

BOARD MINUTES FOR 09/03/08

SEPTEMBER 3, 2008

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ANNEX, BOARD MEETING ROOM, 1331 SOUTH BOULEVARD, WITH COMMISSIONERS FINCH, HOLMAN, PATE, SAPP AND STRICKLAND PRESENT. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

THE RECESSED MEETING FROM AUGUST 28, 2008 WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN PATE. CHAIRMAN PATE ADVISED THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO HOLD A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION ON THE FGT PHASE VIII PIPELINE EXPANSION PROJECT.

NAN THOMPSON MADE A STATEMENT SHE TRIED TO NOTIFY PEOPLE, NOTIFIED THE PRESS AND PUT UP SIGNS ALL OVER THE COUNTY ABOUT THIS MEETING ON THE PROPOSED PIPELINE. SHE WANTED IT KNOWN AS SOON AS SHE PUT UP THE SIGNS FOR THE MEETING, THE SIGNS WERE REMOVED.

RICK CRAIG, VICE-PRESIDENT OF FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION PHASE VIII EXPANSION PROJECT, AGREED TO RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS ASKED BY THE AUDIENCE AND BOARD WITH SUPPORT FROM STEVE VEATCH, DIRECTOR OF REGULATORY AFFAIRS FOR FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION, PAULETTE TREEPL, DIRECTOR OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION AND WILL VOLTZ MUSTANG ENGINEERING WHO IS DOING THE ENGINEERING ON THE PHASE VIII EXPANSION PROJECT.

CHAIRMAN PATE CALLED FOR A FIFTEEN MINUTE RECESS TO GET EVERYBODY SIGNED IN ON THE SIGN IN SHEET THAT WISHES TO ASK QUESTIONS TO FLORIDA GAS TRANSMISSION.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, LINDA EYERS, REQUESTED SHE BE ALLOWED TO RESERVE HER TIME FOR LATER IN THE MEETING.

MARCIA SAPP AGNER STATED SHE HAD NO QUESTIONS AT THE MOMENT.

TERRY GLADDEN STATED SHE WOULD LIKE TO WAIT UNTIL NAN THOMPSON ASKED HER QUESTIONS.

KENNETH J. GREGORY ALSO DIDN'T WANT TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME.

MICHAEL THOMPSON ADDRESSED THE LANDOWNERS CONTINUOUSLY BEING ASKED TO SACRIFICE FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE AND QUESTIONED WHAT FGT WAS GOING TO SACRIFICE. HE QUESTIONED IF THE EXTRA REPAIRS FOR THE ROADS WERE COMING FROM THE TAXPAYERS OR IS FGT GOING TO ASSIST WITH THE REPAIRS FOR THE ADDED TRAFFIC. HE QUESTIONED IF FGT WAS CONSIDERING FUNDING ANY PROJECTS LIKE THE PAVING OF ROADS ADJACENT TO THE PIPELINE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES THAT ARE ACCESSED IN CASE THERE WERE ANY ACCIDENTS AND IF THERE IS ANY TRAINING PUT IN FOR FIRST RESPONDERS LIKE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

RICK CRAIG ADDRESSED THE PROCESS FGT IS GOING THROUGH WITH THE PROPOSED PHASE VIII PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION. THEY ARE CURRENTLY IDENTIFYING ACCESS ROADS THEY ARE GOING TO NEED IN ORDER TO DO CONSTRUCTION; THOSE WILL BE A PART OF FGT'S CERTIFICATE OF APPLICATION THEY MAKE TO THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COUNCIL. ALONG WITH THAT, HE THINKS FGT HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH EACH OF THE COUNTIES TALKING ABOUT PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS THAT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR USING ANY OF THE ACCESS ROADS OR ANY OF THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC ROADS. IF FGT DAMAGES ROADS, IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REPAIR THOSE ROADS. IT IS NOT FGT'S INTENT TO BUILD NEW ROADS THAT DON'T ALREADY EXIST.

NAN THOMPSON ADDRESSED THE RESOURCE REPORT #10 SAYS FGT IS ANALYZING OFFSHORE ALTERNATIVES. SHE QUESTIONED WHERE FGT IS AT WITH THIS AND WHAT THEY HAVE DONE AS FAR AS LOOKING INTO IT.

RICK RESPONDED FGT HAS BEEN ASKED BY FERC TO ANALYZE OFFSHORE ROUTES. PRIMARILY THE OFFSHORE ROUTES THEY HAVE ASKED FGT TO LOOK AT WOULD BE AN OFFSHORE ROUTE THAT IS SIMILAR TO GULFSTREAM, WHICH STARTS AROUND THE MOBILE AREA AND COMES IN AT MANATEE, FLORIDA. FGT IS ANALYZING THIS; IT WILL BE ANALYZED AND SUBMITTED AS PART OF FGT'S APPLICATION. THAT APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICIATE WILL BE FILED WITH FERC AROUND THE FIRST TO MID NOVEMBER AS THIS IS WHAT IT IS LOOKING LIKE RIGHT NOW. ONE OF THE DYNAMICS OF OPERATING A GAS PIPELINE IS YOU HAVE TO GET THE GAS TO WHERE IT IS NEEDED. PART OF THE GAS IS NEEDED UP IN THE PANHANDLE AND A ROUTE THAT GOES SOUTH THROUGH THE GULF PRESENTS SOME ISSUES WITH REGARD TO YOU CAN'T GET THE GAS TO THE PANHANDLE IF YOU TAKE IT TO MANATEE, FLORIDA. BUT, FGT IS ANALYZING THAT ROUTE TO SEE IF THERE IS OFFSETS THAT WOULD OCCUR IF FGT NEEDS MORE GAS SOUTH AND WHAT THE IMPACT WOULD BE COMING ACROSS. THE OTHER RESPONSIBILITY FGT HAS TO FERC IS ASSESSING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. FOR FGT TO RUN SOUTH, THEY WOULD HAVE TO RUN ABOUT 50 MILES SOUTH TO GET TO THE GULF TO START WITH AND THERE ARE CERTAINLY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS IF YOU RUN THROUGH THE GULF. THOSE ANALYSIS ARE GOING ON RIGHT NOW. THE FINAL RESOURCE REPORTS WILL BE FILED WITH FERC WHEN FGT FILES THEIR APPLICATION.

WHEN QUESTIONED IF HE WAS REFERRING TO CUSTOMERS IN TALLAHASSEE IN THE PANHANDLE, RICK SAID THEIR FIRST CUSTOMER WAS TALLAHASSEE. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE OTHER CUSTOMERS ALONG THE PIPELINE; THEY DELIVER GAS TO PANAMA CITY, CHIPLEY, GULF POWER, AND OTHER CUSTOMERS THEY HAVE TO SERVE. RICK SAID IF YOU TAKE THE GAS IN AT A DIFFERENT POINT, IT MAY REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF GAS YOU CAN GET INTO THE CUSTOMERS WHERE YOU ARE AT NOW. THAT IS ONE OF THE DYNAMICS FGT IS LOOKING AT NOW; THE HYDROLOGICS OF THE PIPELINE AND WHERE DOES THAT GAS SHOW UP. JUST BECAUSE THE GAS IS THERE NOW DOESN'T MEAN IF YOU RE-ROUTE IT, IT DOESN'T SHOW UP SOME PLACE ELSE.

NAN REFERRED TO RICK COMMENTING THE GAS LINE WILL FEED CHIPLEY, ETC. THE THREE EXISTING LINES SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE WILL FEED CHIPLEY; BUT, WHERE IS THIS FIRST STOP WITH THE PHASE VIII EXPANSION PROJECT AND WHAT DOES IT BENEFIT WASHINGTON COUNTY.

