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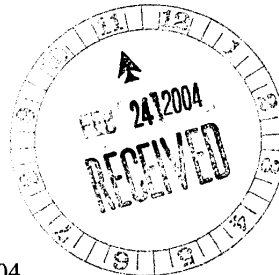
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Re: **STB Finance Docket No. 34284**
Southwest Gulf Railroad Company (Vulcan) – Construction and Operation
Medina County, Texas

Notice of Intent to Become a Party to the Proceeding

Dear Secretary Williams:

The Medina County Environmental Action Association, Inc. (MCEAA) hereby gives notice it is participating as a party in the above-captioned proceeding. It requests to receive notice of all Board decisions, filings, and pleadings related to this action under FD_34284, so that it may participate and comment accordingly. Please include MCEAA on the service list as a party of record representing the Medina County Environmental Action Association at the following address:

MEDINA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION ASSOCIATION
202 CR 450
Hondo, Texas 78861
(830) 741-5040

An original and 10 copies of this notice are enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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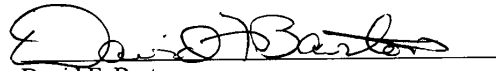
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 19th day of February, 2004, I have caused to be served by first-class mail, postage prepaid, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request to the following parties of record in STB Finance Docket Case No. 34284:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David F. Barton", is written over a horizontal line.

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