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Subject: PLAINS & EASTERN CLEAN LINE TRANSMISSION LINE - PART 2 APPLICATION

Dear Secretary Moniz:

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 other 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!

Here's how my economic interests will be compromised by approval of Plains & Eastern:

(Your story here)

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

Very truly yours,

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Love Generously

Care Deeply

Speak Kindly

Leave the rest to God  
Advice from an old farmer