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Questionnaire and Comment Form

Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's
Proposed Rail Construction in Medina County, TX
STB Finance Docket No. 34284

June 12, 2003

This questionnaire and comment form is designed to help you identify and describe any issues of interest to you regarding Southwest Gulf Railroad Company's Proposed Rail Construction in Medina County, TX. Your comments will help the Surface Transportation Board, Section of Environmental Analysis understand public interests and concerns about the project as we conduct our environmental review.

Please complete this questionnaire after you have reviewed the exhibits. If you have a concern about a particular geographic area, please circle it on the attached map.

Please give us the completed form tonight or mail it to:

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Your name and address are optional, but would be useful if you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive subsequent information regarding this project.

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RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION DISRUPTION

- Utilities: Medina Electric, Yancey Water(1), underground pipelines
- Mail
- School Busses
- Commuters
- Fire, EMS, and Sheriff Responses
- Farmers moving equipment; unable to get into fields
- Ranchers and Farmers moving stock to market
- Deliveries(UPS, Fed Ex, propane, etc)
- Repairmen(plumbers, electricians, carpenters, etc)
- Pastures cutoff by construction-creating a need for additional stock water

(1) Yancey Water may have alternate supply solution

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TRAFFIC ANALYSIS

VEHICULAR

		One-Way	Round-Trip
Trucks (1)		85	170
Employees commute(2)		100	200
TOTAL		185	370
Roads affected:	FM 471	CR 252	
	FM 1957	CR 351	
	FM 2676	CR 353	
		CR 354	

TRAIN TRAFFIC

		One-Way	Round-Trip
Daily Operations		2	4
Roads Affected: (3) (4)	CR 351		
	CR 353		
	CR 365		
	CR 450		
	CR 454		
	CR 4512		
	CR 4516		

Notes: (1) Based on Vulcan's estimate of 850 truckloads production per day. Ten percent would go by truck if the railroad was built.

(2) *San Antonio Express-News* article June 9,2003 quoting Vulcan.

(3) FM2676 will be affected also if an overpass or underpass is not constructed. All the roads listed above, including FM2676, will be affected in track construction. Long delays and/or detours will be present during construction. These delays or detours could affect school busses, sheriff, ambulance or fire trucks as well as commuters, etc.

(4) Roads affected will be subject to actual railroad location.

TAXES and SERVICES

Vulcan Materials has stated they will generate \$500,000 in taxes each year(1).

- Precinct 1 2003 Budget \$ 1,153,677(2)
- Cost of Services
 - Pct 1 increased road upkeep costs will probably be very substantial—maybe almost \$500,000.
 - School – Increase of 90 students(3) x \$6648 (4) is \$598,321
 - Increased EMT services
 - Increased Hondo VFD services
 - Increased sheriff responses

(1) *San Antonio Express-News* article June 9,2003

(2) Includes \$14,850 lateral road funds from state

(3) Sixty employees x 1.5 students per family(conservative estimate)

(4) Hondo ISD amount. State average is \$6913.

ESTIMATED BREAKDOWN OF EMPLOYEES

Total number of employees 125 (5)

Est number of employees living out of Medina Co(6) 65

Number of employees in Medina Co(Hondo, Castroville,
D'Hanis, Devine area) 60

(5) Vulcan estimate

(6) Based on similar situation with Hondo prisons

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VULCAN TAX COMPARSION

FM1283 QUARRY

Taxable Assessed Value	\$ 244,685.00
2002 County Taxes Paid	1,557.67
2002 Medina Valley ISD Taxes Paid	3,792.62

PROPOSED QUARRY

Estimated county taxes (1)	\$ 150,000
Estimated Hondo ISD taxes(1)	450,000

ABOVE TAXES EQUATE TO \$28,662,420 TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUE

(1) *Castroville News-Bulletin* June 12, 2003

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