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Victoria Rutson
Chief, SEA
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
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Re: Finance Docket 34284
Proposed Vulcan Materials/Southwest Gulf Railroad Rail Line
Medina County Texas

Dear Ms. Rutson:

We are requesting that the STB require a Supplemental DEIS and Public Meeting on FD #34284. After considering the comments on the DEIS made at the December 2, 2004, meeting and the subsequent comments submitted to your agency before the January 10, 2005 deadline, this request is justified.

This request is justified due to the following deficiencies in the DEIS:

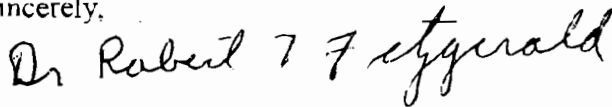
1. The DEIS lacked adequate and credible data on many environmental issues.
2. Because of erroneous and insufficiently detailed data, commentors were not able to make meaningful comments to the STB.
3. Many issues were not addressed at all, as noted in previous correspondence dated December 8, 2004.
4. Failure to fairly compare all of the alternatives including the variation of the old GH&SA route.
5. Not all of the pertinent data possessed by the STB was made available in the DEIS for public review.

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6. STB, despite information and questions submitted during the scoping period, failed to respond to these remarks. This gives the impression STB is prejudiced in favor of SGR. This prejudice must not occur. STB can erase this impression by providing a Supplemental DEIS that is thorough, factual, includes all the data, and one that covers all of the environmental impacts the previous DEIS omitted.

In reality, the public has not been granted a DEIS. We have not been given what the law provides. The DEIS phase of the process was, in effect, a farce used to Vulcan/SGR's advantage.

Your prompt response to this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,



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CC:

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