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Project: FERC Docket No. CP15-17-000 — Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC

Dear FERC,

I am writing to express my outrage at the deeply flawed Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Sabal Trail Pipeline project. The DEIS totally ignores the impacts of the project on our community, namely:

- 1) The proposed pipeline route is riddled with sinkholes, nearly 70 in Dougherty County alone. This dangerous plan poses an unacceptable risk of pipeline collapse, explosion, and fire, which threatens our safety, drinking water, environment, and property. For these reasons, some people have been calling it the "Sinkhole Trail Pipeline."
- 2) The compressor station, which would be located inside the city limits of Albany, would emit air and noise pollution, threatening the health and wellbeing of mobile home park residents, churchgoers, and school children nearby.
- 3) Compressor stations can be deadly; on October 8, 2015, an explosion at a compressor station in Louisiana killed three workers. The Sabal compressor station would be located near a low-income residential neighborhood, including a church with 5,000 members. The safety risks posed by this compressor station are a deplorable attack on a vulnerable community.
- 4) The proposed pipeline crosses the Flint River, the lifeblood of the City of Albany. Spectra's pipeline collapse and explosion in the Arkansas River shows that Spectra can't be trusted to protect such a precious resource.
- 5) Spectra has a terrible safety record; it has had at least 21 safety-related incidents since 2006 on a single pipeline, resulting in \$8.5 million in property damage.
- 6) Alternative routes exist outside of Georgia that are safer and have fewer impacts on the environment, but these routes have been improperly dismissed by FERC.
- 7) The DEIS was prepared by a leading gas industry consultant that prides itself on getting pipelines built, and the sinkhole study section was prepared by Sabal's own consultant. While it's reasonable to use consultants with appropriate expertise, an impartial and thorough review of this proposal requires recognition of the bias inherent in any conclusions and recommendations presented by these consultants.

For all of the reasons above, I urge FERC to reject the dangerous Sabal Trail Pipeline project and instead protect the safety, health, environment and property of our community.

Sincerely,