RICK RESPONDED THE FIRST CUSTOMER FGT WILL DELIVER TO WILL BE THE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE, APPROXIMATELY 6,000,000 A DAY. AS A MATTER OF THE SPECIFIC EXPANSION PROJECT, IT IS GEARED TOWARD GETTING GAS FROM THE MOBILE BAY AREA AND FURTHER WEST FROM THE SUPPLY AREA TO TALLAHASSEE. THE NEXT MAJOR CUSTOMER IS ONE HE CAN'T SHARE; BUT, IT IS 200,000,000 A DAY POWER PLANT LOAD UP IN THE PANHANDLE, THE NEXT ONE IS SEMINOLE ELECTRIC AND THE LAST ONE IS FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHTS. THOSE ARE THE ANCHOR CUSTOMERS FOR THE PHASE VIII PIPELINE EXPANSION PROJECT.

RICK ADDRESSED THE QUESTION HOW IS THIS GOING TO BENEFIT WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE STATED THERE WAS A TAX BENEFIT TO WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR THE PIPELINE AND THERE WILL BE A CASH INFLUX INTO WASHINGTON COUNTY DURING CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PROJECT. THE PIPELINE IS CREDITED TO CONSIST OF ABOUT 600 PEOPLE WHO WILL BE HERE FOR ABOUT 30 TO 60 DAYS. THEIR PAYROLL WILL BE IN THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS; THAT WILL BE BRINGING CASH INTO THE COUNTY BESIDES THE TAXES THEY WILL BE BRINGING INTO THE COUNTY WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW PIPELINE.

STEVE VEATCH, PURSUANT TO FGT'S PROPERTY TAX RECORDS FOR 2007, THEY HAVE AN ASSESSED VALUE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY OF APPROXIMATELY \$57.6

MILLION OF ASSETS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. THE AMOUNT PAID IN PROPERTY TAXES IN 2007 APPEARS TO BE \$852,251.01.

NAN REFERRED TO VEATCH SAYING IT WAS A TAX BENEFIT AND FROM WHAT SHE HAS READ WAS THAT FGT WAS NOT USING A LOT OF PEOPLE FROM WITHIN WASHINGTON COUNTY; THERE IS NOT A LOT OF JOBS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY RESIDENTS. MOST OF FGT'S WORKERS ARE BEING BROUGHT IN; SO, MINUS SOME BED TAX OR HOTEL TAX, ETC., SHE DOESN'T SEE THERE IS A BENEFIT. FGT IS PAYING AD VALOREM TAXES ON THE PROPERTIES; BUT, THE PROPERTY OWNERS ARE PAYING PROPERTY TAX ON IT. SHE REITERATED SHE DIDN'T SEE WHERE WASHINGTON COUNTY IS GOING TO GAIN.

RICK SAID EVERYBODY STANDS TO MAKE THEIR OWN JUDGEMENT AS TO WHETHER THE JOBS BROUGHT INTO THE COUNTY FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME ARE A BENEFIT TO THE COUNTY. FGT WILL PAY AD VALOREM TAX ON THE EASEMENTS THEY GET FOR THE PROPERTY VALUE OF THE PIPELINE THEY PUT INTO THE GROUND, THEY WILL HAVE ONGOING AD VALOREM TAX THAT WILL COME TO WASHINGTON COUNTY. HE DOESN'T THINK THEY HAVE CALCULATED WHAT THAT TAX IS GOING TO BE YET. THERE WILL BE A VALUE ASSESSED TO THIS PIPELINE AND FGT WILL PAY TAXES TO WASHINGTON COUNTY BASED ON THAT; IT WILL BE AN ONGOING TAX AND THEY WILL PAY ADDITIONALLY TO WASHINGTON COUNTY.

DEBRA HORVATH ASKED HOW FGT DECIDED THE INITIAL PIPELINE ROUTE AND IS THERE OTHER ALTERNATIVES THEY COULDN'T HAVE GONE SOME OTHER ROUTE THAT WASN'T SO POPULATED OR ARE THEY MANDATED TO GO ALONG SIDE THE ORIGINAL ROUTE.

RICK SAID THE GUIDELINES FGT WERE PROVIDED FOR THE ROUTING OF THE PIPELINE WERE PROVIDED TO THEM BY FERC. THOSE GUIDELINES DICTATE TO FGT THEY WILL SELECT THE ROUTE THAT WILL HAVE THE LEAST ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ON THE PROJECT. FERC ALSO PROVIDES THEY WILL LOOK AT EXISTING UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES AND PARALLEL THOSE FACILITIES TO MINIMIZE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT. FERC'S PRIMARY CHARGE IN ROUTING AND SITING PIPELINES AND FACILITIES IS TO MINIMIZE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND ALSO TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE COST TO THE CONSUMER AS TO WHO IS TAKING THE GAS. WHEN FGT LOOKS AT ROUTING A PIPELINE, THEY LOOK AT EXISTING UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE ROUTES AND TRY TO PARALLEL THOSE. IN THIS CASE, FGT HAS AN EXISTING ROUTE THAT IS MOST EFFICIENT FOR THEM AND FOR THEIR CUSTOMERS AND THE LEAST ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT IS TO FOLLOW THE EXISTING PIPELINE ROUTE.

DEBORAH QUESTIONED WHAT ARE FACTORS THAT DETERMINE THE SAME SITE AS FAR AS THE EXISTING ROUTE WHEN FGT DIVERTS FROM ONE SIDE TO THE OTHER AND QUESTIONED IF THIS WAS BASED ON COST.

RICK STATED SWITCHING SIDES OF PIPELINES ARE NOT DETERMINED BY COST; IT IS DETERMINED BY WHAT IS THERE THAT IS IN FGT'S WAY TO STAY ON ONE SIDE OF THE PIPELINE OR THE OTHER. IF THERE IS A STRUCTURE, WATER WELL, SEPTIC SYSTEM OR ANYTHING IN THE WAY TO PREVENT FGT FROM STAYING ON THE SAME SIDE, CERTAINLY PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO BUILD THE PIPELINE ALL ON THE SAME SIDE SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO CROSS UNDER THEIR EXISTING PIPELINES. THERE ARE PLACES WHERE FGT CAN'T DO THIS; IN THOSE INSTANCES THEY WILL CROSS OVER THE PIPELINE TO AVOID AS MUCH DISRUPTION TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS AS THEY CAN. WILL THEY TOTALLY DO THAT IN TOTAL? RICK SAID NOT IN TOTAL; BUT, FGT MAKES EVERY ATTEMPT TO DO THAT. HE SAID FGT HAS 478 MILES OF PIPELINE AND THEY ARE GOING TO CROSS THEIR PIPELINE 53 TIMES; ABOUT EVERY 10 MILES THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO CROSS THEIR PIPELINE BECAUSE THERE IS SOMETHING DRIVING THEM TO JUMP TO THE OTHER SIDE. THE COST IS NOT A FACTOR; THE COST TO MOVE FROM ONE SIDE TO THE OTHER IS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$600,000 TO \$800,000 AND THEY ARE GOING TO MOVE ABOUT

53 TIMES. IT IS DRIVEN BY TRYING TO MINIMIZE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AN TRY TO MINIMIZE IMPACTS ON PROPERTY OWNERS.

DEBORAH ADDRESSED HER HAVING A BIG CONCERN AS FAR AS HOW THE PROPOSED PIPELINE EXPANSION PROJECT IS GOING TO IMPACT OVERALL WASHINGTON COUNTY RESIDENTS IN THE FUTURE. IF THERE ARE ROADS THAT ARE IMPACTED, WASHINGTON COUNTY IS GOING TO HAVE TO GRADE THEM MORE OFTEN. SHE ADDRESSED HER HAVING POWER LINES ON HER PROPERTY. SHE QUESTIONED WHO IS GOING TO INCUR THE COST FOR RELOCATION OF THE POWER LINES AND THE REPAIRS TO THE ROADS, ETC.

