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The Honorable Ernest Moniz, PhD

Secretary

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RE: Comments on the Application for the Proposed Project for Clean Line Plains and Eastern Transmission Line

I oppose the transmission line proposed by Clean Line Plains and Eastern for several reasons, but will concentrate on only two with this letter.

There is no decommissioning plan or funds set aside for decommissioning. Every mention of decommissioning in the DOE Draft Environmental Impact Statement states that “decommissioning could occur”; that the structures “could be dismantled and removed”; that a plan cannot be developed now but “would be developed prior to decommissioning and would follow applicable governing requirements at that time”. Clean Lines claims that they cannot have a decommissioning plan now because of the uncertainty of the future technology and unknown future environmental requirements. This is exactly why there needs to be a plan in place and funds set aside for this purpose before this project is even considered. They are asking for a lot from the people of Oklahoma and Arkansas with nothing to back them up.

In November 2011 the State of Oklahoma gave Clean Line a “transmission only utility status” with stipulations that they receive updates on the plan every 6 months and a decommissioning plan within 60 days; Clean Lines has yet to produce that decommissioning plan because they do not have one. In my opinion their status should be removed since they cannot do as they say. This non-action speaks volumes about their promises. Once again, the DOE should require a complete and

concise decommissioning plan and funds set aside in the event of abandonment during construction or shortly after, and when the project is no longer useful, which will be in the near future since they are using old technology. The people that own the beautiful land of Oklahoma and Arkansas do not want these towers on our land, let alone towers that are of no use. We only have so much land in this country, more is not being made. This company claims to be transparent and honest, so where is the decommissioning plan they promised to the State of Oklahoma?

The second item I am concerned about is the EMF's. The DOE Draft Environmental Impact Statement states that they don't know the effects of EMF's on the human body from HVDC lines with this amount of voltage. Please do not use the people of the United States as guinea pigs. If the DOE does team up with Clean Lines on this project then there needs to be funds set aside for medical treatment for individuals that have adverse effects on their health due to these transmission lines.

According to Dr. Dennis Smith, DO, rebuttal statement during the Great Plains hearing in the State of Missouri he stated the following with regards to EMF's: ." The practice of medicine is based on evidence. I can say with certainty that there is enough evidence of harmful effects from EMFs, Static Electric Fields and Static Magnetic fields that the universal premise of medicine, "First Do No Harm", forces me to oppose this line. Human experimentation is prohibited in medicine without complete disclosure and acceptance of the risk by the subjects of the study. This is an experiment that I do not consent to participate in, and granting eminent domain would be condemning people to participate without consent.

For this alone, all 5 CLEP projects should be rejected. Not enough studies, not enough notification, flawed and failed EIS studies. Lies, lies and more lies."

I ask that the DOE take the "No Action Alternative" with the Clean Lines Plains and Eastern Transmission Line. As stated in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, "Under the no Action Alternative, DOE assumes for analytical purposes that the Project would not proceed and none of the potential environmental effects associated with the Project would occur." By taking the No Action Alternative the DOE would not be putting their citizens in harms way.

Please protect our land. Please protect the people of the United States.

Sincerely,

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