everyone. The other tract would suffer severely, as
the route would impact a major sprinkler irrigated row
crop farming operation. This operation has proved to
be extremely efficient and successful at soil, water,
and environmental conservation while still producing
income which is very important to those involved.

This route would also severely impact the flow of rain
water runoff. This is the primary flow to fill stock
tanks. These stock tanks are the main source of water
for our and neighbor's livestock operations, which is
vital to our income.

Please consider a route that has the least impact on
the environment, history, and livelihood of my family,
my neighbors and my community.

Sincerely,
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