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Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423
Attn: Diana Wood, Section of Environmental Analysis

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34284, Southwest Gulf Company Construction and Operation Exemption-Medina County, TX; Notice of Availability and Request For Public Review and Comment on a Draft Programmatic Agreement.

Dear Ms. Wood:

Our home is located at 6009 FM 2676, approximately 3 miles east of the community of Quihi, Tx. The proposed Eastern By Pass route would have a tremendous impact on our ranch as it would dissect our existing historical structure (old relay station) and have an adverse affect on our 45 foot deep hand dug well. This proposed route would run between our existing new home and our only source of potable water for the household. This land is sacred to our Native American Indians as this is representative of the small artifacts found while working the land. .

Other concerns over the Eastern Bypass Route are that there are two major tanks that are used for either recreational purposes or irrigational use which is used for stock and crops as well as human consumption. We ask that you carefully evaluate these concerns for the regard of our natural landscapes.

I along with all the residents of the Quihi, Tx area would like to recognize and appreciate the long and tedious research studies performed by the STB Section of Environmental Analysis. This extensive research that has enlightened us to be proud to cherish this rich and historical land we call our home.

Respectfully;

Donato Rios Jr

