

# Tackle the Pipeline at the Root: Alabama FERC Scoping Meetings

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Valdosta, 8 March 2014 -- SpectraBusters invites everyone to tackle the pipeline at its root this coming week in Seale, Alexander City, or Butler, at your only chances in Alabama to testify in front of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission about the fracked methane pipelines proposed by Williams Transco, Spectra Energy, and FPL. Plus later a SpectraBusters panel on the issues.



## FERC Scoping Meetings:

5PM Sabal Trail discussion

6PM FERC presentation about the process and the pipelines

Then citizens can speak at the podium

This week's calendar:

Monday, March 10, 2014 Russell County PF14-1 Sabal Trail West Georgians can cross the Chattahoochee River

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 Tallapoosa County Where PF14-6 and PF14-1 connect plus a compressor station

Wednesday, March 12, 2014 Choctaw County PF14-6 Hillabee Expansion Project begins at Transco Station 85 plus a compressor station Pipeline representatives will be present.

Docket number **PF14-6**: Hillabee Expansion Project Docket number **PF14-1**: Sabal Trail Transmission Docket number **PF14-2**: Florida Southeast Connection

Have what you say transcribed by a court recorder for the Commission's administrative record.

Russell County High School 4716 Old Seale Highway Seale, AL 36875 (334) 855-4378

Central Alabama Community College Betty Carol Graham Technology Center 1675 Cherokee Road Alexander City, AL 35010 (256) 234-6346

Butler Civic Center 108 North Academy Avenue Butler, AL 36904 (205) 459-3795 next to Mississippi

Or e-mail to efiling@ferc.gov or file online with FERC: https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOnline.aspx Or call 202-502-8258, or mail written comments to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary; Federal Regulatory Commission; 888 First St. N.E. Room 1A; Washington, D.C. 20426.

Use Docket number **PF14-1** for Sabal Trail Transmission, or **PF14-6** for Hillabee Expansion Project. See calendar for Georgia last week and Florida the following two weeks: http://spectrabusters.org/calendar/

## SpectraBusters Panel:

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

# 3PM Saturday 29 March 2014SpectraBusters PanelLowndes County, GAPipeline? 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

Greenlaw 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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