Dear Mr. Moniz,

What is being gained by transmitting renewable energy via the outdated method of long haul overhead lines? Saying that you are helping to protect one part of the environment while sacrificing other parts of it is not a responsible practice. If green energy is going to be labeled as important, as the new wave of the future, then better ways need to be implemented to generate and transport it. I didn't say they need to be developed...the technology is already available. Underground burial of lines and more localized generation are much more acceptable and environmentally friendly practices. If Clean Line Plains and Eastern was truly concerned with global warming and carbon reduction as they claim, then they would pursue these avenues. We live in the 21st century...we need to act like it.

Where is the need? No real utilities are clamoring for this power. Clean Line is the only source I've heard say that their line is needed. Plains and Eastern meets few, if any of the requirements of Section 1222. This legislation allows for the DOE to pick who wins and who loses with the way it is being handled. The losers I refer to are the thousands of property owners on or near the routes who will lose millions in property devaluation. Not to mention, the massive number of condemnation proceedings that are inevitable. Property owners such as myself will be most affected but were least involved. Why was that? All of these government agencies were consulted (USFS, USFWS, USCOE, etc) but not one inch of line was ever going to be located on federal land. And with a former DOE employee now playing a major role for Clean Line, transparency or lack thereof becomes a major problem. The only benefit I have seen from Plains and Eastern is that it has shown Section 1222 needs to be done away with immediately.

True "green energy" should benefit all, not just a select few. Mr. Moniz, it's time to pull the plug on Plains and Eastern. Enough is enough.

Sincerely,

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