

The Sabal Trail Pipeline



Project Details

Sabal Trail Transmission LLC is a joint venture of Spectra Corp and NextEra Energy.

They were awarded the 465-mile interstate project in July 2013 by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL).

Construction of the pipeline costs about \$ 3 billion.

Sabal Trail Transmission LLC is now approaching landowners for surveys.

The planned in-service date for the pipeline is May 2017.

The pipeline will expand Florida's access to sources of natural gas throughout the US.

A 36 inch pipeline will be used for this project.

The pipeline will run for 196 miles through Georgia and counties like Colquitt, Brooks, and Lowndes.

Capacity: 1 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day.

Property Values, Rights, and Taxes?

A survey study of a 600 feet wide stretch of land will be taken to allow for future pipeline route refinements if deemed necessary.

With or without the consent of landowners, a 100 feet wide stretch of their land will be used as an easement. Landowners opposed to the pipeline will see their property expropriated via the use of "eminent domain".

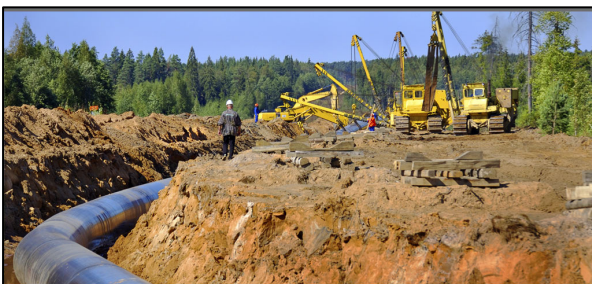
Landowners lose the right to use this easement as they see fit: no dwellings and no deep rooting trees will be allowed.

Landowners will have to pay property taxes on this easement even though it has been rendered virtually useless.

Access to this portion of the land has to be granted to the company that purchases the easement for maintenance.

A pipeline going through the property of landowners will decrease its value.

In general, pipeline corridors do not attract businesses to communities.



Pipelines Are Not Safe

US pipeline accidents since 2010:

- 2010 – 28 pipeline accidents
- 2011 – 30 pipeline accidents
- 2012 – 36 pipeline accidents
- 2013 – 29 pipeline accidents
- 2014 – 4 pipeline accidents already

That's a total of 127 pipeline accidents!



Knifley, KY (2-13-2014): A natural gas pipeline exploded in Adair County, Kentucky, destroying two homes, causing an evacuation of 20 residents, and blasting a 60-foot crater into the ground near Highway 76.

Spectra Energy's "Safety Record":

- Spectra Energy has a poor record in regard to the maintenance and monitoring of its pipelines.
- Spectra Energy has been fined > \$15 million for spills at 89 pipeline sites.
- Spectra Energy has been responsible for > \$8 million in property damage.

Jobs and Taxes?

- Companies like Spectra Energy claim that their ventures benefit communities by bringing "thousands of jobs", by "adding capital investment" and by "increasing the tax base".
- In reality the number of permanent jobs is at best in the dozens, and there are no guarantees that these will go to people in your community.
- Moreover, pipeline companies receive special tax breaks that translate to lower federal revenues, so that American taxpayers have to pick up the slack.

How Can We Stop the Pipeline?

If you are a landowner, say NO to the survey! This will slow down the process Sabal Trail LLC must go through to seek approval. If you have already agreed, call your contact agent and pull your permission.

Landowner or not, contact your elected officials (City, County, State Representatives, Senators) and express your concerns.

Visit FERC.GOV and file an eComment. To file a complaint electronically go to www.ferc.gov. Go to "Documents and Filings", then to "eComment", fill out the required information, and you will receive an email with a link to a comment form.

Search and select Docket Number PF14-1 and enter your comments. The more of us object to this pipeline, the better!

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