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Diana Woods

Surface Transportation Board

395 E. Street S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: STB Finance Docket 342

Southwest Gulf Railro

Programmatic Agreeeme

Dear Ms Woods

My Name is Curtis Sauthoff and I own land that will be crossed by the SGR's MCEAA proposed route. Our farm/Ranch is approx 321 acres and the address is 6710 F.M. 2676, Hondo, TX 78861. My dad, Mathis Sauthoff, bought the land in 1960 and used the land for farming & ranching. The Quichi Creek runs through the land and at times runs for months. The area was settled and known as Upper Quichi and is very historical and used by the Indians. We are direct descendants of the original Quichi settlers. There are two hand-dug wells on the property with wind mills that were on the property when my dad bought it. Some of the fencing is from that time also. Our cattle has used the Quichi Creek for watering at times and we have run cattle on the entire property. A rail line will make it

difficult or impossible to use the land as we have used it for over 45 years. The house & barns were on the property when my dad purchased it. The house is ~~recognized~~ ^{eligible to be} recognized as a historic dwelling. I appreciate STB's time and effort in documenting the historical value of our land and preserving the land as it was when the Indians used it as their home. I welcome STB or their representative to come on my land to survey or what ever is needed to show its value as being historic and needing to be preserved. I also believed the Quarry area and rail unloading area need to be researched for its historical value.

Sincerely,
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