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May 20, 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 express support for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line and to urge the Department of Energy and Southwestern Power Administration to participate in the proposed project. This transmission project is in the public interest because it will stimulate economic development, create jobs, expand interregional transmission capacity, and improve system reliability. The Plains & Eastern Clean Line 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. Not to mention to also be of great benefit to Falcon Steel, the only US-based and US-owned transmission tower fabricator with over half a century of service to US utility companies and developers. A project this size would keep our factory busy easily for two years.

While the U.S. has some of the best renewable resources in the world, there is a demand for transmission infrastructure to connect the best wind resources, which are located predominantly in remote areas, to distant cities and communities with a demand for low-cost clean 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.

The Plains & Eastern Clean Line will 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Claus Sutor", is written over a faint, illegible typed name.

Claus Sutor
EVP Engineering & Marketing
FALCON STEEL COMPANY

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From: Claus Sutor <CSutor@falconsteel.com>
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To: Plainsandeastern
Subject: SUPPORT FOR THE PLAINS & EASTERN CLEAN LINE
Attachments: Support for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line.pdf

Dear Secretary Moniz,

Please find attached the letter we are sending you in support of Clean Line Energy's proposed Plains & Eastern project. At Falcon Steel Company, we strongly feel that this will be a step in the right direction for the Nation and our environment, as the $\pm 600\text{kV}$ HVDC transmission line will efficiently transport energy generated by renewables.

Sincerely,

Claus Sutor,
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