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Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Rini Ghosh
Section of Environmental Analysis
1925 K Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

received
1/29/07

Re: Finance Docket #34284

Dear Ms. Ghosh:

We are writing to express our concerns about Vulcan's proposed rail spur. The quarry and the railroad are not a connected action. Therefore, the rail spur is not a common carrier. This is an important point.

We live one-half mile from the quarry entrance. No matter which route is taken it will go west, north, east or south of our property. It will greatly impact our lives. Our safety and our health will be threatened. Will E.M.S. Or fire protection be able to get to us, if needed? Will we be able to tolerate the dust and the noise?

Our property is in the Texas Land Heritage program and has been in our family since 1881. We planned our retirement here. Our home was built by our grandfather in 1910. Moving is not an option for us.

There are many historical and archaeological sites in this area which should be considered. Also, it seems inconceivable for a quarry to be permitted directly over the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone. Our water is a precious resource which should not be threatened in any way.

This is not the place for a quarry or rail spur. We support neither!

Thank you for allowing us to submit our comments.

Sincerely,



Joe Balzen



Erna Balzen