



May 21, 2015

*The Honorable Ernest Moniz
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20585*

RE: Support for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line

Dear Secretary Moniz,

I am writing to you on behalf of Quanta Services to express our support for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line and to urge the Department of Energy and Southwestern Power Administration to participate in the proposed project. On past occasions, you and I have discussed the need for a more robust electric grid and the positive impact a project such as this has on economic development, job creation and energy diversity.

While the U.S. has some of the best renewable resources in the world, we can only reap the benefits of low-cost clean energy if there is sufficient transmission infrastructure to connect those wind resources to distant cities and communities with the demand for that energy. Existing transmission infrastructure connecting windy areas to the Mid-South and Southeast is almost completely saturated, and the cost of moving power through the grid as it stands today is rising due to congestion. Direct current technology is the most efficient means of moving large amounts of energy over long distances. Through the use of this technology, the Plains & Eastern Clean Line will modernize the country's transmission infrastructure and facilitate the reliable delivery of low-cost renewable energy across regions.

We believe the Plains & Eastern Clean Line is a critical part of a strategy to address the increasing demand for interregional transmission capacity to move power from the wind-rich central United States to the Mid-South and Southeast. It is a much-needed infrastructure project for the public use and benefit and 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.

Sincerely,

QUANTA SERVICES, INC.

James F. O'Neil

Chief Executive Officer