



**Hear Sabal Trail Transmission answer
questions from the Lowndes County Commission**

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Valdosta, December 5, 2013 --Representatives from Spectra Energy or its LLC Sabal Trail Transmission will speak at the Monday morning Lowndes County Commission Work Session and answer questions from Commissioners.

When: 8:30 AM

Monday, December 9th, 2013

Where: Commission Chambers

327 North Ashley Street, Second Floor

Valdosta, GA 31601

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Questions:

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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.

Property values: A pipeline through your property isn't going to increase its value, and being a pipeline corridor isn't going to attract businesses.

Hazards: 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.

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.

Fracking: 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.

Instead: 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 Florida.

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