RICK STATED FGT WILL INCUR ALL THE COST FOR ANY POWER LINE RELOCATIONS THAT HAVE TO TAKE PLACE, ANY WATER WELLS THEY IMPACT, ANY SEPTIC SYSTEMS THEY IMPACT AND IMPACT TO COUNTY ROADS. HE SAID FGT WILL NOT CUT ANY MAJOR ROADS; THEY WILL DO DIRECTIONAL DRILLS UNDER THEM SO THERE IS NO IMPACT OR ROAD BORES AND EVEN ON SOME OF THE COUNTY ROADS, THEY WILL DO ROAD BORES. THEY WILL DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO MINIMIZE THOSE IMPACTS ON THE COUNTY AND TO THE PUBLIC. THAT IS FGT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO DO THIS.

COMMISSIONER PATE STATED FGT HAS TO GET A PERMIT FROM THE COUNTY IN ORDER TO WORK ON COUNTY ROADS; FGT WILL HAVE TO FIX WHATEVER THEY TEAR UP ON THE ROAD.

DEBORAH QUESTIONED WHAT ABOUT DAMAGE DONE ON PROPERTY OWNER'S PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WAS ASSUMING FGT WOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR THAT TOO IF THEY GET AN EASEMENT FROM THE PROPERTY OWNER AND THEY DON'T FIX IT BACK.

DEBORAH ADDRESSED ANOTHER CONCERN WITH THE IMPACT FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT. WHEN THEY TAKE AWAY FROM THE HOMEOWNERS, FGT IMPACTS THEM AS FAR AS THEIR OWN PIECE OF DEVELOPMENT. TO HER, IT MAKES THAT LAND RENDERED USELESS. HOW IS THE HOMEOWNER OR THE COUNTY GOING TO BE COMPENSATED FOR THAT.

RICK SAID FGT WILL COMPENSATE THE PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE EASE- MENT THEY TAKE BASED ON THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE PROPERTY. FGT WILL NEGOTIATE WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER AS TO WHAT THOSE VALUES ARE AND THAT PROPERTY OWNER STILL HAS CERTAIN USES OF THAT PROPERTY. THE SURFACE OF THAT PROPERTY HAS TO BE MAINTAINED CLEAR OF TREES, BUILDING STRUCTURES FOR SAFETY STANDPOINTS; BUT, BEYOND THAT THE PROPERTY OWNER CAN STORE EQUIPMENT THERE AND DO OTHER THINGS OVER THAT EASE- MENT. FGT IS ACTUALLY BUYING THAT STRIP OF LAND.

DEBORAH QUESTIONED WHEN WILL THE ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PROPERTY ACTUALLY BE FINALIZED AND AVAILABLE FOR THE PROPERTY OWNERS.

PAULETTE ADVISED FGT HAD PROFESSIONALS DO A FAIR MARKET ANALYSIS. RICK ADDRESSED THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AGENT SHOULD HOPEFULLY BE IN THE FIELD LATE THIS MONTH TO START CONTACTING PROEPRTY OWNERS AND TALKING TO PROPERTY OWNERS ABOUT EASEMENTS FGT WISHES TO ACQUIRE. THEY HAVEN'T FINALIZED THE ROUTE; THEY ARE STILL LOOKING AT MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE ROUTE. THOSE MAPS WILL BE FILED WITH FERC WITH FGT'S APPLICATION. IN NOVEMBER, THOSE WILL BE FILED. BUT, MOST OF THE ROUTE HAS BEEN FINALIZED.

PAULETTE STATED WHEN FGT GOES OUT TO START NEGOTIATIONS, THEY WILL HAVE DRAWINGS WITH THEM THAT WILL SHOW WHERE IT IS GOING TO LAY ON A SPECIFIC PIECE OF PROEPRTY.

DEBORAH QUESTIONED THE WORKERS INVOLVED AND WHAT KIND OF BACK- GROUND CHECKS ARE DONE AND WHAT RESPONSIBILITY DOES FGT TAKE FOR THOSE WORKERS.

RICK STATED FGT WILL HAVE THREE CONTRACTORS FOR THE PIPELINE EXPANSION PROJECT; EACH CONTRACTOR IS IN THE BUSINESS OF LAYING PIPES. THERE IS ACTUALLY THREE DIFFERENT SPREADS AND ONE OF THE SPREADS WILL BE UP IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY AREA. THE CONTRACTORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES; BUT, FGT WILL HAVE INSPECTORS, RIGHT-OF-WAY PEOPLE, SAFETY INSPECTORS ON SITE, ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTORS ON SITE, A LOT OF FGT PEOPLE OVERSEEING ALL THE ACTIVITY THAT IS TAKING PLACE. IF THERE ARE ANY ISSUES WITH CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES OR ANY CONCERNS, FGT IS GOING TO DEAL WITH THOSE THROUGH THE CONTRACTORS. IT IS GOING TO BE THE CONTRACTORS RESPONSIBILITY TO MANAGE THAT AND TAKE CARE OF THAT; ULTIMATELY, IT IS FGT'S RESPONSIBILITY AND THEY TAKE THAT RESPONSIBILITY TO DEAL WITH THAT.

DEBORAH ADDRESSED HER HAVING NATURAL SPRINGS ON HER PROPERTY AND HAS CONCERN FOR THEM. SHE BELIEVES IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED FGT GO AROUND THOSE AREAS, AS FAR AS SENSITIVE AREAS. SHE HAS A WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE FROM THE WILDLIFE SERVICE. SHE QUESTIONED IF FL-DEP WAS INVOLVED WITH THE PIPELINE EXPANSION PROJECT AND TO WHAT EXTENT. SHE SAID SHE HAD TALKED TO LARRY MCDONALD THAT HAS BEEN ASSIGNED THOSE PROJECTS AND HE HAS ONLY TALKED TO SOMEONE DURING ONE TELE-CONFERENCE. SHE ASKED IF ALTERNATIVE ROUTES ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR THAT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ASKED RICK TO EXPLAIN WHERE FGT IS AT IN THEIR PROCESS WITH THE PHASE VIII EXPANSION PROJECT.

RICK OUTLINED HOW THE PIPELINE EXPANSION CAME ABOUT. THE FIRST THING THAT HAPPENS IN PIPELINE PROJECTS IS THE CUSTOMER COMES TO FGT AND SAYS THEY NEED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF GAS TO FUEL THEIR FACILITY. IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, FGT HAD SEVERAL POWER PLANTS THAT MADE THIS REQUEST. FGT PUT TOGETHER AN ESTIMATE BASED ON WHAT IT IS GOING TO COST TO DO THAT, THEY HAVE TALKED TO THE CUSTOMERS TO ESTABLISH A RATE AND PUT A CONTRACT IN PLACE WITH THE CUSTOMER. THAT STARTS IN MOTION THE OVERALL PIPELINE PROJECT. THERE IS A NUMBER OF STEPS THEY GO THROUGH TO DO THAT:

1. IDENTIFY A PRELIMINARY ROUTE; THAT WAS STARTED IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY TIMEFRAME

2. ONCE PRELIMINARY ROUTE IS IDENTIFIED, FGT GOES OUT AND RESEARCHES THE PROPERTY OWNERS SO THEY CAN IDENTIFY ALL OF THE LAND-OWNERS THEY NEED TO NOTIFY OF THE POTENTIAL PROJECT.

3. START PRELIMINARY SURVEYS OF THE ROUTE TO SEE IF IT IS GOING TO WORK. THEY HAVE SURVEYING COMPANIES AND ENGINEERING COMPANIES THEY USE TO HELP FGT DO THIS. AT THE SAME TIME THIS IS TAKING PLACE, THEY START ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEYS BECAUSE ENVIRONMENTAL IS A HUGE PROJECT. EVERYTHING THEY DO ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL PART OF THE PIPELINE PROJECT WILL BE MONITORED BY FERC.

