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FERC Docket Number: CP15-17

USACE <u>Application Numbers</u>: SAS-2013-00942 (GA), SAJ-2013-03030 (FL), SAM-2014-00655-JSC (AL)

Applicant: Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC, Attn Mr. George McLachlan;

Re: Sabal Trail intrusion in Withlacoochee River north of US 84 bridge and possible sinkhole

Dear Mr. Peconom et al.,

During aerial reconnaissance Saturday October 22nd 2016, WWALS Watershed Coalition observed at least two possible infractions at the Sabal Trail Withlacoochee River HDD sites near the US 84 bridge between Quitman and Valdosta, Georgia. I ask your prompt investigation of these anomalies and responses to the included questions.

Withlacoochee River intrusion

There is a long yellow object in the Withlacoochee River directly in line with the Sabal Trail HDD site in Brooks County, Georgia, pictured here:



What is that object in the river?

Is Sabal Trail using water from the Withlacoochee River?

Is Sabal Trail dumping wastewater into the Withlacoochee River?

By what authorization is Sabal Trail making any intrusion into the Withlacoochee River when FERC permitted them to drill under it, not in it?

Possible sinkhole at Lowndes County Withlacoochee River HDD site

At the Withlacoochee River HDD site in Lowndes County, Georgia, Sabal Trail has marked a circular area, pictured here:



Is that marked circular area a sinkhole?

If it is not a sinkhole, what is it?

Why is it marked?

Has Sabal Trail reported a sinkhole or other anomaly at that location to FERC or to other relevant agencies such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, or Lowndes County?

Is blue pipe thinner than red pipe?

Near the red pipe laid out west of the Brooks County HDD site, there is one blue pipe, pictured here:



WWALS observed much blue pipe elsewhere along Sabal Trail's route, except at HDD sites.

What is the difference between the blue pipe and the red pipe?

Is the blue pipe the thinner pipe for less populated areas promised in WWALS v Sabal Trail & FDEP by Alan Lambeth, director of engineering design for Spectra Energy?

Thank you for your attention to these questions. I await your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

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John S. Quarterman, President

WWALS Watershed Coalition advocates for conservation and stewardship of the Withlacoochee, Willacoochee, Alapaha, Little, and Upper Suwannee River watersheds in south Georgia and north Florida through education, awareness, environmental monitoring, and citizen activities









