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I am opposed to the establishment of National Interest Energy Transmission Corridors (NIETC's) for the **following reasons.**

First, the easements place an undue burden on and near the line. The compensation cannot begin to cover all of the losses, tangible and intangible that landowners would suffer.

Second, the eastern states should develop the utility scale wind resources conveniently located just a few miles off-shore near the load centers along the eastern seaboard thus eliminating hundreds of miles of harmful and costly transmission lines through private, productive farm, land and timber.

**Third renewable energy sources ought to be developed and used within the region. The regional** economies will benefit when the money is retained in the local economy rather than exporting it.

The Southeast is not in a congestion area according to your own report. "There are no reports of persistent transmission constraints within the region. Transmission is being built in coordination with generation additions following long-standing planning practices overseen by state and regional protocols."

It seems to me that there is a huge conflict of interest here as well. Executive Vice President of Clean Line Energy Partners, Jim Glotfelty, served in the U.S. Department of Energy where he was The Founder and Director of the Office of Electric Transmission and Distribution, a \$100 million per year electricity transmission and distribution research development program. So in 2010 CLEP becomes the first and only transmission developer to respond to the DOE's RFP for third-party financed projects under Section 1222. Coincidence?