4. THEY COMPILE ALL THIS DATA, PUT IT ALL TOGETHER, FILE A DRAFT RESOURCE REPORT WITH FERC. THIS IS IN FGT'S PREFILING PROCESS. THEY ALSO HAD THEIR OPEN HOUSES IN AND AS A PART OF THAT PROCESS. FERC THEN COMES BACK TO FGT AND HAS DONE A PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF THE DRAFT RESOURCE REPORT, WHICH IS WHERE FGT IS AT RIGHT NOW. FERC HAS MADE CERTAIN REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION; IT MAY BE ENVIRONMENTAL, IT MAY BE ROUTE ALTERNATIVES, IT MAY BE HOW ARE YOU GOING TO CONSTRUCT, ETC. THERE IS A LOT OF DIFFERENT QUESTIONS FERC WILL COME BACK AND MAKE DATA REQUESTS. FGT IS IN THE PROCESS OF RESPONDING TO THOSE REQUESTS RIGHT NOW AND THEY PROBABLY WILL BE FILED WITH FERC WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK TO TWO WEEKS.

5. THE NEXT STEP IN FGT'S PROCESS IS TO PREPARE THE PLANNING DRAFT RESOURCE REPORTS TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH FERC AND REQUEST FROM FERC

BASICALLY A CERTIFICATE TO BUILD THE PIPELINE. FERC WILL THEN TAKE THAT AND FROM ALL THE DRAFT RESOURCE REPORTS, THEY PUT TOGETHER AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT GROUP AND THEY WILL ISSUE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT THEY WILL PUBLISH. FERC WILL HAVE FOLLOW UP MEETINGS; THERE WILL PROBABLY BE THREE TO FIVE MEETINGS ALONG THE PIPELINE WHERE FERC WILL ASK FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS. ONCE THEY HAVE DONE THIS AND MAKE FINAL DETERMINATIONS ABOUT WHETHER THE PIPELINE CAN BE CONSTRUCTED, WHAT ISSUES, ETC., THEY MAY TELL FGT TO CHANGE SOME THINGS. IT HAS BASICALLY BEEN DRIVEN AT THAT POINT BY THE FERC.

6. THE FINAL STEP BEFORE FGT CAN START CONSTRUCTION IS THE ISSUANCE OF THE CERTIFICATE. FGT DOESN'T EXPECT TO HAVE THE CERTIFICATE UNTIL NOVEMBER OF 2009; THEREFORE, THEY WON'T START CONSTRUCTION UNTIL SOMETIME IN 2010.

RICK SAID FGT RESPECTS THE ENVIRONMENT; THEY HAVE TALKED TO NEARLY EVERY ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY SO FAR IN THE STATE. THEY HAVE HAD FACE TO FACE MEETINGS WITH THEM, HAVE TALKED WITH THEM ABOUT WHAT THE PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS WILL BE AND WILL HAVE TO FILE FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT WITH THE FL-DEP. FERC WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR EVERYTHING FROM AN ENVIRONMENTAL STANDPOINT. FGT WILL HAVE ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTORS THEY WILL HAVE ON SITE; FERC WILL ALSO HAVE ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTORS ON SITE DURING THE PROJECT TO ASSURE ALL ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS OF FGT'S CERTIFICATE ARE MET. IF THEY ARE NOT BEING MET, FERC WILL SHUT THEM DOWN. IT IS A VERY STRINGENT ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS. FGT WILL FILE FOR THEIR APPLICATION AND THEIR FINAL DRAFT RESOURCE REPORT AROUND NOVEMBER; AT THAT TIME OR SOON THEREAFTER, THEY WILL FILE THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT WITH FL-DEP.

DEBORAH STATED SHE DOES UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS AND SHE UNDERSTANDS IT HAS NOT BECOME FEDERAL YET AND THAT IS WHY SHE WANTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE INVOLVED AND KNOW WHAT IMPACT IT WAS GOING TO HAVE TO WASHINGTON COUNTY SO THE BOARD WOULDN'T HAVE TO ANSWER LATER AS TO WHY NO ONE SAID IT WAS GOING TO COST THE COUNTY MONEY. ARE WE GOING TO LOSE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP OUR PROPERTY, WHICH WE WILL AND AS FAR AS LAND USE, SHE DOESN'T KNOW OF ANYTHING SHE CAN USE IT FOR. SHE THEN QUESTIONED IF FGT DOES HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE SPRINGS ON HER PROPERTY, SHE WOULD OPPOSE AND ASKED FGT TO EXPLAIN THAT PROCESS.

WILL VOLTZ, FGT ENGINEER, EXPLAINED AS FAR AS THE SPRING GOES, ANY SPRING OR NATURAL WELL, TYPICALLY THEY WILL BE TREATED ONE IN THE SAME; FGT TRIES TO AVOID THEM WHENEVER POSSIBLE. ANY WELL OR ANY WATER USED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES WOULD BE TESTED PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION AND AFTERWARDS TO MAKE SURE THE QUALITY OF THE WATER WAS NOT IMPACTED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PIPELINE. IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY WENT OUT AND DELINEATED ALL WATER BODIES AND STREAMS, SPRINGS AND ANY OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES IN ORDER FOR FGT TO DETERMINE WHAT THE IMPACTS WOULD BE. IN DEBORAH'S CASE, IT APPEARS FGT WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE THEIR WORK SPACE SO IT DOESN'T AFFECT IT AT ALL. HE REITERATED THE QUALITY OF THAT WATER WILL BE TESTED BEFORE AND AFTER CONSTRUCTION. AS FAR AS GRADING, CLEARING OR ANY OTHER CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY TAKES PLACE OVER THE WATER BODY ITSELF, WHERE THE WATER COMES OUT OF THE GROUND, IT WILL BE OUTSIDE THE CONSTRUCTION AREA.

WILL CONTINUED SAYING EACH PROPERTY THAT IS AFFECTED BY THE PIPELINE EXPANSION PROJECT WILL HAVE A DRAWING PREPARED THAT SHOWS THE BOUNDARY OF THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN SURVEYED AND IDENTIFIED BY A REGISTERED LAND

SURVEYOR AND THE AREA OF BOTH TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT WORK SPACE WILL IDENTIFIED AND HOW IT RELATES TO THE FEATURES IN THE PROPERTY.

DEBORAH STATED SHE HASN'T GIVEN PERMISSION FOR ANYONE TO SURVEY HER PROPERTY. PRIMARILY SHE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE LACK OF INFORMATION, WHY IT WENT FROM 25' TO 50' TO 75'; YOU CAN'T SEEM TO GET THE SAME ANSWER OUT OF WHOMEVER YOU TALK TO. SHE QUESTIONED WHEN THE TRUE INFORMATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR HER AND THE HOMEOWNERS AND REFERRED TO RICK SAYING NOVEMBER. SHE ASKED COULD THEY GIVE HER THE NAME OF THE COMPANY THAT DID THE ASSESSMENTS ON THE FAIR MARKET VALUE.

PAULETTE ADVISED FGT HAS HAD DIFFERENT APPRAISERS; THEY HAVE DONE IT CLEARLY FROM SALES INFORMATION. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ON DEBORAH'S PROPERTY; THEY HAVE LOOKED AT COMPARABLE SALES. THEY HAVE USED DISTRICT APPRAISAL SERVICE OUT OF TALLAHASSEE; HE HAS DONE WORK FOR FGT IN WASHINGTON COUNTY ON PRIOR PROJECTS AND IS VERY FAIR.

DEBORAH QUESTIONED IF THE POTENTIAL GROWTH FOR THIS AREA WAS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. PAULETTE SAID ABSOLUTELY; WHATEVER THE MARKET SALES SHOW IS WHAT HE IS TAKING. HE IS LITERALLY USING THE MOST CURRENT SALES OUT THERE.

