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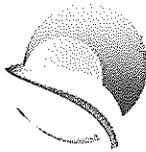
**From:** John Jimison <JJimison@unfoundation.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 6:02 PM  
**To:** Plainsandean  
**Subject:** Support for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line under Section 1222 of the EPA Act of 2005  
**Attachments:** Clean Line Letter.pdf

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find attached a PDF copy of a letter mailed today favoring support of the Plains & Eastern Clean Line by the Western Area Power Administration. Thank you for your consideration of our views on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Americans for a Clean Energy Grid

June 2, 2015

U.S. Department of Energy  
Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20), 1222 Program  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20585

**RE: Support for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line under Section 1222 of EPAct of 2005**

Dear Secretary Moniz,

As a diverse coalition of companies, individuals, and non-profit groups, Americans for a Clean Energy Grid (a project of the Energy Future Coalition) supports efforts to modernize, integrate, and expand the high-voltage grid to improve access to our nation's vast clean energy resources, support open and competitive electricity markets, maintain affordable and reliable electricity service, and address the increasingly urgent threat of climate change. Interstate and interregional high voltage transmission projects that enable the development and delivery of clean energy are indispensable to achieving these goals. In this light, I am writing to express support for one such project, the Plains & Eastern Clean Line.

America is home to some of the best renewable resources in the world, but they are concentrated in remote areas, far from the cities and towns where most electricity is consumed. Existing transmission capacity connecting windy areas in the Midwest to consumers in the Southeast is almost completely saturated, and the cost of moving additional power is rising due to congestion. High voltage direct current (HVDC) technology is the most efficient means of moving large amounts of energy over long distances, and is now being deployed widely in other advanced nations. The Plains & Eastern Clean Line represents a state-of-the-art investment in a national transmission infrastructure urgently needed to facilitate the reliable delivery of low-cost renewable energy across regions.

The Plains & Eastern Clean Line will expand interregional transmission capacity and improve system reliability across a large and currently under-served region. In so doing, the project will prompt billions of dollars in new clean energy investments, generate millions of dollars in revenues for counties and local communities, and create thousands of jobs. I urge the Department of Energy to support the Southwestern Power Administration's participation in this proposed project.

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 that serves the public interest and provides clean energy benefits not merely in the region that it serves, but across the United States and indeed globally.

Sincerely,

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