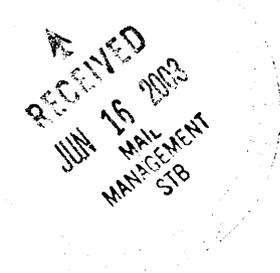


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RE: STB Finance Docket No 34284 –Southwestern Gulf Railroad Company
Construction and Operation Exemption – Medina County, TX

I am writing in reference to a letter mailed to land owners near Quihi, Texas. DB Larson Ltd is the landowner immediately to the west of the proposed railroad route. We believe that the routing of the rail line as proposed would be an environmental travesty. There are a number of areas that cause concern.

Safety: The crossing of roads in this area would cause a significant safety hazard to others in the area. One particular crossing is on a “blind curve” which will surely be a source of accidents.

Wildlife: Already there is tremendous pressure on the wildlife in this area. The addition of an extremely active rail line would surely put deer and other wildlife at risk and cause a decrease in their environment.

Water Resources: The proposed route passes through a creek area that is active in maintaining water resources in this area. This area is extremely dry and any reduction of water retention would be extremely detrimental.

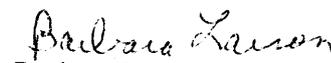
Noise: The large number of rail operations proposed in this area would cause a tremendous increase in noise in the area. Already we constantly hear trains running through Dunlay and that is 1-1/2 miles away. Trains would be running adjacent to the property which would be unacceptable.

Economic Effects: The reduction in property values adjacent to the proposed rail line would be significant.

Please contact us if you should wish to discuss these items further.

Regards,


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