DEBORAH REFERRED TO THE BOARD AT THEIR LAST MEETING DEBATING ON GRASSING AND GRASS; HER PIPELINE HAS A LOT OF GRASS ON IT IF THE COUNTY STILL NEEDS IT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ADDRESSED THE INFORMATION ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAD READ THIS MORNING ON THE FGT PIPELINE. HE THOUGHT IT CLARIFIES AS FAR AS WHERE THE COUNTY AND STATE STANDS AND WHAT THEY CAN AND CAN'T DO. HE ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO READ THE HIGHLIGHTED PORTIONS OF THE LETTER:

A LETTER FROM GREGORY JACOBS, ATTORNEY FOR FGT, TO ATTORNEY HOLLEY: THE U. S. CONGRESS VESTED EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OVER THE SITING, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, ABANDONMENT AND REMOVABLE OF FGT'S FACILITIES IN THE FERC, PURSUANT TO FEDERAL LEGISLATION, INCLUDING THE NATURAL GAS ACT, NATURAL GAS PIPELINE SAFETY ACT AND NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY OF 1969.

IN DECIDING WHETHER TO AUTHORIZE CONSTRUCTION, FERC BALANCES PUBLIC BENEFITS AGAINST POTENTIAL ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES, AND GIVES APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE ENHANCEMENT OF COMPETITIVE TRANSPORTATIONAL ALTERNATIVES, THE POSSIBILITY OF OVERBUILDING, THE AVOIDANCE OF UNNECESSARY DISRUPTIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENT, AND THE UNNECESSARY EXERCISE OF EMINENT DOMAIN. A FERC CERTIFICATE REQUIRES THE SUBMITTAL OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE REPORT TO COMPLY WITH NEPA PROCEDURES.

CORRESPONDINGLY, COURTS HAVE REPEATEDLY HELD THAT STATE AND LOCAL REGULATIONS IMPACTING THE LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY OF INTERSTATE NATURAL GAS PIPELINES ARE INVALID BASED ON THE THIRD PRINCIPAL OF CONFLICT PREEMPTION.

KENNETH GREGORY, RED DEER ROAD, SAID HE HASN'T RECEIVED A LOT OF INFORMATION OR AS MUCH AS SOME OF HIS NEIGHBORS ON THE PROPOSED PIPELINE EXPANSION AND THE INFORMATION HE HAS RECEIVED IS VERY VAGUE. HE UNDERSTANDS MR. COFFLIN HAS RECOMMENDED FGT CHANGE THEIR ROUTE FROM THE SOUTHERN ROUTE ALONG RED DEER ROAD TO THE NORTHERN ROUTE, WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN PRE-SURVEYED. HE QUESTIONED IF THIS IS DEFINITE FGT IS GOING TO CHANGE TO THE NORTHERN ROUTE OR GO TO THE SOUTHERN ROUTE WHERE THE IMPACT ON RESIDENTS WILL BE MUCH MORE THAN IF THEY GO THROUGH THE WOODS, MAINLY WOODS THAT ENCOMPASSES THE NORTHERN PART OF RED DEER ROAD WHERE THE PIPELINE RUNS.

MR. VOLTZ TOLD GREGORY HE WAS CORRECT IN THAT FGT HAS BEEN WORK- ING CLOSELY WITH THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING IN THIS AREA AND STEVE COFFLIN IS THE RIGHT OF WAY AGENT FOR THIS AREA. THE SOUTHERN ROUTE HAS BEEN A PROBLEM FROM THE BEGINNING BECAUSE OF RED DEER ROAD AND SOME OF THE RESIDENTS AND HOMES ALONG THE ROAD. FOR THAT REASON, FGT IS CURRENTLY EVALUATING A ROUTE TO THE NORTH WHICH WOULD AVOID RED DEER ROAD AND THOSE HOMES ALONG THE SOUTHERN SIDE. THAT WILL BE PRESENTED AS PART OF FGT'S APPLICATION. AS FAR AS WHICH ROUTE IS APPROVED, FGT WON'T KNOW UNTIL FERC DOES THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND SEEK COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC. FGT WON'T ACTUALLY GET A CERTIFICATE FOR CONSTRUCTION UNTIL A YEAR FROM THAT TIME.

KENNETH STATED HE HAD ALREADY RECEIVED A NOTICE FROM FGT SAYING THEY ARE SEEKING LEGAL RIGHT TO CROSS HIS PROPERTY.

MR. VOLTZ SAID KENNETH SHOULD HAVE ONLY RECEIVED A LETTER ASKING FOR PERMISSION TO SURVEY HIS PROPERTY TO EVALUATE WITH KENNETH STATING NOBODY HAS ASKED PERMISSION TO SURVEY HIS PROPERTY.

KENNETH QUESTIONED MR. VOLTZ IF FGT DIDN'T KNOW IF IT WAS GOING TO TAKE THE SOUTHERN ROUTE, THE NORTHERN PART OF THE PIPELINE THAT HAS BEEN PRE-SURVEYED OR CROSS HIS PROPERTY ON THE SOUTHERN PART OF RED DEER ROAD. IF FGT GOES ON THE SOUTHERN PART, THEY WILL HAVE TO MOVE RED DEER ROAD AND THE TRANSMISSION LINE. IF FGT DOES THAT, THEY WOULD BE IMPACTING A LOT MORE PEOPLE THAN IF THEY TOOK THE NORTHERN ROUTE, AT LEAST ALONG RED DEER ROAD.

MR. VOLTZ TOLD KENNETH AGAIN FGT HAS TO REQUEST FERC'S PERMISSION TO APPROVE THEIR ROUTE BEFORE THEY WOULD KNOW WHICH ROUTE THEY WOULD BE TAKING.

TERRY GLADDEN STATED ALL HER QUESTIONS FOR FGT HAVE ALREADY BEEN ANSWERED.

MARCIA AGNER STATED HER QUESTIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ANSWERED TOO.

LINDA EYERS QUESTIONED WHEN FGT FACTORS FAIR MARKET VALUE, DO THEY FACTOR IN LOSS OF USE OF THE PROPERTY.

RICK SAID FGT IS ACTUALLY BUYING THE PROPERTY WITHOUT TAKING THE PROPERTY. THE ANSWER TO EYERS'S QUESTION IS "YES" BECAUSE PERSONS CAN CONTINUE TO USE THAT PROPERTY FOR CERTAIN THINGS. IT MAY NOT BE WHAT THEY WANT TO USE IT FOR AND HE WOULD BE THE FIRST TO ADMIT THAT. BUT, FGT IS ACTUALLY BUYING THE PROPERTY AND PAYING THE PROPERTY OWNER FOR THAT PROPERTY; THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS THE PERSON CAN CONTINUE TO DO WITH THAT PROPERTY.

NAN QUESTIONED IF FGT IS BUYING PEOPLE'S PROPERTY, WHY ARE THE PEOPLE STILL PAYING TAXES ON IT.

PAULETTE TOLD NAN FGT IS PAYING FOR THE PROPERTY; BUT, THEY ARE NOT BUYING IT. THE SURFACE OF THE PROPERTY IS STILL THE PROPERTY OWNERS; THEY STILL PAY THE TAXES ABOVE GROUND AND FGT PAYS THE TAXES UNDERGROUND. FGT IS PAYING FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY. THEY PAY THE PROPERTY OWNER AS IF THEY WERE BUYING IT; HOWEVER, FGT DOESN'T TAKE A DEED. SHE STATED THE WIDTH OF THE EASEMENT HAS NEVER CHANGED; IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN 50'. THEY ARE ONLY GOING TO TAKE 25 ADDITIONAL FEET.

NAN SAID THEY HAD BEEN TOLD FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, FGT WAS GOING TO NEED A 25' EASEMENT, IT WENT TO 50', THEN 75' AND NOW IT IS 100'. WHERE THESE FIGURES CAME FROM, SHE HAS NO CLUE.

PAULETTE QUESTIONED WHERE NAN GOT THESE FIGURES. NAN SAID FROM THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AGENT AND FROM DIFFERENT MEETINGS ON THE PIPELINE SHE HAS ATTENDED.

PAULETTE, TO CLEAR THIS UP, SAID FGT HAS ALWAYS ASSUMED A 50' EASEMENT.

