

November 10, 2014

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC  
*Sabal Trail Project*, Docket No. PF14-1-000  
Monthly Progress Report

Dear Ms. Bose:

On October 16, 2013, the Director of the Office of Energy Projects issued a letter in the above-referenced docket approving the request of Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC (“Sabal Trail”) to commence the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (“Commission”) Pre-filing Review Process of its proposed Sabal Trail Project (“Project”). Pursuant to Section 157.21(f)(6) of the Commission’s regulations<sup>1</sup>, Sabal Trail herewith submits its twelfth monthly progress report for the Project for the period October 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014.

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact the undersigned at (713) 627-4102 or Joe Payne, Manager, Rates and Certificates at (713) 627-5093.

Sincerely,  
Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC  
By: Sabal Trail Management, LLC,  
Its Operator

/s/ Lisa A. Connolly  
Lisa A. Connolly, General Manager  
Rates and Certificates

cc: John Peconom (FERC)  
Jessica Harris (FERC)

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<sup>1</sup> 18 C.F.R. § 157.21(f)(6)

## **Introduction**

By letter order dated October 16, 2013, Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC (“Sabal Trail”) was granted approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC” or the “Commission”) to utilize the Commission’s Pre-Filing Review Process for the proposed Sabal Trail Project (“Project”). The Project will create a new pipeline system with an initial capacity to transport approximately 800,000 dekatherms per day (“Dth/d”) of natural gas beginning May 1, 2017. Through a series of phased compressor expansions to meet the future capacity needs of Sabal Trail’s shippers, Sabal Trail’s capacity will increase to approximately 1,100,000 Dth/d by 2021. The Project has been assigned Docket No. PF14-1-000.

This Monthly Progress Report provides a brief summary of significant Project activities or changes in Project information that have occurred during the period beginning October 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014.

## **Field Surveys**

- As of October 31, 2014, survey access has been obtained for approximately 98% of the Mainline, 100% of the Hunters Creek Line and 100% of the Citrus County Line.
  - On the Mainline, approximately 465.9 miles of civil, 462.6 miles of biological and 462.6 miles of cultural surveys have been completed.
  - On the Hunters Creek Line, approximately 13.3 miles of civil, biological and cultural surveys have been completed.
  - On the Citrus County Line approximately 21.4 miles of civil, biological and cultural surveys have been completed.
- Continued surveys of reroutes, contractor yards and deviations. Anticipate completion of field surveys in December 2014, pending resolution of denied access tracts in Alabama and Georgia and potential re-routes in Florida.

## **Geotechnical Boring Program**

- Borings were conducted at the following proposed HDD crossing site locations:
  - Flint River
  - Withlacoochee River I (Georgia)
  - Santa Fe River
  - Interstate 4
  - Deerfield

## **Geophysical Testing**

- Flint River
- Suwannee River Reroute (Withlacoochee Alternative)

- Transco Hillabee M&R Station
- Suwannee FGT M&R Station
- Karst MP 260.5
- Karst MP 335.3
- Karst MP 340
- Karst MP 427.4

### **Agency Contacts**

- Met with SWFWMD, FDEP, Audubon, and FERC on October 10, 2014 to finalize route relative to the Halpata Tastanaki Preserve.
- Met with FWC on October 14, 2014 to provide a Project update on surveys of State Listed T&E Species survey results and requirements for additional surveys.
- Met with FDEP representatives on October 29, 2014 to discuss potential pipeline routes to avoid high quality wetlands in the Green Swamp Area of Critical Concern.
- Changes to the agency contact list from versions previously provided are reflected in Table 1.

