

October 17, 2016

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
Request for Notice to Proceed and Variance Request – Certain Previously Excluded
Areas

Dear Ms. Bose:

On February 2, 2016, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order Issuing Certificates and Approving Abandonment in the above referenced docket granting Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC (“Sabal Trail”), amongst other authorizations, a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate the Sabal Trail Project (“Project”).¹ On August 18, 2016, the Commission approved Sabal Trail’s request to proceed with construction of certain Phase I Project facilities at certain locations but specifically excluded authorization to proceed with construction at locations listed between specific start and end points (“Excluded Areas”).² Sabal Trail hereby requests approval from the Director of the Office of Energy Projects (“OEP”) to commence construction at two of the Excluded Areas, with modifications, as more fully described herein.

Specifically, Sabal Trail is seeking approval to commence construction at the HDD at Earthen Dam (Construction Change) (“HDD Earthen Dam”) and the Stream Buffer Workspace Reconfiguration (“Stream Buffer Workspace”) Excluded Areas, as reflected in Table IP-5 in Attachment A. The HDD Earthen Dam crossing was originally proposed as an open-cut crossing, and Sabal Trail now intends to change the construction method to a horizontal directional drill (“HDD”). Accordingly, pursuant to Environmental Condition No. 5 of the February 2 Order, Sabal Trail requests approval to revise the construction method to the HDD method and to reconfigure the workspace at this crossing location to accommodate equipment movement and access to a water source for the HDD operation. In addition, Sabal Trail identified an unnamed tributary to Hog Creek through field surveys at the Stream Buffer Workspace that was previously unidentified due to flooding in the area. Pursuant to Environmental Condition

¹ *Florida Southeast Connection, LLC, et al.*, 154 FERC ¶ 61,080 (2016). The order also granted authorizations to Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC and Florida Southeast Connection, LLC related to the Hillabee Expansion Project and the Florida Southeast Connection Project, respectively.

² *Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC*, Authorization to Commence Construction of Phase 1 Facilities, Docket No. CP15-17-000 (Aug. 18, 2016); *Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC*, Authorization to Commence Construction of Previously Excluded Phase 1 Facilities, Docket No. CP15-17-000 (Aug. 25, 2016).