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It has come to our attention that Plains & Eastern Clean Line has applied for rights of eminent domain under Section 1222 of the 2005 Energy Policy Act. We oppose this application and are asking that the Department of Energy (D.O.E.) refuse the right of eminent domain to Plains & Eastern Clean Line.

It is our understanding that eminent domain can be issued to a private entity by the U.S. Government if the taking is for public use and there is just compensation.

In this specific case, those who will benefit are asked to sacrifice nothing and those that are being asked to sacrifice their assets are benefiting nothing. As this particular right of way traverses our landscape, we have been informed that all of the power produced will be sent to another state and none of it will be used in the states that are being infringed upon. Also, just compensation will be very difficult to assess in our specific case. Our business is timberlands. This will be a total loss to anyone who grows timber as their crop and is in stark contrast to other industries that grow crops. Whereas farmers that grow row crops, mow hay meadows or run cattle may continue to use the property underneath the proposed power lines, we as timber “farmers” will never be able to utilize these acres again, forever.

We have already sacrificed many acres to the Fayetteville Shale natural gas industry that will remain stagnant for many years to come, maybe forever, and we feel that we have done our fair share in the name of public use.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our comments,

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