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To: Plainsandean
Cc: David Rogers; Jennette Gayer; Sarah Bucci; Aurilio, Anna; Julian Boggs
Subject: Environment America Support for Plains and Eastern Clean Line.
Attachments: Secretary Moniz Support Letter_PlainsEastern_EA.pdf

Attached please find our letter of support for the Plains and Eastern Line.

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U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20), 1222 Program
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RE: Support for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line under Section 1222 of EPAct of 2005

Dear Secretary Moniz,

On behalf of our federation of state environmental organizations; I write to express support for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line and to urge the Department of Energy and the Southwestern Power Administration to participate in the proposed project.

We know you are aware of the urgent need to shift to clean, renewable energy. We need to curb carbon pollution and we need to do it fast.

The EPA's Clean Power Plan would cut carbon pollution from dirty power plants by 30 percent by the end of the next decade. We know it's achievable, as long as we act to capture the power of the wind and the sun and reduce the amount of energy that we waste. The Plains & Eastern Clean Line can play a critical role in deploying renewable energy. The 700-mile power line will deliver enough clean energy to power more than one million homes in the southeast; a region that lags behind much of the country on renewable energy resources.

There is insufficient transmission to connect windy areas to the Mid-South and Southeast and the cost of moving power through the grid as it stands today is rising due to congestion. Direct current technology is the most efficient means of moving large amounts of energy over long distances. Through the use of this technology, the Plains & Eastern Clean Line will modernize the country's transmission infrastructure and facilitate the reliable delivery of low-cost renewable energy across regions.

The Plains & Eastern Clean Line will address the increasing demand for interregional transmission capacity to move clean energy from the wind-rich central United States to the Mid-South and Southeast. It is a much-needed infrastructure project for the public use and benefit.

We urge you to support the Plains & Eastern Clean Line in order to help the Southeast achieve carbon reductions and to safeguard our climate for future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Sargent". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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