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Dear stakeholder,

Thank you for your continued interest in the Florida Southeast Connection project as we work through the early development stages. I wanted to provide you with a brief update on the project, specifically information on upcoming Florida Southeast Connection scoping meetings to be hosted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC").

As you are aware, Florida Southeast Connection, LLC, ("FSC"), an affiliate of NextEra Energy, Inc., is proposing to construct a new, underground, natural gas pipeline. The FSC pipeline would stretch approximately 127 miles underground from a newly created Central Florida Hub outside of Orlando to Florida Power & Light Company's Martin Clean Energy Center in Indiantown, Fla. The pipeline would transport natural gas from central to southern Florida to serve the growing needs of Floridians and improve the region's natural gas transportation diversity and reliability. The proposed route crosses largely rural areas in five counties and, where possible, is co-located in or adjacent to existing utility or transport infrastructure.

In advance of submitting our application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for this project, Florida Southeast Connection engaged in extensive public outreach. In November 2013, our FSC team held six open houses in communities along the proposed project corridor. The meetings provided landowners, stakeholders and other interested parties the opportunity to learn more about the proposed project and potential route, as well as provide input directly to our project team as we move forward with this early stage of the project. Community involvement helps us identify and address topics related to project design and location early in the process.

FERC is the federal government agency that authorizes and oversees the construction of new interstate natural gas facilities. As part of that process, FERC leads the environmental reviews of natural gas projects in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA"). On February 18, 2014, FERC issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Planned Southeast Markets Pipeline Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings ("NOI") in Docket Nos. PF14-1-000, PF14-2-000, and PF14-6-000. You should have received a copy of this document in a recent mailing from FERC. Docket No. PF14-2-000 is specific to the Florida Southeast Connection project. A copy of the NOI is posted on FSC's webpage ([www.floridasoutheastconnection.com](http://www.floridasoutheastconnection.com)) under the Regulatory tab.

As part of the scoping process, FERC will hold scoping meetings to gather input about the project from the public and other interested stakeholders. During the scoping meetings, FERC staff will describe the environmental review process, provide relevant information about the project, and answer any procedural questions. FSC staff will also be on hand before and after the meeting to answer questions about the project. Scoping meetings provide stakeholders with an opportunity to make statements and directly address FERC staff regarding the FSC project. Comments received will help FERC staff identify issues that should be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS").

Comments on the proposed project may also be submitted in writing, in addition to comments made verbally during the scoping meetings. All comments will become part of the formal record of FERC's proceeding. The scoping period ends on April 21, 2014.

Below are the dates, times and locations of the FERC scoping meetings in the FSC project area:

Tuesday, March 18, 2014  
6 p.m.  
Lake Wales Art Center  
1099 East Florida 60  
Lake Wales, FL 33853

Wednesday, March 19, 2014  
6 p.m.  
Okeechobee High School  
2800 Highway 441 North  
Okeechobee, FL 34972

Thursday, March 20, 2014  
6 p.m.  
Kissimmee Civic Center  
201 East Dakin Avenue  
Kissimmee, FL 34741

Our project team continues to engage in extensive public outreach along the proposed pipeline corridor – including your community. We are committed to keeping you informed throughout the regulatory review process.

Please feel free to contact our dedicated Florida Southeast Connection line at (855) 327-2660 with any questions or e-mail the team at [Pipeline-Project.SharedMailbox@nexteraenergy.com](mailto:Pipeline-Project.SharedMailbox@nexteraenergy.com). You can also visit the project website at <http://www.floridasoutheastconnection.com> for more information.

Thank you again for your interest and input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Sharra', written over a horizontal line.

Bob Sharra  
Director, Project Development  
Florida Southeast Connection