

14-019

**A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED**

**A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE 465 MILE INTERSTATE NATURAL GAS
PIPELINE PROPOSED BY SABAL TRANSMISSION, LLC AS SAID PIPELINE
TRAVERSES THROUGH DOUGHERTY COUNTY; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS
OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, by Letter Order dated October 16, 2013, Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC ("Sabal Trail") was granted approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") to utilize FERC's Pre-Filing Environmental Review Process for the proposed Sabal Trail Project ("Project") with the Project being assigned Docket No. PF14-1-000; and

WHEREAS, the Members of the Dougherty County Board of Commissioners ("Board" or the "Commissioners") have been both listening and responding to concerns expressed by Dougherty County landowners and citizens affected by the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, those concerns have been expressed publicly through the approval by the Board of several letters (copies attached) written on behalf of the Board as follows:

- (a) September 30, 2013 letter from the Board to Pete V. Sheffield, Vice-President Government Affairs and Energy Policy, and Ed Gonzales, Project Director for Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC.
- (b) February 24, 2014 letter from the Board to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- (c) April 11, 2014 letter from the Board to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- (d) August 25, 2014 letter from the Board to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

; and

WHEREAS, in order to better understand the concerns of our citizens and the project itself, the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County and the Board of Commissioners of the City of Albany scheduled a Public Information Meeting for September 29, 2014. At that four hour meeting, the general public and the Commissioners heard from Sabal Trail representatives, community activists and representatives, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and various state departments and elected office holders; and

WHEREAS, based on all of the information gleaned by and submitted to the Board, we have become increasingly concerned that the health and welfare of our community will be severely compromised by the construction of the pipeline and any associated compressor stations within Dougherty County; and

WHEREAS, it is clear to the Board that, to this date, Sabal Trail has not articulated a justifiable need for the pipeline as it traverses Dougherty County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County and it is hereby resolved by Authority of same as follows:

SECTION I At the present time, our Board feels that Sabal Trail has not met its burden of showing that the proposed pipeline is needed in Dougherty County and information received by the Board indicates that our community will suffer numerous environmental and safety consequences as a result of the construction of the proposed pipeline and compressor station within Dougherty County.

SECTION II Thus, we are in opposition to the construction of the proposed pipeline in Dougherty County and request that FERC give serious consideration and analysis to alternative routes (1) that avoid unstable geologic areas such as karst and sink-hole prone areas, (2) that minimize impacts to drinking water and agricultural water supplies, (3) that minimize impacts to wildlife habitat, forest, wetlands, streams and rivers and (4) that do not compromise socio-economic and cultural issues.

SECTION III We ask that serious consideration and analysis be given to the alternative route through the Panhandle of Florida, a copy of which is attached hereto.

SECTION IV All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

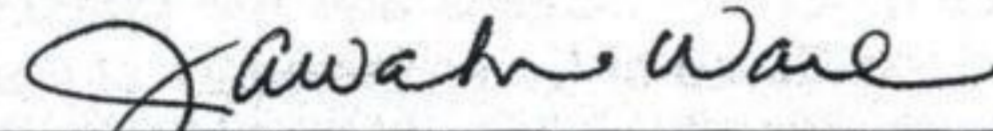
This the 27 day of October, 2014

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: 

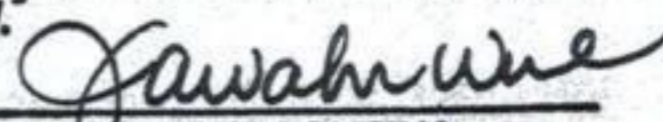
Jeff Sinyard, Chairman

ATTEST:



County Clerk

"I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution
Duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty
County at its regular meeting held October 27 2014
the original of which is on file in the official minute book
Which is in my custody."



COUNTY CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA