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To Whom it May Concern:

Clean Line Energy is developing the Plains & Eastern Clean Line project to connect 3,500 MW of new wind generation with markets in the Mid-South and Southeast. Clean Line is pursuing an interconnection point with the Tennessee Valley Authority near Memphis. For more than twelve months, Clean Line has been in discussions with North Little Rock concerning the possibility of North Little Rock purchasing transmission capacity and associated renewable energy from the Plains & Eastern Clean Line.

The Clean Line Energy proposal is of great interest to North Little Rock, given the municipal utility's expected needs over the coming years for competitively priced energy. The city places importance on a diverse supply and offering renewable energy to its customers. North Little Rock aims to maintain or, if possible, lower customer rates while simultaneously offering clean energy. Clean Line Energy's proposal could serve both purposes.

We look forward to continuing our discussions with Plains & Eastern Clean Line. In the meantime, we are pleased to support the development of the Plains & Eastern Clean Line as an option for North Little Rock to purchase renewable energy in the future. North Little Rock is a firm proponent of expanding customer choice, allowing for better conservation of resources and maintaining or lowering customer rates. I believe that the Plains & Eastern Clean Line has the strong potential to contribute to the city's sustainable energy supply.

North Little Rock is proud to be part of Arkansas' vital and growing economy. With approximately \$500 million investment in Arkansas, the Plains & Eastern Clean Line is not only good for the environment but it will also contribute to Arkansas' broader economy and support manufacturing jobs in the state.

Sincerely,

Patrick H. Hays
Mayor