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Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
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Attention: Rini Ghosh

Re: Finance Docket No. 34284

Dear Rini Ghosh,

The purpose of the STB? I believe the purpose has been lost. Up until now in being a part of the process, I have watched, I have listened, I have been active, concerned, interested. Wanting to understand all there was to both sides of the issue. I tried to keep an open mind and heart knowing that this was a major issue and would have major effects on everyone in my community as well as my family, homestead and way of life. This painstaking process is all necessary in order to get all the clarity possible for this type of devastation upon a community. Some of the saving grace to this process is to have an unbiased 3rd party involved to look at all the "facts" honestly and help bring resolve and closure that is truly for the good of "all".

The STB is one said such organization founded by the people of these United States and funded by all the people of these United States. Our tax dollars at work or so we would like to believe.

But as I have watched, listened, been an active part and have been whole heartedly concerned for the good of all in this process, I have been completely dumbfounded with the peoples of the STB. I have never in all my years seen such a charade, such a farce, such a waste of money and of our time as citizens of this country and process. Your review (DEIS) was never even done! And you damn well know it. The STB cut and pasted documents with headers that were entitled for this project, stuck them in a binder and called it a study. Then humored the people who pay your salaries with the opportunity to blow steam. You could care less what we are faced with, what we've been through, what all this means to our families and what will happen after your charade is over. You are heartless and without a conscience. Your organization (if you can call it that) should be and will be held liable for total corruption.

Respectfully Submitted,

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cc: US Congressman Henry Bonilla
US Senator John Cornyn
Texas Senator Frank Madla
Texas Representative Timoteo Garza
Medina County Judge Jim Barden
Medina County Commissioner Royce Hartman