

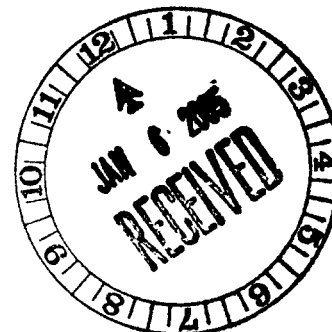


Surface Transportation Board / Section of Environmental Analysis

Finance Docket No. 34284
 Southwest Gulf Railroad Company
 Construction and Operation Exemption
 Medina County, Texas

Public Meetings
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Comment Form



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- ☐ I wish to speak today.
- ☐ I do not want to speak but would like SEA to read my comments at the meeting.
- ☐ I wish to submit a written comment, but do not want it read at today's meeting.

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THE PROPOSAL FOR (ALABAMA BASED) VULCAN IND. PROPOSED QUARRY AND METHOD OF TRANSPORT OF MATERIAL. THE SERIOUS IMPACT OF THIS QUARRY, RAILLINE AND/OR TRUCK ROUTE MUST BE STUDIED/RESEARCHED AS A SINGLE/COMPLETE PROJECT. OVERALL THE IMPRESSION GIVEN, BY THOSE BENEFITTING FROM IT, IS THAT THE AREA IS SPARSELY POPULATED AND SELDOM TRAVELED OR VISITED. THE PURPOSE OF THE PURCHASE OF SG. RAILROAD WAS MADE IN ORDER TO CONSERVE PRIVATE PROPERTY "NOT" FOR COMMON CARRIER STATUS. TECHNICAL ADVISORS, HIRED BY VULCAN, CLAIM THAT NO ONE WILL KNOW THEY ARE THERE. PREVIOUS MEETINGS HAVE INDICATED THAT "NEIGHBORS" ARE —

"OPPOSED TO QUARRY & TRANSPORTATION OF MATERIAL BY LAND OR RAIL" INDICATING THE NEED TO CONSIDER THIS AS A SINGLE PROJECT NOT 2 OR 3 SMALLER PROJECTS. THOSE OF US WHO "LIVE" HERE ARE CONCERNED OVER OUR AIR, WATER, NOISE, TRAFFIC (RAIL OR TRUCK), WILDLIFE, LAND RIGHTS, OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE—NO ONE HERE, MOVED HERE WITH THE HOPE SOME DAY WE WILL HAVE A GRAVEL PIT, TRUCK ROUTE AND RAILROAD LINE.

READING THROUGHOUT THE EXEC. STUDY "MITIGATIONS NOT REQUIRED OR LEFT TO VULCAN'S JUDGMENT ARE FOUND. "BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES" ARE SITED THROUGHOUT ES. PAPER, REVIEWING LAWSUITS FILED AGAINST VULCAN IND. (THROUGHOUT COUNTRY) AND RESIDENTS PROTESTING QUARRY OPERATIONS INDICATE NEGATIVE AFFECT ON COMMUNITY.

THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A TOTAL NOT GROUP OF PROJECTS — THE BENEFIT FOR A FEW (WHO DO NOT LIVE HERE) ARE PUTTING RESIDENTS RIGHTS AND QUALITY OF LIFE AT RISK.

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