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JERRY EVERSOLE, COMMISSIONER

April 18, 2002



Ms. Dana White
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

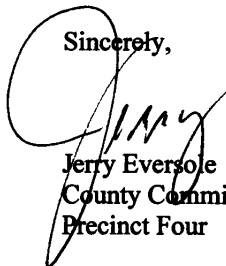
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Dear Ms. White:

On behalf of residents of Harris County, I am forwarding their petition letters requesting support for the San Jacinto Rail Limited, (United States Surface Transportation Board (USSTB) Docket No. 34079, San Jacinto Rail Limited / Construction Exemption / The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company / Operation Exemption / Build-Out To The Bayport Loop, Near Houston, Harris County, Texas). I notified them their request is being forwarded to your office for consideration. Also, I would appreciate a copy of your response to the residents for our files.

Thank you for your efforts to assist Harris County residents. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me or my Community Assistance Department at (281) 353-8424.

Sincerely,



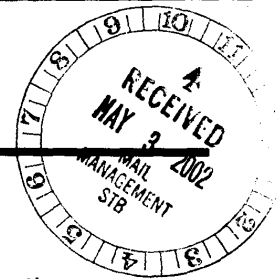
Jerry Eversole
County Commissioner
Precinct Four

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Risse, Lesia (Commissioner Pct.4)



From: Denny, Mike (Commissioner Pct.4)
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2002 4:11 PM
To: Risse, Lesia (Commissioner Pct.4)
Subject: FW: LYONDELL Employee - Resident of El Jardin, La Porte, Pasadena, Shoreacres, Seabrook, or Taylor Lake Village

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Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2002 4:09 PM
To: Denny, Mike (Commissioner Pct.4)
Subject: FW: LYONDELL Employee - Resident of El Jardin, La Porte, Pasadena, Shoreacres, Seabrook, or Taylor Lake Village

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From: martin.muettel@lyondell.com [mailto:martin.muettel@lyondell.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2002 8:29 AM
To: Younts, Joanye (Commissioner Pct.4)
Subject: LYONDELL Employee - Resident of El Jardin, La Porte, Pasadena, Shoreacres, Seabrook, or Taylor Lake Village

Commissioner Jerry Eversole, Commissioner, Precint 4
1001 Preston, 9th Floor
Houston, TX 77002

Dear Commissioner Jerry Eversole:

I am seeking your support of San Jacinto Rail Ltd. which will provide competitive rail service to chemical plants in the Bayport area.
I am an employee of Lyondell Chemical Company. Like the other producer partners in San Jacinto Rail, our Bayport plant is served only by Union Pacific. As a captive shipper in Union Pacific's monopoly our Bayport plant pays almost twice as much to ship to the same customer as our other plants with competitive rail service.
These costs are making it increasingly difficult for Lyondell to compete in today's chemical market. If we cannot be a viable competitor we will not be able to maintain operations as we know them today.
The Bayport plants are a dynamic force in the economy of the Clear Lake region, contributing more than \$1 billion annually in jobs, raw materials and taxes. The financial health of these plants affects the financial health of the region.
Please support construction of San Jacinto Rail Ltd.

Sincerely,

Martin Muetzel
10111 Antrim Lane
LaPorte, TX 77571-4001

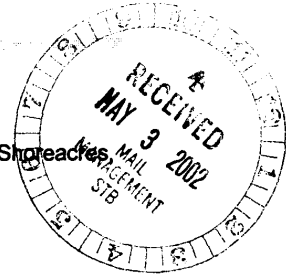
Risse, Lesia (Commissioner Pct.4)

From: Denny, Mike (Commissioner Pct.4)

Sent: Tuesday, April 02, 2002 1:09 PM

To: Risse, Lesia (Commissioner Pct.4)

Subject: FW: EQUISTAR Employee - Resident of El Jardin, La Porte, Pasadena, Shoreacres, Seabrook, or Taylor Lake Village



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From: Younts, Joanye (Commissioner Pct.4)

Sent: Monday, April 01, 2002 4:19 PM

To: Denny, Mike (Commissioner Pct.4)

Subject: FW: EQUISTAR Employee - Resident of El Jardin, La Porte, Pasadena, Shoreacres, Seabrook, or Taylor Lake Village

—Original Message—

From: sailor59@ev1.net [mailto:sailor59@ev1.net]

Sent: Monday, April 01, 2002 4:25 PM

To: Younts, Joanye (Commissioner Pct.4)

Subject: EQUISTAR Employee - Resident of El Jardin, La Porte, Pasadena, Shoreacres, Seabrook, or Taylor Lake Village

Commissioner Jerry Eversole, Commissioner, Precint 4
1001 Preston, 9th Floor
Houston, TX 77002

Dear Commissioner Jerry Eversole:

I am seeking your support of San Jacinto Rail Ltd which will provide competitive rail service to chemical plants in the Bayport area.

I am an employee of Equistar Chemicals. Like the other producer partners in San Jacinto Rail, my company is served only by Union Pacific. As a captive shipper in Union Pacific's monopoly, Bayport plants pay almost twice as much to ship to the same customer as our other plants with competitive rail service.

