

Question the Sabal Trail pipeline in Osceola County 2014-02-10

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Valdosta, 6 February 2014 -- Local landowner Monica Martin will speak to the Osceola County Commission about the proposed Sabal Trail methane gas pipeline and its effects on the aquifer, native wildlife, and the landscape, plus property values and property rights. Other local citizens may also speak in the same "Hear the Audience" section (turn in a "Request to Speak" form before the meeting). Anyone from anywhere can come listen, or protest against the pipeline outside.

When: 1:30 PM **Where:** Administration Building 4th Floor

Monday, February 10th 2014 One Courthouse Square Kissimmee, Florida 34741

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Why: Spectra Energy, which had compressor station leaks in Maine this month and in Pennsylvania last year, plus multiple fines by Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) for corrosion and leaks, and a record \$15 million EPA fine for PCB contamination, 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) and Duke Energy for no benefit to local citizens and rate hikes for FPL customers. A one-time payment is not enough for decreased property values, permanent destruction, and hazards of leaks and explosions, when FPL and Spectra and Duke would profit forever. The gas comes from fracking in Pennsylvania and Texas, destroying whole watersheds and poisoning farmlands and drinking water. Conservation, efficiency, and solar power are cheaper and bring jobs and energy right here where we need them. *In Conjunction with*:

Environmental Awareness Organization of Auburn University (EAOAU).

https://auburn.collegiatelink.net/organization/eao

Occupy the Pipeline, who fought the NYC extension on the Spectra Pipeline.

http://occupythepipeline.blogspot.com

Sane Energy Project: to fight fossil fuel and nuclear infrastructure, and encourage renewable infrastructure. http://www.SaneEnergyProject.org

Shale Property Rights, formerly Spectra Energy Watch. http://www.shalepropertyrights.com/blog/ **Sierra Club,** America's largest and oldest grassroots environmental group, exploring, enjoying, and protecting the environment since 1892. http://www.sierraclub.org

Stop the Pipeline: Property values, mortgages, home insurance, and pipeline == fracking. http://www.StopThePipeline.org

Students Against Violating the Environment (S.A.V.E.) at Valdosta State University.

http://ww2.valdosta.edu/vsu/stuorg/save/

Wiregrass Activists for Clean Energy (WACE), promoting clean and sustainable energy sources. http://www.wiregrass-ace.org/

WWALS Watershed Coalition, Willacoochee, Withlacoochee, Alapaha, and Little River Systems in south Georgia and north Florida. http://www.wwals.net/

SpectraBusters: We ain't afraid a no pipeline!

Landowners and others opposed to the Sabal Trail gas pipeline through Alabama, Georgia, and Florida.

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