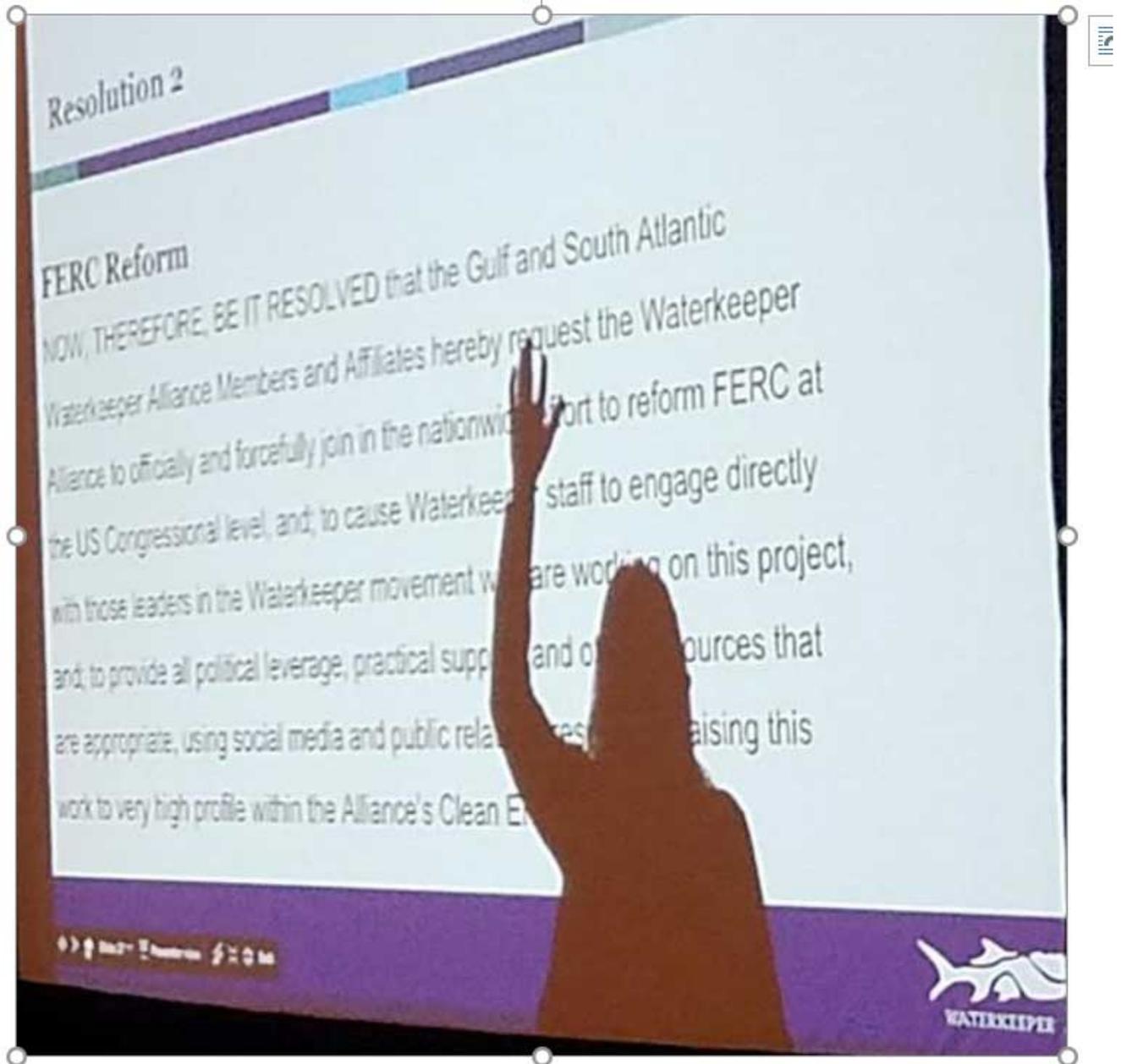


Waterkeeper Alliance Passes Resolution Against FERC

June 11, 2017



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Suwannee Riverkeeper John Quarterman, attending the Riverkeeper Alliance meeting in Utah, sends the following regarding FERC and Sabal Trail. Quarterman and Flint Riverkeeper Gordon Rogers wrote the resolution to reform FERC, which was adopted by the Alliance.

OSFR commends the hard work of John Quarterman in protecting the Suwannee River and for his efforts to combat the destructive, unneeded Sabal Trail pipeline.

Comments by OSFR historian Jim Tatum.

-A river is like a life: once taken, it cannot be brought back-

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Salt Lake City, Utah, May 9, 2017 – Friday morning, [FERC staff granted Sabal Trail's request to turn on the gas](#), saying it trusted the pipeline company to handle remaining landowner issues and “punch-list” items, despite [objections from WWALS](#), Sierra Club, Flint Riverkeeper, and many others. Before noon, the worldwide Waterkeeper Alliance passed [a resolution](#) to join the effort to reform FERC; a resolution written by WWALS and Flint Riverkeeper.

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Quarterman explained:

“While the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is a U.S. agency, its actions affect the whole world, because much of the gas in the interstate natural gas pipelines FERC rubberstamps is

for export.

“Even with Sabal Trail, the fight is not over. The case brought against FERC by Sierra Club, Flint Riverkeeper, and Chattahoochee Riverkeeper has not been decided. Even if the gas keeps flowing, we all have to watch for sinkholes, leaks, polluted wells and explosions.

“Any money spent on new fossil fuel projects would be better spent on clean sun and wind power, especially now that more new U.S. electricity last year came from solar power than any other source, and the solar industry employs more people in electricity generation than coal, oil, and gas combined.”

There’s still time to [Call the U.S. Senate Committee to oppose FERC nominees unless they vow to turn the Commission towards the sun](#). Here are [other things you can do to help reform FERC](#).

About WWALS Watershed Coalition, Inc. (WWALS)

WWALS has opposed Sabal Trail since 2013. WWALS advocates for conservation and stewardship of the Withlacoochee, Willacoochee, Alapaha, Little, and Suwannee River watersheds in south Georgia and north Florida through education, awareness, environmental monitoring, and citizen activities. John S. Quarterman is the Suwannee Riverkeeper®p, which is a staff position and a project of WWALS Watershed Coalition (WWALS) as the Member of the Waterkeeper® Alliance for the Suwannee River basin.

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[FERC Reform Resolution text](#)

Here is the text of the resolution passed today by Waterkeeper Alliance:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gulf and South Atlantic Waterkeeper Alliance Members and Affiliates hereby request the Waterkeeper Alliance to officially and forcefully join in the national effort to reform FERC at the U.S. Congressional level and to cause Waterkeeper staff to engage directly with those leaders in the Waterkeeper movement who are working on this project, and to provide all political leverage, practical support, and other resources that are appropriate, using social media and public relations resources, to raise this work to very high profile within the Alliance's Clean Energy Campaign.

[FERC Order granting Sabal Trail's in-service request](#)

Filed with FERC as Accession Number [20170609-3016](#), June 9, 2017, "Letter order granting Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC's 5/17/17, as supplemented on 5/26/17, request to commence service of certain Phase I Facilities for the Sabal Trail Project under CP15-17."

See also [Word](#) and [PDF](#) versions on the WWALS website.