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FD 34284
received
1/30/07

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)

Ms. Ghosh & Board Members,

This correspondence is in regards to Southwest Gulf Railroad Routes in Medina County, Texas.

My family's property would be severely affected by a route.

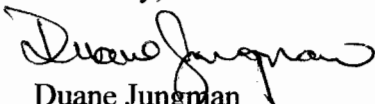
Our land has been honored for a century or more of continuous ownership and operation as a family agriculture enterprise. Through generations of dedication and perseverance of the founders and heirs, our property having been founded in 1890 has been awarded the Texas Family Land Heritage Award in 1993 by Texas Land Commisissor Rick Perry to the Elmer and Ida Balzen Saathoff Family.

Physically the SCR's Modified Medina Dam Route would cut through two (2) parcels of land which produce vital family income. One tract which has recently been cleared, root plowed, stumps and rocks removed to enhance production of grazing land for the future. This comes with a lot of labor, time and money to ensure success. Another tract would suffer severely as the route would impact an irrigation sprinkler system installed, to better ensure crops grown on this tract of land would become profitable.

The route would also affect the flow of rain water runoff which now is the primary flow to fill stock tanks for our and neighbors livestock operations, which is vital to income off of the land.

I ask you to please consider all other proposed routes that do not have a negative impact upon my family and neighbors livelihood.

Sincerely,



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