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These are comments from Joe and Linda Halmes, mailing address P O Box 193, Ozark, AR 72949; physical address 7809 Hwy. 352, Ozark, AR 72949

Our farm is in the proposed path of the Plains and Eastern proposed clean line transmission line running from Oklahoma to Tennessee. The land has been in our families for close to 100 years. Needless to say, this land is not for sale in any form or fashion; we plan to hand the ownership down to future generations. At the present time, we have a grandson getting into the cattle business; he is a fifth generation cattle farmer on family land.

The level of damage that will be imposed on our farm land by the proposed line will cause tremendous loss to our operation. We would be taking that loss now and in the future; these losses would become the gain of the investor class with deep pockets and political connections. The investor class also has unlimited legal resources which we do not have. Our state has rightly so withheld the authority for eminent domain in this case and we don't think the federal government should be able to override that authority.

We also stress that compensation for the right-of-way should be paid in terms of how the whole farm would be affected, not just the strip of land on which the line will run. Any disadvantage in the farming operation should be determined a major cost because the proposed line would run down the middle of our property which would affect all surrounding acreage.

In addition, the lines will cause other problems in our home; there would be unprecedented corona noise and visual pollution as our home is very close to the proposed line.

We feel the government and Supreme Court should be fighting for us - not against us by allowing eminent domain to take our farm land which is our means of making a living.

We ask the DOE to hold public hearings on the eminent domain issue similar to those that were held on the EIS.

Sincerely,

Joe and Linda Halmes

