



Take the Pipeline Bull by the Horns: Georgia FERC Scoping Meetings

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Valdosta, 2 March 2014 -- SpectraBusters invites everyone to take the pipeline bull by the horns this week in Albany, Valdosta, or Moultrie, at your only chances in Georgia to testify in front of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission about Spectra Energy's proposed Sabal Trail Transmission fracked methane pipeline. Plus SpectraBusters will hold a panel on the issues afterwards.



FERC Scoping Meetings:

We hear these FERC Scoping meetings will all have the same format:

5PM Sabal Trail discussion pipeline representatives will be present.

6PM FERC presentation about the process.

Then citizens can speak at the podium one by one and have what they say transcribed by a

court recorder for the Commission's administrative record.

This week's calendar:

Hilton Garden Inn Albany, Monday, March 3, 2014

101 South Front Street, **Dougherty County**

Albany, GA 31701 (229) 888-1590

Holiday Inn Valdosta Conference Center Tuesday, March 4, 2014

1805 West Hill Avenue **Lowndes County**

Valdosta, GA 31601 (229) 244-1111

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Moultrie Technical Facility Building A Veterans Parkway Conference Center **Colquitt County**

800 Veterans Parkway North

Moultrie, GA 31788 (229) 217-4185

The FERC Scoping Meetings continue in Alabama next week, and in Florida after that; see:

http://spectrabusters.org/calendar/

You can be heard online instead by filing an e-comment with FERC:

https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.aspx

Use Docket number PF14-1 for Sabal Trail Transmission.

SpectraBusters Panel:

There's more to be done so there's another meeting later (see other side)...

3PM Saturday 29 March 2014 SpectraBusters Panel Lowndes County, GA Pipeline? No!

Elected officials and candidates for public office are invited to a SpectraBusters panel discussion in Lowndes County, Georgia. Topics will include potential pipeline routes, property rights (eminent domain, property values), water issues (aquifer, sinkholes, springs), whether Florida even needs more power, better power sources (solar, wind, conservation, and efficiency), noise, health, and hazards. SpectraBusters and allies from all states are invited, and are encouraged to hold panels elsewhere.

Sabal Trail, Spectra, FPL, Williams, and Duke: we don't come to your internal company meetings, and you'll hear from us at the Scoping Meetings.



Why: Spectra Energy, which had compressor station leaks in Maine in January 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 watersheds, farmlands, and drinking water. Conservation, efficiency, and solar power are cheaper and bring jobs and energy here where we need them.

In Conjunction with:

Environmental Awareness Organization of Auburn University (EAOAU).

https://auburn.collegiatelink.net/organization/eao protects clean air and water. http://greenlaw.org/

New York Climate Action Group (NYCAG) the Spectra struggle (and Williams Transco Rockaway Lateral Pipeline in the Rockaways of Queens, NY and the LNG port resistance in Long Beach, NY).

Occupy the Pipeline, who fought the NYC extension on the Spectra Pipeline. http://occupythepipeline.blogspot.com

Our Santa Fe River, protecting our most vital and vulnerable natural resource...water. http://www.oursantaferiver.org/wp/

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: No eminent domain, preserve local character and environment, and pipelines == fracking. http://www.StopThePipeline.org

Students Against Violating the Environment (S.A.V.E.) Valdosta State U. http://ww2.valdosta.edu/vsu/stuorg/save/

Wiregrass Activists for Clean Energy (WACE): 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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