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ATTN: RINI GHOSH

STB FINANCE DOCKET #34284

I AM SENDING THIS LETTER IN REFERENCE TO THE PROPOSED QUARRY AND RAIL (SGR) IN MEDINA COUNTY, TEXAS REF # FD 34284.

MY FAMILY LIVES JUST NORTH OF THE PROPOSED QUARRY/RAIL, IN AN AREA OF SMALL ACREAGE RESIDENCES. THESE AREAS HAVE BEEN TYPICALLY IGNORED BY VULCAN AND STUDIES RELATED TO THE QUARRY. WE MOVED TO THIS LOCATION IN 1984, OUR CHOICE OF THIS HOME SITE WAS DUE TO THE CLEAN AIR, CLEAN WATER AND QUIET; NOT FOR THE POSSIBILITY THAT THAT SOME DAY THERE WOULD BE A QUARRY/RAIL.

I AGAIN WRITE TO VOICE MY OPPOSITION TO SGR (VULCAN'S PURCHASED RAILROAD) AND QUARRY/RAIL ITSELF.

SINCE ITS INCEPTION MANY, WHO LIVE HERE, HAVE OPPOSED THE QUARRY/SGR, BASED ON NEGATIVE AFFECTS WE WOULD SUFFER. OUR CONCERNS: CLEAN AIR, CLEAN WATER NOISE POLLUTION AND DESTRUCTION OF NATURAL FEATURES OF THIS AREA.

WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY VULCAN, THAT MANY PEOPLE BUY HOMES AND LIVE NEXT TO OUR QUARRIES AND RAILWAYS. THAT IS THEIR CHOICE, BUT TO HAVE THIS FORCED INTO AN AREA, IT BECOMES A DOMAIN ISSUE.

THE PURCHASE OF SGR IS VULCAN'S METHOD OF USING EMINENT DOMAIN FOR THEIR BENEFIT.

VULCAN/SGR'S DECLARATION THAT SGR IS A "COMMON CARRIER" IS FALSE.

IN REVIEWING THE BOOKS/INFORMATION PREPARED BY STB, THROUGHOUT CORRESPONDANCE FROM SGR, LAWYERS STATEMENTS FREQUENTLY BEGIN WITH, "SGR HAS NOT YET..." ANOTHER GENERAL STATEMENT VULCAN/SGR MAKES IS, "MANAGEMENT BEST PRACTICE", THIS BASICALLY MEANS THE LEAST WE HAVE TO DO. THROUGHOUT COMMENTS BY VULCAN/SGR, REGARDING QUARRY, TRUCKS, AND RAILROAD, STATEMENTS REGARDING FUEL AND WATER THEY MENTION "EXCEPTIONS" WE MAY HAVE TO USE.(?)

ONE SECTION STATES VULCAN/SGR HAS NOT YET DEVELOPED "BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES" TO MINIMIZE IMPACTS ON GROUND WATER RESOURCES.

IN ANOTHER CORRESPONDENCE FROM SGR LAWYER COTTON, SGR STATES THAT EASTERN ROUTES ARE NOT FEASIBLE OR PREFERABLE. ²⁰⁰⁵ AS COMMENTS WERE COLLECTED TO SHOW WESTERN ROUTES WOULD IMPACT HISTORICAL AREAS AROUND QUINZI - VULCAN/SGR NOW SHIFTS TO THE EASTERN, "LESS FEASIBLE" ROUTE

SO AGAIN OTHER RESIDENTS ARE AT RISK OF CONDEMNATION BY VULCAN'S "PURCHASED" RAILROAD.

THE VULCAN COMPANY AND THOSE WHO PROFIT FROM THE QUARRY AND RAILROAD, DO NOT LIVE HERE, THEIR HOMES AND LIVES WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

IN THESE DAYS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND PROBLEMS THREATENING GROUND WATER, AIR AND NATURAL AREAS THIS CONCEPT GOES AGAINST COMMON SENSE AND CONSIDERATION OF RESIDENTS.

IN CLOSING, PLEASE UNDERSTAND AND CONSIDER THAT THIS OVERALL PROJECT WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON ALL PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE - OUR SAFETY, AIR, WATER WELLS, OUR QUALITY OF LIFE IS AT STAKE HERE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CAREFUL CONSIDERATION REGARDING THIS VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE.

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