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The Honorable Ernest Moniz
United States Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 205850

Dear Secretary Moniz:

We are writing to formally express serious opposition of Plains & Eastern Clean Line's proposal to run power lines through Sequoyah County. The proposed project is to build a single 700-mile direct current transmission line from Oklahoma, through Arkansas to provide wind power for Tennessee among other states in the southeast.

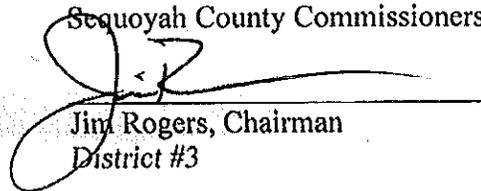
First, given that Oklahoma will receive no benefit from the wind power derived through this proposed project, Oklahomans are most certainly being asked to pay a high price for the commodity. We have great concerns regarding the tax cuts and shortfalls that befall our state already. By buying into The Plains and Eastern Clean Line Transmission Project proposal, the people will take the hit even harder. At present, ten million dollars have been cut out of the ETR funding and fifty million dollars from the CIRB fund in 2015 an additional 21 million dollars in 2016. Because of all the shortfalls in budget, the State keeps making up the deficit by withdrawing from county funds. So far, we have had 81 million dollars taken from counties to meet the already existing budget short falls which seriously affects the people of Sequoyah county.

Secondly, wind power simply costs a great deal of money. The proposal would mean 32 million dollars in tax credits for wind farm producers and 290 million by the year 2018 all for a commodity to benefit Tennessee and other southeastern states. County funds will have to make all that up which in turn means roads are left unattended. In the eyes of the Oklahoma constituent, their tax dollars benefit their home state nothing when programs like this make their way through our great state.

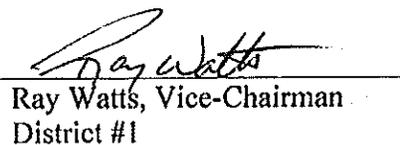
At a time when constituents are facing severe, real and unreasonable negative impact concerning this project, we contend, as the Sequoyah County Board of Commissioners, and as representatives of our county, to support their concerns and oppose this proposal.

In conclusion, there will always be projects on the horizon and we are always willing to look at those that will improve the infrastructure for the constituents we represent. However, we do have concerns that this project will cost Oklahoma tax payers millions in tax credits for electric services that would benefit other states. We do not embrace such projects that contribute to the decline of Rural Oklahoma; but rather those projects that will enhance, improve and have a positive impact on the quality of life for the people of Sequoyah County and the state of Oklahoma.

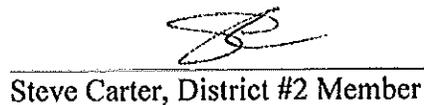
Sincerely,
Sequoyah County Commissioners



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