

Who is Sabal Trail LLC?



Project Details

Sabal Trail Transmission LLC is a joint venture of Spectra Corp and NextEra Energy.

They were awarded the 515-mile interstate project in July 2013 by Florida Power & Light Company (FPL).

Construction of the pipeline costs > \$ 3 billion.

Sabal Trail Transmission LLC is now approaching landowners for surveys.

The planned in-service date for the pipeline is May 2017.

The pipeline will expand Florida's access to sources of natural gas throughout the US.

A 36 inch pipeline will be used for this project.

Capacity: > 1 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day.

Property Values, Rights, and Taxes?

A survey study of a 600 feet wide stretch of land will be taken to allow for future pipeline route refinements if deemed necessary.

With or without the consent of landowners, a 100 feet wide stretch of their land will be used as an easement. Landowners opposed to the pipeline will see their property expropriated via the use of "eminent domain".

Landowners lose the right to use this easement as they see fit: no dwellings and no deep rooting trees will be allowed.

Landowners will have to pay property taxes on this easement even though it has been rendered virtually useless.

Access to this portion of the land has to be granted to the company that purchases the easement for maintenance.

A pipeline going through the property of landowners will decrease its value.

In general, pipeline corridors do not attract businesses to communities.



Pipelines are not safe! Nationwide more than 30 major pipeline accidents happen every year!



Spectra Energy's Horrific "Safety Record":

- Spectra Energy has a poor record in regard to the maintenance and monitoring of its pipelines.
- Spectra Energy has been fined > \$15 million for spills at 89 pipeline sites.
- Spectra Energy has been responsible for > \$8 million in property damage.

Jobs and Taxes?

- Companies like Spectra Energy claim that their ventures benefit communities by bringing "thousands of jobs", by "adding capital investment" and by "increasing the tax base".
- In reality the number of permanent jobs is at best in the dozens, and there are no guarantees that these will go to people in your community.
- Moreover, pipeline companies receive special tax breaks that translate to lower federal revenues, so that American taxpayers have to pick up the slack.

Public Risks for Corporate and Political Interests?

- On July 21, 2014, the *Miami Herald* reported that Florida Gov. Scott is profiting from this project. ("Gov. Scott had stake in pipeline firm whose \$3 billion venture he and his appointees backed.")
- On October 2, 2014, the *Albany Herald* reported that Georgia Gov. Deal received contributions from Spectra Energy. ("Gov. Nathan Deal's campaign accepts contributions from Spectra Energy")
- Much of the natural gas which Spectra Energy plans to transmit via this proposed pipeline to the "sunshine state" will be exported to Europe and Asia in the form of liquefied natural gas (LNG).



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