

Tap Pilam Nation

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Attention: Diana Wood

My name is Raymond Hernandez; I serve on the Tribal Council of the Tap Pilam Nation, my duties are Cultural Preservationist. I am responding to your letter dated August 13, 2015 STB Docket No. FD 34284-Southwest Gulf Railroad Company for the Construction and Operation Exemption, Medina County, Texas seeking New Programmatic Agreement.

After discussing same with members of our community, and research team working with Coahuilteco Research Associates, and with the understanding base on the Contents of the New Programmatic Agreement, and how it will impact our Religious & Cultural affiliation to our Tribal Community Texas first people, we expect to be included as a principal Consulting Party and that additional Studies be made. It is our belief, that changing to the new route will have a much more significant negative impact.

Respectfully,

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