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Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC
Sabal Trail Project
Docket No. CP15-17-000
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June 9, 2017

Ms. Lisa A. Connolly
General Manager, Rates and Certificates
Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC
5400 Westheimer Court, Suite 6N61
Houston, TX 77056

Re: Authorization to Commence Service of Phase I Facilities

Dear Ms. Connolly:

I grant Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC's (Sabal Trail) May 17, 2017 request, as supplemented on May 26, 2017 and June 2, 2017, to commence service of certain Sabal Trail Project Phase I Facilities. Specifically, I authorize Sabal Trail to place into service the following facilities:

- 482.4 miles of mainline (and associated appurtenances) between the northern interconnect in Tallapoosa County, Alabama and the southern interconnect in Osceola County, Florida;
- Alexander City Compressor Station in Tallapoosa County, Alabama;
- Reunion Compressor Station in Osceola County, Florida; and
- Transco Hillabee, Gulfstream, and FSC Meter and Regulator Stations.

Your request complies with environmental condition 9 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) February 2, 2016 *Order Issuing Certificates and Approving Abandonment* (Order). This authorization is based on my staff's most recent field inspection, ongoing observations and reports provided by the Commission's

third-party compliance monitors, my staff's determination that rehabilitation and restoration of affected areas is proceeding satisfactorily, and the statements and commitments made in your request pertaining to the status of affected lands, complete restoration, and successful revegetation.

As stated in your request, Sabal Trail commits to addressing the remaining "punch-list" items and any landowner concerns that arise. Sabal Trail will continue monitoring affected lands, identified karst features, and vegetation growth; and as necessary address any issues concerning these resources. Lastly, Sabal Trail commits to retain environmental inspectors and keep the appropriate contractors and equipment on-call to address restoration issues in a timely fashion. I believe these actions are appropriate and recommend that Sabal Trail also continue participation in the third-party compliance monitoring program until my staff determines that the remaining items on the current "punch-list" do not require oversight.

It is my expectation that these commitments will be honored and that any restoration issues that should arise will be addressed fully and promptly. I remind you that Sabal Trail must comply with all applicable remaining terms and conditions of the Order. If you have any questions regarding this authorization, please contact Mr. John Peconom, Environmental Project Manager at (202) 502-6352.

Sincerely,

J. Rich McGuire
Director, Division of Gas –
Environment and Engineering

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