RICK EXPLAINED THE PLAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO LAY THE NEW PIPELINE APPROXIMATELY 25' OFF THE EXISTING PIPELINE WITH ANOTHER 25' OF PERMANENT EASEMENT; THEY WOULD THEN ACQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL 50' AND THAT IS WHERE THE 100' CAME FROM. THEY NEED 100' TO CONSTRUCT THE PIPELINE; THE 50' GOES AWAY AFTER CONSTRUCTION AS FGT WILL NO LONGER NEED THAT. THERE ARE AREAS FGT WILL HAVE TO NARROW DOWN TO 75' IN WETLANDS. THERE WILL BE 50' OF PERMANENT EASEMENT AND 50' OF TEMPORARY AND THERE WILL BE AREAS WHERE ROAD BORINGS, DIRECTIONAL DRILLS, ETC. WHERE THEY WILL HAVE TO HAVE ADDITIONAL WORK SPACE. PAULETTE ADVISED THE PROEPRTY OWNER WOULD BE COMPENSATED FOR THIS.

NAN SAID ACCORDING TO HER LAND DEEDS, IT SHOWS THE PIPELINE NOW CONTAINS 75' OF EXISTING AREA; BUT, WHEN YOU READ THROUGH THIS IT SAYS IT CAN BE OF VARYING WIDTHS. SHE HAS SPENT HOURS WITH MR. HARTMAN TRYING TO FIND SOMETHING THAT SAYS AN ACTUAL WIDTH AND ALL THEY FOUND WAS VARYING WIDTHS. SHE QUESTIONED WHERE DOES FGT'S PIPELINE RIGHT NOW END; IS IT AT 75', 90', ETC.

PAULETTE SAID THERE ARE THREE PIPES THAT ARE IN THE GROUND AND HER ASSUMPTION IS THERE IS A SEPARATE EASEMENT FOR EACH ONE. RICK SAID IT MAY NOT HAVE SPECIFIED IN THE EASEMENT WHERE THE PIPELINE WAS GOING TO LAY.

PAULETTE SAID BACK IN THE 50'S, IT MAY HAVE BEEN A MULTIPLE LINE EASEMENT WITH NO WIDTHS.

NAN REITERATED EVERYTHING THEY HAVE ON THEIR PROPERTY DEEDS AND ON SEVERAL OTHER PEOPLE'S DEEDS ON THE SAME SECTION SAY 75' AND PROPOSED 90'; BUT, IT NEVER SHOWS MORE THAN 90' EXCEPT IN SEVERAL AREAS.

PAULETTE SAID FGT MODIFIED EXISTING EASEMENTS IN 1993 OR 1994 AND SHE AGREED TO GO THROUGH THIS WITH NAN; BUT, CAN'T DO IT NOW. IF THEY NEED TO, FGT CAN DEFINE THE EASEMENT, SHOW THE PIPES, WIDTHS ALL THE WAY AROUND FOR ALL THE PIPES IN THE GROUND AND CLEAN UP NAN'S DEED.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED NAN IF SHE HADN'T TOLD HIM IF FGT CAME ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PIPELINE THAT WOULD WORK BETTER FOR HER. NAN SAID THE NORTH SIDE WOULD WORK BETTER FOR HER.

NAN SAID THE NORTH SIDE WOULD WORK BETTER FOR HER AND SHE HAS SEEN AN AERIAL WHICH DOES SHOW ON LEDGER ROAD THEY ARE TAKING IT OFF.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED HOW FGT WAS BURYING THEIR PIPE. RICK SAID MOST OF THE TIME THEY USE A PIPE TRENCHING MACHINE THAT SLOPES AS IT COMES.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED WITH MACHINERY USED SOMETIMES, THEY HAVE TO HAVE ADEQUATE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO DO THE WORK ON. RICK STATED FGT CAN'T GO OUTSIDE WHERE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY IS WITHOUT GOING BACK TO THE PROPERTY OWNER AND TO FERC TO GET PERMISSION TO DO THAT.

NAN SAID SHE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHEN SHE PUTS IN THEIR FENCING, ETC., THEIR SURVEY SHOWS THEY PUT THEIR FENCE INSIDE THEIR PROPERTY LINE; BUT, AFTER GOING AND DOING SOME RESEARCH AND DIGGING IT SAYS VARYING WIDTHS. SHE QUESTIONED BECAUSE HER DEED SAYS VARYING WIDTHS, ARE THEY TWO FEET IN OR TWO FEET OUT, ETC.

NAN SAID FAIR MARKET IS WHAT SHE WANTS IF SHE GOES TO SALE HER HOUSE OR HER PROPERTY; BUT, NOT WHAT FGT IS WILLING TO PAY. IF SHE DOESN'T WANT TO SALE HER LAND, FGT IS GOING TO BULLY HER INTO TAKING WHATEVER THEY OFFER.

PAULETTE SAID FAIR MARKET VALUE ASSUMES A WILLING BUYER AND SELLER; THAT IS THE ONLY WAY TO ASSIGN A VALUE TO A PIECE OF PROPERTY. FGT HAS

TAKEN THINGS THAT HAVE SOLD RECENTLY AND THEY MAY HAVE SOME THAT ARE EVEN ON THE MARKET TODAY; THAT IS THE ONLY WAY TO DO THIS.

NAN SAID WHEN YOU DEAL WITH AN UNWILLING SELLER, YOU WILL TAKE THE PROPERTY BY WHATEVER MEANS POSSIBLE.

PAULETTE SAID "YES"; IF THEY HAVE TO, FGT DOES HAVE THE RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN.

NAN QUESTIONED WHAT IS ENDEMIC SPECIES. PAULETTE SAID SHE THINKS IT MEANS THEY ARE PREVALENT IN THE AREA.

RICK SAID THERE ARE TWO PLANTS THAT ARE ENDEMIC SPECIES THROUGH THIS AREA AND FGT WILL HAVE TO ADDRESS HOW THEY ARE GOING TO DEAL WITH THESE PLANTS.

NAN QUESTIONED WHAT IF SHE HAD A LOT OF THEM ON HER PROPERTY. RICK SAID THAT MEANS THEY WOULD HAVE TO HAVE A PLAN FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PLAN WHICH WOULD ALLOW FGT TO RELOCATE THEM OR HAVE A PLAN TO BUY ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION BANK TO OFFSET ANY DAMAGE TO THOSE SPECIES THEY MIGHT INCUR.

NAN QUESTIONED WHEN FGT HAS PEOPLE ON THE NORTH WILLING TO SELL THEIR LAND AT A FAIR PRICE AND PEOPLE ON THE SOUTH NOT WILLING TO SELL THEIR LAND, IS THAT SOMETHING THAT IS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

PAULETTE SAID IF IT WERE LEFT UP TO HER AND SHE HAD A WILLING BUYER ON THE NORTH AND NOT ON THE SOUTH, ABSOLUTELY; UNFORTUNATELY, SHE DOESN'T GET TO MAKE THOSE CALLS.

RICK SAID FGT WILL LOOK AT EACH SITUATION BASED ON HOW IT AFFECTS THE ROUTING OF THE PIPELINE, HOW IT AFFECTS PROPERTY OWNERS AND HOW IT AFFECTS WHAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ARE. THOSE ARE THINGS THEY ARE GOING TO CONSIDER. TO TAKE A 36" PIPELINE AND REROUTE IT AND KEEP REROUTING IT IS NOT POSSIBLE.

NAN SAID FGT HAS WILLING BUYERS ON ONE SIDE AND THEY ARE GOING TO MAKE A CROSSOVER BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALREADY STATED THEY WERE LOOKING AT THE NORTH. WHAT MAKES IT ANY DIFFERENT TO MAKE THE CROSSOVER 100' DOWN VERSUS TAKING SOMEBODY'S PROPERTY.

RICK SAID IF FGT IS GOING TO CROSSOVER, IT PROBABLY DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE; THEY WOULD JUST HAVE TO LOOK AT IT.

NAN ASKED IF FGT WOULD BE WILLING TO LOOK INTO IT. PAULETTE SAID "YES."

