

D. Our Santa Fe River (“OSFR”)

Our Santa Fe River was a founding member of "Floridians Against Fracking" and planned, traveled to and stood in Legislative committee hearings in Tallahassee for many long years. We fought four years to stop the permitting and construction of Sabal Trail Gas Transmission pipeline and we have opposed oil and gas pipelines, fracking and LNG transport in Georgia and especially throughout the State of Florida. Sabal Trail has put a dangerous pipeline through a fragile, sinkhole-infested area on the borders of the Suwannee River against the warnings of disinterested geologists, and put their pipe under the Santa Fe River where it remains a constant threat to our river and aquifer. OSFR opposes all types of non-sustainable energy which pose threats to our water, air and earth as well as the inhabitants of Florida. OSFR thus has a substantial interest in the instant request for rulemaking and any processes arising therefrom.

E. Center for a Sustainable Coast

Since being established in 1997, the Center has given priority to water protection and, more recently, climate change caused by the release of greenhouse gasses. Scientific studies have determined that even a small percentage of leaked natural gas will cause unacceptable increases in the heat-trapping effects of GHGs, and therefore the cumulative consequences of extracting, processing, and distributing natural gas are dire. The board and members of the Center seek to ensure that FERC’s responsibilities provide consistently reliable and verifiable accountability to prevent such emission risks at all gas facilities regulated by the agency.

F. Three Rivers Waterkeeper

Three Rivers Waterkeeper (3RWK) was founded in 2009 and aims to improve and protect the water quality of the Allegheny, Monongahela, and Ohio Rivers through scientific and legal advocacy. These waterways are critical to the health, vitality, and economic prosperity of our region and communities. We work to ensure our three rivers are protected and safe to drink, fish, swim and enjoy, but the unconventional oil and gas industries threaten that vision. LNG can often be acquired through fracking with the use of injection wells that pose many threats to our public and environmental health. The fluids that are used in oil and gas extraction contain toxic metals and radioactive chemicals. Radium-226 and Radium-228, chemicals found in fracking waste, are known carcinogens and can cause bone, liver, and breast cancer at high concentrations. Once fluids are injected into geologic