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From: Surface Transportation Board, Section of Environmental Analysis

Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34284, Southwest Gulf Railroad Company – Construction and Operation Exemption – Medina County, TX

Enclosed please find a copy of a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Surface Transportation Board has determined that because of public controversy associated with Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's proposed construction and operation of a seven mile rail line in Medina County, Texas, preparation of an EIS is appropriate here.

The enclosed Notice of Intent begins the "formal scoping" process. This is the first formal step in public participation. The purpose of scoping is to identify the potential issues, concerns, and opportunities for public involvement associated with the proposed project. We have identified some issues, which we have listed and discussed in the attached draft scope of study for the proposal. We would like you to review the draft scope and send us any comments you may have to help us develop a comprehensive and sound EIS. Please identify specific issues to be considered, places within the project area that are important, or suggestions to improve or change the project, including your ideas for alternatives.

Please mail your comments to: Surface Transportation Board, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423-0001, to the attention of Rini Ghosh. Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 34284 in all correspondence addressed to the Board. To be most useful to the environmental review team, we should have your comments by February 26, 2004. For further information or to notify us that you would like to be removed from the environmental mailing list, please call the project information line at (512) 419-5941.

Enclosure

SAUK WALDEN POND

YOU MAY CONCLUDE THAT I HAVE TOTAL DISDAIN FOR BUREAUCRATIC PROCESS AND REGRET THAT I AM FORCED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SITUATION. HOWEVER CORPORATE GREED AND DISREGARD FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS DESERVE REBUTAL. 100 FT IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE LIES QUINIA CREEK. OCCASSIONALLY IT IS DRY (AS ALL CREEKS IN TEXAS ARE SOMETIMES DRY). THE LAST 3 YEARS IT HAS MAINTAINED A STEADY TABLE WHICH CORRESPONDS TO THE TABLE OF BOTH MY WELLS. THE CREEK AND MY WELLS ARE FED BY THE SURROUNDING HILLS AND GRAVEL FORMATION BELOW. IF THE CREEK DRIES, MY WELL WILL DROP 8-10 FEET BUT I STILL HAVE 30 FT OF H₂O. I AM NO HYDROLOGIST, BUT THINGS PROBABLY WILL BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE RR, MAYBE GOOD, MAYBE BAD (I DON'T THINK I WANT TO FIND OUT. BASICLY I AM SAYING, I SHOULD NOT HAVE TO RISK THAT THE BAD WILL HAPPEN IN ANY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CATEGORIES YOU MENTIONED. RIGHT NOW WE HAVE DUCKS, CRANES AND FISH, MY DOGS FROLICK AND PLAY IN THE WATER, IT IS PLEASANT TO LOOK AT IT. VULCAN WANTS TO TURN THIS VALLEY INTO A 6 MILE LONG AND 5 MILE WIDE INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX. THEY HAVE NO RIGHT TO IMMUNANT DOMAIN WHICH WILL GIVE THEM THE POWER TO DO THIS. MY ENVIRONMENT, MY HOME, FUTURE GENERATIONS ENVIRONMENT ARE GOING TO BE DESTROYED SO VULCAN STOCKHOLDERS CAN COLLECT THEIR TAX FREE DIVIDENDS. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THEM TO DO SO.