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Please see the attached letter to Secretary Munoz expressing our firm's support for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line project.

Sincerely,

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June 10, 2015

The Honorable Ernest Moniz
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20585

RE: Support for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line

Dear Secretary Moniz,

I am writing to express my firm's support for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line and to urge the Department of Energy and Southwestern Power Administration to participate in the proposed project. This transmission project is in the public interest because it will stimulate economic development, create jobs, expand interregional transmission capacity, and improve system reliability.

While the U.S. has some of the best renewable resources in the world, there is a demand for transmission infrastructure to connect the best wind resources, which are located predominantly in remote areas, to distant cities and communities with a demand for low-cost clean energy. Existing transmission infrastructure connecting windy areas to the Mid-South and Southeast is almost completely saturated, 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.

Whether provided by our firm or others, we believe there may be as many as 50 land surveyors who will work on this project once it proceeds. This workforce will have approximately \$1.5 million in direct salary impact on our states over the life of the project. These will be real jobs for Arkansas and Oklahoma. In addition to the direct salaries, those surveyors will drive trucks and use sophisticated survey equipment to get the job done. They will eat meals, stay in hotels, and shop in the areas they are working.

The Plains & Eastern Clean Line is a much-needed infrastructure project for the public use and benefit.

Sincerely,

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