



## **More about the Sabal Trail gas pipeline and how to stop it: SpectraBusters Information Meeting #2**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Valdosta, November 19, 2013 --Find out Saturday morning about the huge pipeline proposed to run through our area. Who benefits (not Georgia citizens). What fines have been imposed on the pipeline company. What are the potential dangers of corrosion, leaks and more. Most importantly, find out what our community can do to stop this pipeline from being built.

**When:** 10 AM to Noon  
Saturday, November 23rd 2013

**Where:** Valdosta City Hall Annex  
300 North Lee Street  
Valdosta, GA 31601  
Phone:(229) 259-3506

**Why:** Spectra Energy proposes a hundred-foot-wide gash through our lands for their huge 36 inch Sabal Trail gas pipeline from Alabama through Georgia to feed Florida Power and Light (FPL) for no benefit to local citizens. A one-time payment is nowhere near adequate for permanent destruction and hazards when FPL and Spectra would continue to profit forever.

### **Agenda:**

- 1) **10 AM** Introduction
  - Our situation: landowners and others (1 min each)
  - Allies (watersheds, fracking, solar, etc., 1 min each)
  - Introduction of elected and appointed officials
- 2) **10:20 AM** Presentation about the pipeline
- 3) **10:40 AM** Discussion and sign up to help
- 4) **11:00 AM** Breakout sessions, How To:
  - Financial effects, safety, and health
  - Legal: deny, rescind, and eminent domain
  - Contact landowners: telephone, door-to-door, online
  - Media: newspapers, radio, TV, facebook, twitter
  - Allies help: fracking, solar power, watersheds

**What:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) fined Spectra a record \$15 million for leaking PCBs at 89 sites along another pipeline. The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) fined Spectra \$134,500 in December 2012 for five violations of federal regulations and Spectra's own company procedures, involving not monitoring pipelines and letting them corrode and leak.

The gas comes from fracking in the Marcellus Shale in Pennsylvania and the Barnett Shale in Texas, destroying whole watersheds and poisoning farmlands and drinking water. We do not want our land taken to support destroying someone else's land.

This 36 inch pipeline would be bigger than the 30 inch gas pipeline that blew up in Oklahoma a few weeks ago, visible from Kansas and Texas, and far bigger than the 10 inch one that blew up in Texas last week.. It is nowhere near safe enough to run anywhere near schools, churches, people's houses, or wildlife.

Solar power is cheaper and brings jobs and energy right here where we need them.

**SpectraBusters:** *We ain't afraid a no pipeline!*

We are a coalition of landowners and others opposed to the Sabal Trail Transmission gas pipeline through Alabama, Georgia, and north Florida. We invite everyone near the path of this pipeline to this informational meeting.

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