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WAS A LITTLE CONFUSED AS HE THOUGHT FGT WAS TALKING TO NAN ABOUT GOING OVER ON THE NORTH SIDE.

NAN SAID THE PROPOSED ROUTE FOLLOWS SOUTH TO DIDLEY ROAD AND THEN CROSSES BACK IN BUCKHORN CREEK, CROSSES DIDLEY ROAD TO THE NORTH, GOES ACROSS RED DEER BEYOND THEIR PROPERTY AND THEN BACK TO THE SOUTH. HER QUESTION WAS RATHER THAN STOPPING AT MS. HORVATH'S PROPERTY WHO WANTS TO PROTECT HER SPRINGS AND FGT HAS A WILLING PARTICIPANT ON THE NORTH SIDE, WILL THEY CONSIDER WORKING WITH THE PEOPLE ON THE NORTH. FGT IS GOING TO MAKE THAT CROSSOVER; WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE OF A 100'.

RICK SAID FGT WILL WORK WITH REQUESTS; BUT, WHAT THEY WANT DO IS TRADE ONE LAND OWNER FOR ANOTHER. THEY DON'T MAKE TRADES IF THEY DON'T HAVE WILLING PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES. NAN SAID SHE WOULDN'T ASK THEM TO; BUT, WHEN FGT HAS WILLING PEOPLE ON ONE SIDE AND NOT ON THE OTHER, THAT IS WHAT SHE IS ASKING.

PAULETTE SAID FGT WILL CONSIDER ANYTHING FOR A GOOD REASON AS THEY WILL TAKE IT BACK TO PRESENT IT; BUT, UNDERSTAND THE ANSWER IS NOT ALWAYS YES. AS LONG AS FGT UNDERSTANDS THE REQUEST, FGT WILL LOOK AT IT.

NAN QUESTIONED WHEN POWER POLES HAVE TO BE REMOVED, HOW LONG WILL PEOPLE'S POWER BE AFFECTED.

PAULETTE SAID THEIR POWER WILL NOT BE AFFECTED; THE POWER POLES WILL BE RELOCATED BEFORE CONSTRUCTION IS STARTED. THE PEOPLE WILL NEVER BE WITHOUT POWER.

NAN QUESTIONED SINCE THEIR ROADS IN THAT AREA ARE SO BAD, HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE EACH SECTION OF THE PIPELINE TO BE DONE AND HOW LONG CAN THEY EXPECT THE CONTINUAL FLOW OF TRAFFIC ON DIRTS ROADS, HEAVY TRUCKS DESTROYING THE ROADS AND HOW OFTEN WILL FGT TAKE CARE OF THOSE ROADS SO PEOPLE CAN CONTINUE TO GO TO WORK, ETC.

RICK EXPLAINED FGT WAS GOING TO START AT THEIR COMPRESSOR STATION IN CARYVILLE AND START BUILDING THAT LOOP. FOR THE MOST PART THEY WILL WORK ON THAT RIGHT-OF-WAY AND WILL PUT IN APPROXIMATELY A MILE PER DAY. TO GET ACROSS THE COUNTY, THEY WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 25 DAYS. THERE WILL BE DIFFERENT CREWS THAT COME ALONG. THE FIRST CREW WILL COME IN AND DO THE CLEARING, THERE WILL BE A TRENCHING CREW THAT COMES IN BEHIND THEM.

MR. VOLTZ EXPLAINED TWENTY FIVE DAYS IS FOR CREWS; THERE MAY BE TEN CREWS AND THEY MAY BE THREE TO FOUR DAYS APART FROM EACH OTHER. THE WHOLE SPECTRUM ACROSS THE COUNTY MAY BE TWO MONTHS.

NAN SAID SHE WASN'T WORRIED ABOUT ALL THE WAY ACROSS THE COUNTY; SHE IS WORRIED ABOUT EACH AREA. SHE GAVE AN EXAMPLE OF RIVER ROAD AND CROSSING IT AND QUESTIONED IF THEY WOULD BE USING THE PIPELINE ITSELF TO TRANSPORT.

RICK SAID A LOT OF THE EQUIPMENT WILL REMAIN ON THE RIGHT- OF-WAY.

MR. VOLTZ POINTED OUT THERE WILL BE WORKERS AND TRAFFIC ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF THE PIPELINE AND THERE IS NO WAY TO AVOID THAT. THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THE ROAD SO IF HEAVY EQUIPMENT CAUSES PROBLEMS, ETC., THE BOARD WILL BE QUICK TO ALERT FGT THAT IF THEY DON'T STRAIGHTEN THE ROADS UP, THE COUNTY WILL REVOKE THEIR PERMIT.

NAN QUESTIONED, IN THEIR AREA IT IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR THEIR WELLS TO COLLAPSE OR HAVE PROBLEMS, WITH HEAVY EQUIPMENT, ETC. WHAT HAPPENS IF TWO WEEKS AFTER FGT IS OUT OF THEIR AREA, THEIR WELL COLLAPSES.

PAULETTE SAID THEY DO WELL TESTING BEFORE AND AFTER CONSTRUCTION. NAN SAID FGT COULD TEST TODAY AND HER WELL COLLAPSE TONIGHT BECAUSE OF GROUND POUNDING. NORMAL TRAFFIC IS ONE THING; BUT, FGT IS RIGHT NEAR THESE WELLS AND WILL BE DIGGING, TRENCHING, VIBRATING, ETC.

RICK SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THEY COULD ANSWER THIS UNTIL THEY ARE FACED WITH THE PROBLEM. IF NAN'S WELL COLLAPSES TWO WEEKS AFTER FGT HAS BEEN THERE AND SHE BELIEVES IT IS CAUSED BY THEIR EQUIPMENT, SHE NEEDS TO LET FGT KNOW THIS AND THEY WILL DEAL WITH IT. CAN HE SIT HERE AND TELL HER FGT IS GOING TO REPLACE EVERYBODY'S WELL BECAUSE IT COLLAPSED, THE ANSWER IS NO.

NAN SAID SHE IS NOT WORRIED ABOUT TWO WEEKS DOWN THE ROAD. WHAT SHE IS ASKING IS THINGS CAN HAPPEN DOWN THE LINE AND IS FGT GOING TO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY IF IT HAPPENS ON THE LINE.

RICK AND PAULETTE SAID IF IT IS DETERMINED FGT IS RESPONSIBLE; IT DEPENDS ON THE CAUSE.

NAN REFERRED TO THE LETTERS THAT FGT SENT OUT AND THE PHONE CALLS THAT SHE RECEIVED PERTAINING TO THE LETTERS. PAULETTE EXPLAINED FGT IS REQUIRED TO FURNISH TO EVERY IMPACTED OWNER WHAT THEIR RIGHTS ARE UNDER THE FLORIDA STATE LAW. NAN SAID IT IS JUST THAT THE LETTER SAYS NOTHING AND IT CAME WITH A LOT OF FLORIDA STATUTES.

SHANNON GRAY SAID SHE HAS A SMALL CHILD AND SHE HAS SEEN DIFFERENT PEOPLE AROUND HER PROPERTY AND SHE HAS NEVER PERSONALLY BEEN NOTIFIED OF ANYONE COMING IN OR AROUND HER YARD. SHE HAS TALKED TO A LOT OF PEOPLE AND NOBODY HAS BEEN NOTIFIED. SHE SAID IF SOME- THING HAPPENS TO HER

SMALL CHILD, SHE WILL BE HOLLERING AT FGT. SHE ALSO TOLD FGT SHE HAD PIT BULLS AND ASKED FGT NOT TO LET STRANGE PEOPLE GO ON HER PROPERTY.

PAULETTE SUGGESTED TO EVERYONE AT THE MEETING, IF SOMEONE IS ON THEIR PROPERTY AND THEY HAVE NOT BEEN NOTIFIED BY RIGHT OF WAY OR ONE OF FGT'S PEOPLE, CALL THE SHERIFF AND HAVE THEM ARRESTED.

