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# Sabal Trail: Reliable & Abundant Energy, Cleaner Air



"Energy makes the modern world possible. All communication and computing. Every product and building. All food and water. Every government, every business and every family consumes energy 24 hours a day," notes Dr. Scott Tinker in his movie *Switch*, which is based on his three-year research of energy. We are all using more energy to power our lives. In Georgia and Florida alone, nearly 20 percent of electricity generated is used for air conditioning to cool homes, and another 45 percent of electricity is used for powering appliances and electronics within the home. And, in 2012, Alabama was the fourth state in the nation that had the highest energy consumption rate. As a result, we are creating more demand for energy.

Our demands are now for a cleaner energy. Many power companies are achieving cleaner air standards by building new, natural gas-fired electric-generating facilities and converting many existing power plants to natural gas. This has generated even more demand for new safe, secure natural gas supplies and resources like Sabal Trail.

New domestic discoveries of natural gas deposits have created record supplies, which will generate additional supply of natural gas that will serve local distribution companies, industrial users and natural gas-fired power generators in the Southeastern U.S., providing a reliable source of electricity for decades to come. This is good news for both consumers and the environment.

It is this growth in natural gas use that also creates positive news for the environment. The U.S. Department of Energy forecasts that the growth in natural gas use will keep carbon dioxide emissions below the 2005 level through at least 2030. Because of projects like Sabal Trail, we will be able to breathe easier and healthier.

You may not be a customer, so you may think you do not reap the benefits of natural gas. But, natural gas is used in many other places outside residential homes and communities. Many commercial buildings, hospitals and schools use natural gas because it is safe and efficient. Natural gas fueled vehicles are becoming commonplace and domestic manufacturing is growing dramatically as a result of the abundance of this cheaper, environmentally-friendly fuel.

In 2012, research on a dozen U.S. hospitals showed they saved \$14.5 million by using natural gas. And, approximately 78 percent of restaurants in the U.S. use natural gas. By these services saving with the use of natural gas, those savings are passed on to you with quicker and more reliable service, along with you keeping more money in your wallet.

Most manufacturing facilities require large amounts of energy. With the price of natural gas competitive with other fuels, manufacturers are looking to natural gas to meet their fuel needs. And, this means economic growth for those nearby areas. With Sabal Trail providing additional supplies of natural gas to manufacturers, that means more manufacturing jobs.

As there is an increase for natural gas in homes and businesses, additional natural gas supply for the Southeastern U.S. states will be needed. Sabal Trail pipeline is an important, critical step in the building of our new clean, safe, secure energy future.

And, that will help us all breathe a breath of fresh air.

Sabal Trail is committed to working with federal and state agencies, local officials, and landowners to minimize issues and/or concerns related to the proposed route. Please feel free to contact your Right-of-Way Agent directly should you have any questions or concerns. In addition, feel free to contact our 24-hour Project Hotline at 1.888.596.7732.



*The draft Resource Reports were filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") in June 2014, and Sabal Trail staff is finalizing the Resource Report for Sabal Trail, which will be filed with FERC by the end of October 2014. The draft Resource Reports are a comprehensive review of the project and can be viewed by visiting [www.sabaltrailtransmission.com/resources](http://www.sabaltrailtransmission.com/resources) or [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov). CDs of those draft Resource Reports were also distributed to municipal libraries along the proposed route.*

*More than 95 percent of the land surveys have been completed. And, as a result, several reroutes are being evaluated to minimize the impact to landowners, resource areas, communities and the environment along the pipeline path. In summary, early elements of the project have been accomplished successfully and Sabal Trail's progress is moving toward the goal of meeting that demand for energy.*



June 2013  
Start of Research

October 2013  
FERC Profile

June 2014  
File FERC Draft  
Resource Reports  
(Current Status)

October 2014  
FERC Application  
is Submitted

November 2015  
Anticipate FERC  
Certificate

June 2016  
Commence  
Construction

May 2017  
In-Service