### **Routing/Alternatives Update**

Re-routes under consideration by county during this reporting period are as follows:

- Tallapoosa County, AL - 1
- Lee County, AL – 4
- Russell County, AL – 4
- Stewart County, GA – 1
- Terrell County, GA -1
- Dougherty County - 1
- Colquitt County, GA - 2
- Lowndes County, GA – 2
- Hamilton County, FL – 1
- Marion County, FL – 2
- Sumter County, FL – 2

During this period, Sabal Trail continued to evaluate re-routes suggested by individual landowners, right-of-way agents, environmental team members, and engineering and construction team members. Specifically, the re-routes evaluated during this period included minimizing cross overs of an existing active natural gas pipeline, constructability issues, and landowner requests.

Evaluations continue of following potential re-routes/alternative sites:

- Withlacoochee River
- Wacassassa Flats
- Sasser Alternative

- Albany Compressor Station

### **Stakeholder Activities**

Sabal Trail continues to work with stakeholders, including landowners, government agencies and community leaders to refine and provide updates regarding the Sabal Trail Project.

- On October 20, 2014, Sabal Trail hosted a public open house meeting for area residents, public officials and other community members to discuss and provide information about the Sasser Alternative and alternate compressor station locations. Letters were mailed to landowners along the current route, the Sasser Alternative route and within 1/2 mile of the compressor station sites. Public officials were notified. Newspaper ads also ran in the local newspaper the week prior to the meeting.
- On October 21, 2014, Sabal Trail hosted a public open house meeting for area residents, public officials and other community members to discuss and provide information about the Withlacoochee Alternative. Letters were mailed to landowners along the current route and the Withlacoochee Alternative route. Public officials were notified. Newspaper ads also ran in the local newspaper the week prior to the meeting.

### **Project Filings and Schedule Update**

#### ***Sabal Trail Project Filings***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Content</b>
10/23/13	Open Houses and Stakeholder Notifications
10/28/13	Updated Stakeholder List to reflect contact information for the Native American Tribes
11/12/13	Supplement to Open House schedule to reflect addition of Citrus County meeting
11/15/13	Draft Resource Reports 1 and 10 and Updated Stakeholder Mailing Lists
12/2/13	Response to comments seeking open house meeting information
1/8/2014	Supplement to Open House Schedule to notify of an additional meeting in Moultrie, GA
1/13/14	Photo based alignment drawings were filed per FERC Staff Request
1/15/14	Response to Comments
1/24/14	An updated Stakeholder List was filed with FERC
2/18/14	Supplement to Open House Schedule to notify of an additional meeting in Wildwood, FL
3/31/14	Response to comment requesting documents and additional time to provide comments
4/2/2014	Photo based alignment drawings were filed per FERC Staff Request
4/11/2014	Informational Filing of Stakeholder

	Correspondence
4/21/2014	Response to comments seeking extension of scoping comment period
4/22/2014	Informational Filing of Stakeholder Correspondence
5/2/2014	Response to April 2 Supplemental Comments on Draft Resource Report 10
5/5/2014	Response to Scoping Comments
6/2/2014	Draft Environmental Resource Report Nos. 1-12
6/17/2014	Supplemental Information for Draft Environmental Resource Report No. 8
7/31/2014	FDEP Environmental Resource Report Application
9/15/2014	Filed Response to FERC Staff Comments regarding Draft Resource Reports, which were received August 26.

***Schedule Update***

- There are no material changes to the Project schedule.

**Next Monthly Report**

- The next progress report will cover the period beginning November 1, 2014 through November 21, 2014, the anticipated date for filing the certificate application.

