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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose
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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Re: Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC, Docket CP15-17-000

Dear Secretary Bose:

I am writing to follow up on my letter dated November 4, 2014 to express renewed concerns regarding Sabal Trail Transmission's (STT) proposed natural gas pipeline through Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. Georgia's Second Congressional District, which I have represented in the United States House of Representatives since 1993, will be directly impacted by the proposed pipeline, which would travel through Stewart, Webster, Lee, Dougherty, and Mitchell Counties. As I mentioned in my last letter, a number of issues have been raised by my constituents concerning the proposed route of the pipeline, the use of eminent domain, the safety record of one of the pipeline owners, and the overall need for the pipeline; to date, none of these issues has been adequately addressed by STT.

With regards to eminent domain, my constituents have informed me that STT filed suit against a number of them in order to come on to their property to conduct surveying activities. Resorting to litigation is totally inappropriate and such suits should be immediately dismissed. I therefore am requesting that FERC inform STT and its agents that it must obtain the landowner's consent before it surveys their property and that STT refrain from any more attempts to use the threat of eminent domain to obtain such consent.

I also remain deeply concerned that the pipeline will run through the most populated area of Southwest Georgia with little or no benefit to my constituents. As mentioned previously, most if not all of the natural gas will benefit Florida consumers. The lack of public benefit for and necessity to Georgia residents just led the State of Georgia, through its Department of Transportation, to deny a similar certificate of necessity and convenience to Kinder Morgan for its petroleum pipeline through eastern Georgia; the same logic applies to STT. It may make more sense to allow the pipeline to run through the Florida Panhandle by either co-locating it with the SGT pipeline already in place or, better yet, coordinating to upgrade that pipeline just as it is doing with the Transco pipeline in Alabama. Another option is to co-locate with the existing Gulf of Mexico pipeline, which would avoid impacting any private landowners and eliminate damage to land-based environmental resources as well as the health and safety risks of constructing and operating in sinkhole-prone areas. In both cases, the state of Florida's residents, who would presumably be getting the benefit from the gas, would appropriately bear the burdens. I therefore am requesting that FERC require STT to seriously evaluate these alternatives.

A number of other troubling issues with STT's preferred route remain unresolved. For example, the pipeline will travel through many miles of karst terrain rife with sinkhole activity. Such terrain would increase the risk of a pipeline collapse, leading to explosions, fires, and groundwater pollution. The route would also cross the City of Albany's drinking water well field that supplies fresh drinking water to over 35,000 residents. According to a study by the U.S. Geological Survey, the well field itself has experienced the formation of over 40 sinkholes since 2003, with 9 having formed since 2010. The Mayor and City Council of Albany wrote a letter to FERC, dated May 19, 2015, on this very issue urging FERC to deny the permit for the proposed route because of the potential impacts to the City's drinking water; see attached. I completely agree; placing the pipeline across or in close proximity to an already sinkhole-prone property that supplies drinking water to the City defies logic and should not be acceptable.

In addition, the route also calls for a compressor station to be located in a populated African-American neighborhood near Albany, Georgia, right across from the well field even though FERC regulations call for compressor stations to be situated in unobtrusive locations away from populated areas. I remain deeply disturbed that such a location would result in a decrease in private property values, noise, and pollution.

Finally, it is important that serious consideration be given to Spectra's safety record, especially in light of its proposed location of the compressor station near Albany. My review of FERC's information requests of STT since its filing of its application reveals no inquiry by FERC with respect to this record.

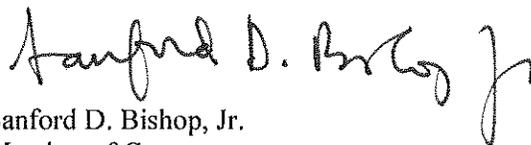
In conclusion, STT's proposal simply presents too many risks for too little benefit to the people bearing those risks. Unless the route is significantly altered to avoid the aforementioned risks and impacts, I believe that FERC should deny STT's application for a Certificate of Public Necessity.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Jonathan Halpern on my staff at (202) 225-3631.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sanford D. Bishop, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" at the end.

Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
Member of Congress



City of Albany

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Via Electronic Filing

May 19, 2015

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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RE: Southeast Market Pipelines Project
Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC
Docket No. CP15-17-000
Docket No. CP14-16-000
Docket No. CP14-554-000

Dear Secretary Bose:

We wish to point out a special feature that would justify FERC to deny use of the preferred route. Please accept this as formal expression of our concern for the City's water supply. The close proximity of Sabal Trail's preferred route to City's well field is a risk to the citizens of Albany and Dougherty County. To deny the preferred route is the only way to protect the City's water supply. We know of no detriment to Sabal Trail to use another route. Rather, use of another route would off-set harm to the City's water supply.

In the end, the balance of interests clearly favors denying Sabal Trail's preferred route. With respect, we feel it would be a misguided decision if Sabal Trail is allowed to use its preferred route.

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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND U.S. MAIL

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RE: Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC Proposed Action
FERC Docket No. CP15-17-000
Comment and Request

Dear Ms. Bose:

Prior to and since the date the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") issued its letter order dated October 16, 2013 granting approval to Sabal Transmission, LLC ("Sabal Trail") to utilize FERC's Pre-filing Review process, the undersigned members of the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia ("Board") have taken an active role in the Sabal Trail proposed action on behalf of the public and our citizens. We grow increasingly concerned that Sabal Trail has not responded adequately to the issues identified in FERC's Notice of Intent. They have not addressed the issues of (1) potential effects on geology and soil, (2) impacts on water resources and wetlands, (3) impacts on vegetation, forests, fisheries, wildlife and threatened species, (4) cumulative impacts, (5) public safety concerns, (6) purpose and need for the proposed pipeline, (7) alternatives to the preferred route, (8) air quality and noise and (9) socioeconomic factors - environmental justice. For those reasons we submit Sabal Trail's application for a construction permit should be denied.

In addition, our concern for the citizens of this community grows as we read documents such as the United States Environmental Protection Agency report of April 21, 2014 to FERC. Their suggestions seemed to be right on point as they dealt with issues speaking to alternatives to the preferred route, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, public health and safety and environmental justice in children's health. The issues brought up by the EPA obviously concern all of us here in Dougherty County and should concern anyone with a reasoning mind, wherever they reside. Should Sabal Trail be unable with clarity to both adequately and substantially answer the suggestions posed by EPA, Sabal Trail's application for a permit for construction should be denied.

Our ongoing review of Sabal Trail's preferred route and alternative routes has been difficult at best because of Sabal Trail's refusal to provide both the public and affected property owners with the underlying GIS and related data that Sabal Trail used to delineate its preferred route and to reject certain alternative

routes. We have gotten mixed reports as to whether or not the proposed alternative routes are still under review by FERC. Thus, we respectfully request that FERC provide us with a list of the alternative routes that are now being reviewed and under consideration by FERC. As a repository for that information, please forward it to our representative W. Spencer Lee IV, County Attorney, at Post Office Box 1376, Albany, Georgia 31702.

We understand that FERC intends to issue a draft Environmental Impact Assessment sometime during this month or the month of May, 2015. We would like to have the requested information prior to the issuance of the draft EIS. We appreciate your consideration as to these comments and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Truly Yours,

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