

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.

Does this look like a good idea to you?