**TABLE 1****Sabal Trail Project****Stakeholder List – Non-Landowners – Federal, State, and Local Agencies**

Agency	Region/ Division	Contact Name	Contact Address	Contact Phone	Contact Email	Status from Previous Version	Meeting Notes
FDEP	Central	Lisa Prather	3319 Maguire Blvd Orlando, FL	407-897-2947	<a href="mailto:Lisa.Prather@dep.state.fl.us">Lisa.Prather@dep.state.fl.us</a>	Added Meeting Information	10/10/14 Meeting Resolved routing to avoid Halpata Tastanaki Preserve. Attendees: FDEP – Lisa Prather; SWFWMD – Colleen Kruk, Ken Frink, Carrie Felice; Audubon – Charles Lee, Sandra Marraffino, Paul Marraffino; FERC – John Peconom, Mitch Shields
Southwest Florida WMD		Colleen Kruk Senior Land Use Specialist	2379 Broad Street Brooksville, FL 34604	352-796-7211 x 4790	colleen.kruk@watermatter s.org	Added Meeting Information	10/10/14 Meeting Resolved routing to avoid Halpata Tastanaki Preserve. Attendees: FDEP – Lisa Prather; SWFWMD – Colleen Kruk, Ken Frink, Carrie Felice; Audubon – Charles Lee, Sandra Marraffino, Paul Marraffino; FERC – John Peconom, Mitch Shields
Audubon Society	Central Florida Policy Office	Charles Lee Director of Advocacy	Center for Birds of Prey 1101 Audubon Way Maitland, FL 32751	407-539-5700	<a href="mailto:Chlee2@earthlink.net">Chlee2@earthlink.net</a>	Added Meeting Information  Email Contact Address Updated	10/10/14 Meeting Resolved routing to avoid Halpata Tastanaki Preserve. Attendees: FDEP – Lisa Prather; SWFWMD – Colleen Kruk, Ken Frink, Carrie Felice; Audubon – Charles Lee, Sandra Marraffino, Paul Marraffino; FERC – John Peconom, Mitch Shields
FFWCC	Tallahassee, FL	Brad Gruver,	620 S. Meridan Street Tallahassee, FL	850-488-4676	<a href="mailto:Brad.Gruver@myfwc.com">Brad.Gruver@myfwc.com</a>	Added Meeting Information	10/14/14 Meeting Discussed finding from species-specific surveys for state listed T&E species. Attendees: Brad Gruver, Angela Williams, Richard McCann, Jennifer Goff, Jason Hight, and Laura DiGruttolo
FDEP	Central	Lisa Prather	3319 Maguire Blvd Orlando, FL	407-897-2947	Lisa.Prather@dep.state.fl.us	Added Meeting Information	10/29/14 Meeting Discussed routing options through Green Swamp Area of Critical Concern.
USDA-FSA	Georgia	Fred Harrison, Jr. State Executive Director	355 E. Hancock Avenue Stop 100 Athens, Ga 30601	706-546-2266	<a href="mailto:Fred.harrison@ga.usda.gov">Fred.harrison@ga.usda.gov</a>	Added Contact	
USDA NRCS	Auburn Field Office	Dr. William Puckett State Conservationist	3381 Skyway Drive Auburn, AL 36830-6443	334-887-4500	<a href="mailto:william.puckett@al.usda.gov">william.puckett@al.usda.gov</a>	Added Contact	
USDA- NRCS	Wetlands Program Team Florida	Rosalind Moore Wetland Conservation Specialist	452 Hwy 98 North Okeechobee, FL 34972-4168	352-338-9582	<a href="mailto:Rosalind.moore@fl.usda.gov">Rosalind.moore@fl.usda.gov</a>	Added Contact	
Lee County Highway Department (AL)	Lee County Roads	Justin Hardee County Engineer	100 Orr Avenue Opelika, AL 36803	3340-737-7011	<a href="mailto:jhardee@leeco.us">jhardee@leeco.us</a>	Added Contact	

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FDOT	District 5	Ty Garner	719 S. Woodland Blvd. DeLand, FL 32720	386-943-5254	<a href="mailto:Ty.garner@dot.state.fl.us">Ty.garner@dot.state.fl.us</a>	Added Contact	
Levy County Historical Society	Levy County, FL	Toni Collins Director	12751 NW 92 <sup>nd</sup> Street Chiefland, FL 32626	352-490-5636	<a href="mailto:tonicolins@att.net">tonicolins@att.net</a>	Added Contact	