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Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
Washington, DC 20423
Attention: Rini Ghosh
STB Finance Docket No. 34284

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1/29/07

Ms. Ghosh,

My husband & I searched long and hard for a special place to raise our 3 children (2 of which are handicapped), provide a haven for other handicapped children and someday retire. We prayed as we looked at each property. When we found the property on CR 351, we knew our prayers had been answered. It is the perfect place to enjoy God's creation. We have plans to invest our savings in building a home and equine facility that is designed for handicapped children to enjoy as a camp that will enable them to get away from the rat race of the city. We have plans to do something special for the community -- to give because God has given us the ability to do so.

Vulcan Materials have their own plans -- plans to condemn other's property, to pollute our air, contaminate our water supply, endanger our traffic safety and forever change the historical landscape of Qhihi.

We are asking that you not allow this private company to proceed with their self-serving plans. They are taking away all the quietness and stretching their boundaries too far. My husband and I believe that our privacy and health should not be impeded upon. We desire for our children and other children who come to our home to have a safe place to grow and learn.

If you are going to grant this railroad permit, despite the obvious hazardous impacts it would bring, we ask that you only grant the permit for the MCEAA Medina Dam Alternative. According to your studies, this route "preserves the historical sites of Qhihi, impacts prime farmland soils and existing land uses the least, crosses less amount of floodplain and has the least potential of the seven rail line alternatives to impact specific historic resources and the broader landscape of the rural historic districts."

Thank you in advance for your prudence in making a judgment.

Sincerely,

Paula & Richard Dowell

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