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Victoria Rutson
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RE: STB Finance Docket 34284
Vulcan Materials/SGR

Ms. Rutson,

I had previously responded to this issue prior to actually being in office as the Commissioner in Pct 1. I took office on Jan. 1st.

I am sending this to reiterate my concerns about the proposed rail line for SGR and its impact on Medina County. I also see that the STB is considering allowing permitting and then letting the mitigating issues be addressed. Isn't that putting the cart before the horse? What happens if the mitigating concerns are not resolved?

The mitigating issues are serious and need to be answered before the permit.

My concerns remain safety, traffic and most of all flooding. I also am concerned about any involvement with Union Pacific as a carrier.

Please reconsider this process. Thank you.

Respectfully,

C. Mitchell
Commissioner Medina County
Pct 1