These costs are making it increasingly difficult for Equistar to compete in today's chemical market. If we cannot be a viable competitor we will not be able to maintain operations as we know them today.

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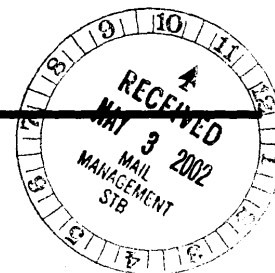
Jimmy White
4507 Augusta

Pasadena, TX 77505-5523

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From: Denny, Mike (Commissioner Pct.4)
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2002 4:11 PM
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Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2002 4:09 PM
To: Denny, Mike (Commissioner Pct.4)
Subject: FW: LYONDELL Employee - HOUSTON Resident

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From: DRMCBP@LYONDELL.COM [mailto:DRMCBP@LYONDELL.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2002 8:53 AM
To: Younts, Joanye (Commissioner Pct.4)
Subject: LYONDELL Employee - HOUSTON Resident

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Sincerely,

Douglas Mathera
3411 Garden Gate Way
Houston, TX 77059-3761

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Risse, Lesia (Commissioner Pct.4)

From: Denny, Mike (Commissioner Pct.4)
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2002 9:34 AM
To: Risse, Lesia (Commissioner Pct.4)
Subject: FW: LYONDELL Employee - HOUSTON Resident

How about another one!

—Original Message—

From: Younts, Joanye (Commissioner Pct.4)
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2002 8:47 AM
To: Denny, Mike (Commissioner Pct.4)
Subject: FW: LYONDELL Employee - HOUSTON Resident

—Original Message—

From: mipuffer734@aol.com [<mailto:mipuffer734@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, April 04, 2002 5:04 PM
To: Younts, Joanye (Commissioner Pct.4)
Subject: LYONDELL Employee - HOUSTON Resident

Commissioner Jerry Eversole, Commissioner, Precint 4
1001 Preston, 9th Floor
Houston, TX 77002

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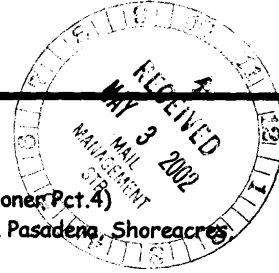
Sincerely,

William M. Puffer
734 Voyager

Houston, TX 77062-5617

Risse, Lesia (Commissioner Pct.4)

From: Denny, Mike (Commissioner Pct.4)
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2002 11:29 AM
To: Risse, Lesia (Commissioner Pct.4); Bowers, Steve (Commissioner Pct.4)
Subject: FW: ATOFINA Employee - Resident of El Jardin, La Porte, Pasadena, Shoreacres, Seabrook, or Taylor Lake Village



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From: Younts, Joanye (Commissioner Pct.4)
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2002 8:02 AM
To: Denny, Mike (Commissioner Pct.4)
Subject: FW: ATOFINA Employee - Resident of El Jardin, La Porte, Pasadena, Shoreacres, Seabrook, or Taylor Lake Village

-----Original Message-----

From: Larry.Caudill@Lyondell.com [mailto:Larry.Caudill@Lyondell.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2002 6:56 AM
To: Younts, Joanye (Commissioner Pct.4)
Subject: ATOFINA Employee - Resident of El Jardin, La Porte, Pasadena, Shoreacres, Seabrook, or Taylor Lake Village

Commissioner Jerry Eversole, Commissioner, Precint 4
1001 Preston, 9th Floor
Houston, TX 77002

Dear Commissioner Jerry Eversole:

I am writing to ask for your support of new rail service for the Bayport Industrial Complex. My company is a member of the San Jacinto Rail Line in East Harris County, Texas. I am an employee of ATOFINA Petrochemicals which owns and operates a polyethylene plastics facility in Bayport, Texas. The facility currently is a captive shipper. We are a rail dependent business and we have only one rail line available to us at this site. Competition is badly needed in this area of Texas.

The new line is necessary in order for ATOFINA to improve service to its customers, and to improve its competitive position in the market. The Bayport Industrial District, which will be served by the line, is important to the economic foundation of Harris County in Texas. The Bayport companies contribute more than \$1 billion each year to the Clear Lake and Houston region through jobs, taxes, and volunteerism. By keeping the facilities competitive, it allows them to remain important contributors to a strong local and regional economy.

ATOFINA relies on rail transportation to ship more than 90 percent of its production to customers, but only one rail carrier now serves the Bayport facility - Union Pacific Railroad. Our Bayport facility pays almost twice as much to ship its plastics to customers than ATOFINA's plastics facility in nearby La Porte.

Shipping is the third highest cost to run this facility. In order for us to remain competitive in our markets we need to have competition among our rail services. In addition, ATOFINA was severely hurt by Union Pacific service disruptions following implementation of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific merger in 1997. The new rail line will provide ATOFINA and others with a service alternative in the event there are any future service disruptions.

Please approve construction of the San Jacinto Rail Line.

Sincerely,

Larry Caudill
1008 Eva Ave

Pasadena, TX 77502-3806