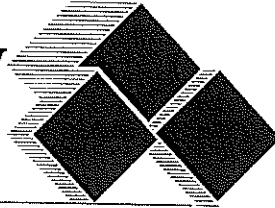


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May 28, 2015

The Honorable Ernest Moniz  
Secretary of Energy  
US Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585

RE: Support for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line

Dear Secretary Moniz,

The Dodge City/Ford County Development Corporation strongly supports the Plains & Eastern Clean Line and urges the Department of Energy and Southwestern Power Administration to partner in the proposed project. A project of this capacity would help stimulate economic development, assist with the creation of jobs, expand interregional transmission capacity, and improve system reliability. The Plains & Eastern Clean Line will enable billions of dollars in new investments, generate millions of dollars in revenues for counties and local communities annually, and create thousands of jobs.

The Dodge City/Ford County Development Corporation is a non-profit organization that promotes the growth and development of existing businesses, and pursues quality new businesses to help sustain the economic vitality of the region. Our organization is a joint partnership between the City of Dodge City, Ford County, and several private businesses. We believe collaboration is the key to the success.

As the U.S. continues being the leader in the best renewable resources worldwide, exists the demand for transmission to connect the best wind resources, which are primarily located in rural areas, to distant cities and communities across the nation with a demand for low-cost clean energy. Current infrastructure connecting windy areas to the Mid-South and Southeast is nearly saturated and the cost of moving power through the grid is on the rise due to congestion. The most efficient means of moving large amounts of energy over long distances is through direct current technology. With this technology, the Plains & Eastern Clean Line will modernize the country's transmission infrastructure and expedite 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 power from rural communities such as Ford County, Kansas to the Mid-South and Southeast of the United States. This is a much-needed infrastructure project for the use and benefit of the public.

Sincerely,

Joann Knight  
Executive Director