



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Section of Environmental Analysis
Port MacKenzie Rail Extension Project
Environmental Impact Statement

EI-7114

DRAFT SCOPE OF STUDY COMMENT FORM

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1) South Houston route would need to be built in some of the poorest soils in the area. The Caliche is very unstable when wet (during break up). This same soil condition causes vibration to transmit large distances which would be very intrusive to a populated area.

2 I still have not seen any verifiable accounting of the cost benefits of this project. How many miles shorter to sea water than the existing route to Arc? What is the cost per ton mile? How many tons per year are shipped from Pt. McKenzie? What are the estimated cost to build this spur line? I am disturbed that the justification for this line is based on the dreams of the people who would be the sole beneficiaries of the construction phase.

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