SHARRON REFERRED TO SOMEONE HAVING ASKED AT THE LAST MEETING WHAT THE LIFE SPAN OF THIS PIPELINE WAS AND RICK SAID IT WAS ONLY GOING TO BE GOOD FOR SEVEN YEARS. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE NEVER HEARD SEVEN YEARS MENTIONED AT ALL.

RICK SAID HE CAN'T SIT HERE AND SAY WHEN THERE WILL BE ANOTHER EXPANSION PROJECT. HE CAN TELL THEM THEY ARE LOOKING AT ANOTHER EXPANSION RIGHT NOW. IT WOULDN'T ADD ANOTHER PIPELINE; IT WOULD SIMPLY EXTEND THE ONE THEY ARE WORKING ON. AS TO WHEN THERE WILL BE ANOTHER EXPANSION, HE CAN'T SAY; IT WILL BE DRIVEN BY WHO NEEDS NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

COMMISSIONER FINCH SAID HE HAD HEARD A LOT OF DISCUSSION IN THE PAST WHILE, NATURAL GAS IS ONE OF THE THINGS THERE IS A LOT OF IN THIS COUNTRY. IT HAS BEEN SAID THE NATURAL WAY TO SOLVE A LOT OF THE FUEL PROBLEMS WAS TO MOVE TOWARD NATURAL GAS IN TRANSPORTATION. HE ASKED IF THERE IS ANYTHING LIKE THAT GOING ON ANYONE KNOWS ABOUT OR CAN SHARE WITH THE BOARD. HE STATED HE WAS NOT ASKING FOR ANYTHING FGT DOESN'T FEEL COMFORTABLE TELLING.

RICK SAID HE HAS BEEN IN THIS BUSINESS FOR ABOUT 30 YEARS. THERE WAS A TIME ABOUT 15 YEARS AGO WHEN THERE WAS A REAL PUSH TOWARDS NATURAL GAS VEHICLES. THERE ARE SOME DETERRENT ISSUES WITH NATURAL GAS VEHICLES; ONE WAS THE RANGE ON THEM ISN'T VERY FAR. IN ORDER TO PUT THE TANKS TO HOLD THE COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS IN A VEHICLE, IT TAKES UP THE WHOLE TRUNK. SO THE NATURAL GAS VEHICLES CONCEPTION WASN'T VERY POPULAR.

RICK SAID HE WORKED AT ONE LOCATION WHERE THEY FUELED ALL OF THEIR VEHICLES ON NATURAL GAS. IT IS A PRACTICAL SOLUTION; BUT, PEOPLE HAVE NOT ACCEPTED THAT SOLUTION. HE KNOWS THERE ARE CERTAIN POLITICIANS PROMOTING THE NATURAL GAS VEHICLES AGAIN AND YOU MAY SEE SOME RESURGENCE IN THAT. THERE ARE STILL FLEETS OF BUSES IN MAJOR CITIES THAT ARE FUELED TOTALLY BY NATURAL GAS; IT JUST DEPENDS ON THE LOCATION.

JIMMY GAINNEY ASKED WHAT WAS THE POSSIBILITY OF THE COUNTY CHECKING ON USING NATURAL GAS AND WOULD IT BE ECONOMICAL SHOULD THEY DO SO.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THE AREAS AROUND HERE WHERE THEY HAVE TRIED THIS HAVE GOTTEN AWAY FROM IT AFTER A FEW YEARS BECAUSE OF THE ISSUES ADDRESSED BY RICK.

LINDA EYERS QUESTIONED, IF SOME OF THIS PIPE ON THE PIPELINE HAS BEEN IN THE GROUND SINCE THE 1950'S, HAS THERE BEEN GROUND CONTAMINATION.

RICK SAID THERE WAS NO CONTAMINATION TO THE ENVIRONMENT THAT COMES FROM THE PIPELINE ITSELF.

MS. EYERS ASKED HOW DOES FGT ASSESS THIS.

RICK SAID FGT HAS ENVIRONMENTAL PEOPLE ON THEIR STAFF TO ASSESS. WHENEVER THEY DIG DITCHES, THEY TAKE SAMPLES AND EVALUATE THOSE SAMPLES.

MS. EYERS QUESTIONED HAVE THEY BEEN DOING THE TESTING SINCE THE 1950'S.

RICK SAID THEY PROBABLY HAVEN'T DONE THE TESTING SINCE THE 1950'S; THEY HAVE PROBABLY DONE THIS SINCE THE LATE 1980'S. THERE IS NOTHING ABOUT NATURAL GAS THAT WILL CONTAMINATE THE GROUND. NATURAL GAS IS LIGHTER THAN AIR AND IT WILL COME TO THE SURFACE.

MS. EYERS QUESTIONED WHEN FGT PUTS IN ANOTHER PIPELINE AND THERE IS AN ADJACENT STREAM, ARE THEY MANDATED BY EPA TO MONITOR THE WATER QUALITY FOR A PERIOD OF TIME.

MS. EYERS REFERRED TO EPA MONITORING A STREAM ON HER PROPERTY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.

RICK SAID IF THERE IS AN ONGOING PROGRAM TO MONITOR THAT STREAM, THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL PEOPLE WILL DEAL WITH THAT WHEN THEY DO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PIPELINE.

PAULETTE ADVISED THE ONLY MONITORING THAT WILL BE DONE DURING CONSTRUCTION WILL BE THE TURBIDITY LEVEL.

RICK EXPLAINED FGT HAS ENVIRONMENTAL PEOPLE AT EACH ONE OF THEIR LOCATIONS THAT MONITOR EACH OF THEIR LOCATIONS, KNOWS WHAT IS ON SITE AND WHAT GOES OFF SITE.

MS. EYERS ADDRESSED THE IMPACT TO RIVER ROAD WHEN FGT IS LAYING THE PIPE AND QUESTIONED IF PEOPLE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DRIVE ACROSS THAT AREA.

WILL SAID THE ROAD WILL BE BORED SO THE TRAFFIC WOULD NOT BE IMPEDED AT ALL.

MS. EYERS QUESTIONED WHAT CHANGES SHE WOULD SEE AT THE PUMPING STATION.

RICK SAID SHE WOULD SEE AN ADDITIONAL ELECTRIC COMPRESSOR ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE PROPERTY.

MS. EYERS QUESTIONED THE NOISE FROM THE ADDITIONAL ELECTRIC COMPRESSOR.

RICK SAID FERC DICTATES WHAT NOISE REQUIREMENTS FGT HAS TO FOLLOW AT THE NEAREST RECEPTOR AND THEY WILL HAVE TO FOLLOW THOSE NOISE REQUIREMENTS.

MS. EYERS QUESTIONED WHAT THE REQUIREMENT IS AND WHAT NOISE LEVEL THEY ARE AT NOW.

RICK SAID THE NOISE LEVEL REQUIREMENT IS 55 DECIMALS AT THE NEAREST RECEPTOR. HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE AT NOW; BUT, IT IS SOMETHING LESS THAN THAT. THEY CAN'T EXCEED 55 DECIMALS.

WILL SAID SOME OF THE OLDER UNITS MAY BE GRANDFATHERED; FGT IS NOT REQUIRED TO GET TO 55 DBA ON THE OLDER UNITS. ANY UNITS THEY PUT IN FGT IS REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE A NOISE LEVEL THAT DOES NOT EXCEED 55 DBA.

MS. EYERS SAID AT ONE POINT, THERE WERE TEMPORARY TRAILORS BROUGHT IN ON THE VACANT PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT LIES NORTH OF THE PUMPING STATION. THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF HEAVY TRUCKS AND A LOT OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT GOING DOWN THE DIRT ROADS AND PAVED ROADS. WHEN FGT SAYS THEY WON'T BE IMPACTING THEIR ROADS, THEY WILL.

RICK SAID THERE WILL BE ACTIVITY ON THE ROAD BY FGT; HE WILL NOT DENY THIS.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINCH AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN. ATTEST: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

END OF MINUTES FOR 09/03/08