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Dear Ms. Colamaria,

I am writing in opposition to the Plains & Eastern Clean Line Transmission Line Project as part of the Non-NEPA 1222 Review. My wife Cindy and I are private landowners along the potential route in Arkansas.

Part of this review is technical and financial, and the other, most important part is whether it is in the public interest.

The Department may participate in projects with 3<sup>rd</sup> parties if it is determined that they are necessary to reduce congestion or meet demand. According to the updated TVA final integrated resource plan, demand is in the next two decades expected to grow at its slowest rate in TVA's 82 years. This growth of only 0.3% to 1.3 % is about a third of what TVA had forecast as recently as 2011. Energy efficiency and abundant and cheap natural gas contribute to this demand being so much less than when this first wind project was first hatched.

This does tie into the "Purpose and Need" of the EIS which was to "meet section 122 of the EPA Act". Talk about circular reasoning and the tail wagging the dog! This project serves to meet an energy initiative for more wind energy, rather than a bona fide need for more electricity. Unfortunately the current administration is all about anything wind and solar, and opposed to all fossil fuels.

Regarding financial issues, this project would not even be proposed if not for an Enron style speculation in a heavily subsidized and tax incentivized industry. It reminds me of corn based ethanol, which would not be at the pumps without subsidies and tax incentives and is now considered an environmental debacle.

This project would be constructed on hundreds and hundreds of small landowners in Oklahoma and Arkansas who are opposed to it. With an estimate of 85% percent in opposition, eminent domain will be required on the majority of the 700 miles of transmission line. When I commented on the EIS, nine counties, five cities and the Cherokee Nation had passed resolutions opposing this project. These numbers have grown. Why? The bad outweighs the good. This project is not in the public interest.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

/s/Rob Kopack