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Attached Letter - Support for Plains and Eastern Clean Line

Attachments: Wind Coalition Letter to DOE - Plains and Eastern Cleanline.pdf

Please see attached letter.

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Again, we urge you to move this country forward by supporting this project.

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U.S. Department of Energy Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20), 1222 Program 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, DC 20585

RE: Support for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line

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