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Sabal Trail: Common Misconceptions



Since beginning the proposed pipeline project in June 2013, Sabal Trail Transmission ("Sabal Trail") has listened to the questions and concerns of landowners, public officials, and community members. Many good questions have been asked, and we would like to take the opportunity to place the concerns at ease by answering or clarifying some of the misconceptions that have been presented to us.

One concern is if Sabal Trail's pipeline will contaminate drinking water or aquifers. The answer is no. The pipeline is made of high-strength steel with epoxy coating; the natural gas is transported in a gaseous state. Natural gas is lighter than air which means in the highly unlikely event that natural gas escapes from the pipeline, the gas can only travel up through the soil into the atmosphere, where it dissipates. The pipeline will also be buried minimum 3 feet beneath the surface. Aquifers and wells are much deeper than that. Additionally, no toxins are released that would affect water quality during construction or operation of the Sabal Trail facilities.

The topic of "karst" topography has been discussed at length. Karst is the kind of geology that is associated with sink holes, springs and shallow depressions. Some are concerned about the safety of the pipeline in these areas as well as impacts to water springs. Sabal Trail has diligently assessed these areas near the pipeline route through research, surveys, and geo-physical and geo-technical studies. We have employed local experts to ensure we have the best information in order to determine the location and design of the pipeline. Pipelines successfully operate in areas of this type of terrain in Florida, Georgia, Alabama as well as other regions in the U.S.

What about pipeline safety? It is well established that natural gas transmission pipelines are the safest method of transporting energy products. The transportation of natural gas is extensively regulated by the U.S. Department of Transportation ("DOT"), and Sabal Trail will meet or exceed all DOT requirements and will maintain stringent operations and maintenance through a 24/7, 365-day-a-year monitoring program. We will be building the pipeline with modern technology with state of the art supplies. Pipelines are America's life lines. And they operate safely every day across the country.

There is no validated evidence demonstrating that natural gas pipelines affect home loans, property values or insurance costs. A study by the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America Foundation determined there is no significant impact on the sales price of properties located along natural gas pipelines and that pipeline size and product made no difference. Nor is there an apparent impact on the marketability of properties located along a natural gas pipeline's path and that a pipeline did not impede development of the surrounding properties. Additionally, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") researched this issue and reported the results in a recent Environmental Impact Statement issued in March 2012. FERC even interviewed bank, mortgage and insurance company officials and determined that there are no pipeline-related impacts. With more than 300,000 existing miles of pipelines in the U.S., there would be plenty of evidence to the contrary if it were the case.

Every county will benefit from the initial construction of the pipeline with construction or contracted jobs. And let's not forget the new taxes that the pipeline will generate every year for as long as it operates. An economic impact report, which has been reviewed and endorsed by experts in each state, shows Sabal Trail



Transmission estimates the Project will generate millions of dollars in tax revenue: \$755 million in federal, state and local tax revenues in just the 1-year construction timeframe. This increased tax revenue to communities can be used at their discretion: for local schools, to offset municipal tax increases, to continue to fund community services and for infrastructure improvement projects.



Sabal Trail will primarily transport domestic natural gas supplies to Florida Power & Light and Duke Energy

Florida. Their intended use is domestic. Sabal Trail does not own the natural gas it transports. Sabal Trail is not seeking any approval from the U.S. Department of Energy to have the natural gas exported. However, our representatives are currently in discussion with additional potential customers along the proposed pipeline route to assist with providing for the need of clean burning natural gas in the Southeast.

We've heard some ask about the five compressor stations along the route. Sabal Trail's compressor stations will be designed with the best available state-of-the-art low emission turbine technology which will actually achieve an emission rate that is lower than what is required by federal and state regulations. In compliance with these regulations, the stations will be fueled by clean natural gas. We will be equipping the turbine with an exhaust catalyst system, which is designed to significantly reduce other air emissions. This system is not required by the federal or state regulations but due to our commitment to operating with the least amount of impact on the environment, these will be implemented.

