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Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC has failed to meet the criteria required for the DOE to participate in the Plains & Eastern Transmission Project under Section 1222 of the 2005 Energy Policy Act. Therefore, I am writing to express my opposition to this project. In CLEP's updated application, they failed to prove there is a demand or need for this electric transmission capacity; nor do they prove the project is in the public interest.

The more I read and study renewable energy, it is very apparent that the Plains and Eastern Transmission Project is not green wind energy, will not provide low cost energy and is not the energy solution Americans are looking for. It is an outdated plan using outdated statistics, outdated wind facts, outdated technology to blur the fact this project is outdated before construction even begins. It will be obsolete before the first of thousands of trees are bulldozed down.

Article after article mentions we need to think locally for energy solutions whether it is wind, solar, natural gas or any other renewable source. Building a 700 mile HVDC transmission line is not thinking locally for an energy solution. A 700 mile path of environmental destruction is not green and is not in the public interest. It is not needed. There is no demand for the capacity.

Whether in Arkansas, Missouri or Oklahoma, state energy/utility agencies of the respective states are all coming to the same conclusion that the transmission project is not in the public interest. That there is no need or demand. Even the Tennessee Valley Authority is on record stating this project is not as cost effective and reliable as other sources of power. In other words, even the potential recipient of this transmission line product is not supportive of the project.

I believe it is reasonable to conclude that if CLEP's Plains and Eastern Transmission Line Project were a viable solution it would not need section 1222 to become a reality. The merits of the project would stand on their own without federal governmental intervention. The fact they are resorting to the federal government to **FORCE** this project on private landowners, consumers, and states speaks

volumes. The lack of Power Purchase Agreements speaks volumes. The public outcry should speak volumes.....

The U.S. Department of Energy should **not participate** under Section 1222 with Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC.

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