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My name is Greg Kremers. I adamantly oppose the Plains and Eastern transmission line and the use of eminent domain for such. We are located on one of the preferred routes, with our home less than 150 feet from the center of the right of way. We will lose almost half of our property if this project is allowed to take place. Our home's value will plummet, causing us to owe considerably more than what it would be worth. This unneeded line would be a plight on our quality of life. The solitude and aesthetics of our small property would be forever ruined.

The Plains and Eastern has been highly opposed by citizens and local, state and federal leaders across several states. We were kept in the dark until the last minute about this project. We only became aware of Clean Line Energy's intention of acquiring our property in December 2014. Research and communication with others affected by this travesty revealed that Clean Line has been developing this since at least 2009. In that period, there has never been any demonstration of need for Plains and Eastern. Clean Line has not secured any customers to purchase power from this line. The Tennessee Valley Authority's latest IRP shows that their current energy portfolio would not need the energy for another 15 years at the earliest, if at all. There are no suppliers waiting to generate power on this line. No wind farms currently exist. Currently, subsidies for wind farms in Oklahoma are close to being eliminated, further negating opportunities for the Plains and Eastern.

It's interesting that when the U.S. Dept. of Energy considers whether Clean Line Energy's Plains & Eastern project meets all the statutory criteria of Section 1222 of the 2005 Energy Policy Act, it will also consider several "factors" that were created especially for the 2010 Request for Proposals. None of these DOE-created "factors" are found anywhere in Section 1222, nor are there any regulations, definitions or other objective criteria by which these "factors" may be measured. Transparency has been lost. It appears that the Department of Energy is simply making up the rules as it goes about the process of playing energy kingmaker, enriching billionaires at the expense of ordinary citizens.

Such invented "factors" include whether the project is in the public interest, as well as consideration of the benefits and impacts of the project in each state it traverses, including economic and environmental factors.

Due diligence requires fair consideration of the economic interests of the public in "pass-through" states, and not merely a balancing act whereby some members of the public benefit, while others must sacrifice. It's not simply a math equation to figure out which group is larger. You're playing with the economic survival of real people here!

The Clean Line Plains & Eastern does not meet even DOE's made up "factors" and therefore its application must be denied.

Very truly yours,

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