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Surface Transportation Board
Rini Ghosh
Section of Environmental Analysis
1925 K Street NW
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Re: Finance Docket #34284
Vulcan Materials Co. / Southwest Gulf Railroad

Dear Ms. Ghosh,

My name is Joseph Rodriguez. I am a 45 year old Native American of the Comanche Nation. I live and work in Austin, Texas, however the Vulcan Quarry in Quihi, Texas has sparked my interest for the following reasons.

My Inter-Tribal Elders have been particularly interested in the Quihi area to perform a Ceremonial Pow Wow for some time now. We have found a potential location in the northern Quihi Area and are in final negotiations as we speak.

The reason I am concerned in the matter of the Vulcan quarry, is that one of the possible routes of a rail way transverses the area we are reviewing. We have been following this dispute between the inhabitants of Quihi that are for and against the Vulcan quarry.

If at all possible, would you please contact me at your earliest convenience to advise what routes you are inclined to take. Any information would be most helpful so that I can inform my Elders of our possible re-location.

Best Regards

Joseph Rodriguez

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