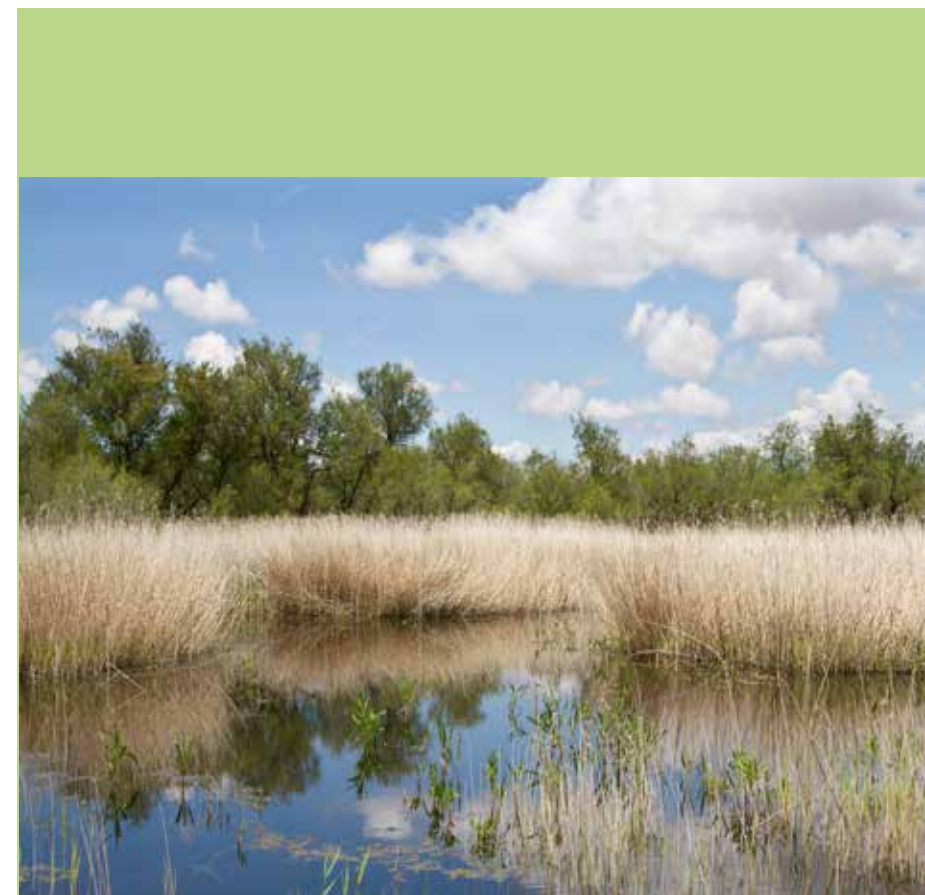
Some may think the compressor stations will be noisy. FERC regulations state noise levels to not exceed an average day-night sound level of 55 decibels at the nearest receptors. For comparison, a normal conversation is 55 decibels and far less than the 120+ decibels of a jet taking off. Even the sound of truck and car traffic is higher than the 55 decibels of a compressor station.

Sabal Trail will install its pipeline with at least 3 feet of cover over the pipeline. In agricultural areas, we will install the pipeline at greater depths so landowners can continue use of the fields. Sabal Trail has committed to a minimum of 4 feet of cover over the top of the pipeline in actively tilled agricultural land (noted in November FERC filing, Resource Report 1, page 1-22). We recognize the value of agricultural areas, and we are working diligently with each landowner/tenant farmer to determine the appropriate construction requirements specific to each tract of land.

Natural gas systems have a relatively small carbon footprint compare to overall emissions due to their small size and the low carbon content of natural gas. In fact, due to its low carbon content, natural gas can play a significant role in helping to reduce emissions when used in place of other fossil fuels in end-use applications, such as power generation, commercial or industrial applications. Natural gas is recognized as a very clean energy source and its use is rapidly expanding.

On September 2, 2014, Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") Administrator Gina McCarthy asked the energy business community to spend their dollars on building more natural gas pipelines across the country. "This is really about building a healthy industry, a healthy investment market and lowering carbon pollution," she stated. We at Sabal Trail agree.

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.



Sabal Trail Transmission has filed its formal application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity with FERC on November 21, 2014. The formal application for Project review has been assigned a docket number of CP15-17-000. On December 30, 2014 and February 20, 2015, Sabal Trail filed the supplemental information as part of the formal FERC application including documentation on the reroutes, additional data and copies of various permit applications for the Project. You may visit FERC's website at www.FERC.gov and enter this docket number to follow the Project or visit the Resources page at www.sabaltrail.com. This information is also available at local libraries and depositories in your area. These locations are also listed on the Sabal Trail website.