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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
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1925 K Street, NW, Suite 700
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RE: Draft Environmental Assessment
Proposed Rail Line between Seadrift and Kamey, Texas

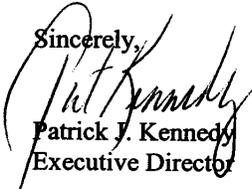
Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Assessment Finance Document No. 34033. Please accept our apologies for the delay in submitting our comments under this review process.

Review of the document found it to be very thorough and informative. However, we would like to submit our concerns along with the ones documented in your report on pages 3-10 through 3-13 under section 3.5.3. Drainage and Floodplains. Based on local knowledge, the area in and around Kamey has historically experienced flooding and drainage problems which also creates difficult travel conditions.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to submit our comments and if we can answer any questions or provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,


Patrick J. Kennedy
Executive Director

xc: Commissioner Kenneth Finster, Calhoun County

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