



April 13, 2020

*Via e-filing*

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20426

**Re: *Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC*, Docket No. CP15-17-000  
Response to Request for Extension of Time to Complete Construction of Phase II Project Facilities (Accession No. 20200326-5147) and Request to Place Phase II Project Facilities into Service (Accession No. 20200408-5059)**

Dear Secretary Bose:

The Sierra Club requests that FERC deny Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC's ("Sabal Trail") April 8, 2020 request to place the Albany and Dunnellon compressor stations into service on or around April 30, 2020.<sup>1</sup> FERC should deny Sabal Trail's request to place these non-essential, polluting facilities into service in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Albany compressor station would increase air pollution—which has been linked to higher coronavirus death rates<sup>2</sup>—in a predominantly African American community that has “one of the highest infection rates in the country.”<sup>3</sup> Albany is located in Dougherty County, which is reportedly “one of the biggest hot spots in the world for the novel coronavirus.”<sup>4</sup> Now is not the time to needlessly increase the pollution burden on an environmental justice community that is particularly vulnerable to these threats.

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<sup>1</sup> This request was preceded by a March 26, 2020 request for extension of time to complete construction of these project facilities.

<sup>2</sup> Lisa Friedman, *New research links air pollution to higher coronavirus death rates*, N.Y. Times, April 7, 2020, <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/07/climate/air-pollution-coronavirus-covid.html>.

<sup>3</sup> Haisten Willis and Vanessa Williams, *A funeral is thought to have sparked a covid-19 outbreak in Albany, Ga. — and led to many more funerals*, Washington Post, April 4, 2020, [https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/a-funeral-sparked-a-covid-19-outbreak--and-led-to-many-more-funerals/2020/04/03/546fa0cc-74e6-11ea-87da-77a8136c1a6d\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/a-funeral-sparked-a-covid-19-outbreak--and-led-to-many-more-funerals/2020/04/03/546fa0cc-74e6-11ea-87da-77a8136c1a6d_story.html).

<sup>4</sup> Alan Mauldin, *Dougherty officials brace for what could be worst week in coronavirus crisis*, Albany Herald, April 6, 2020, [https://www.albanyherald.com/news/dougherty-officials-brace-for-what-could-be-worst-week-in-coronavirus-crisis/article\\_121e5026-7840-11ea-b350-fb3fe9cfb067.html](https://www.albanyherald.com/news/dougherty-officials-brace-for-what-could-be-worst-week-in-coronavirus-crisis/article_121e5026-7840-11ea-b350-fb3fe9cfb067.html).