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Hello. My name is Rachel Barker and I am a resident of rural Fisher, Arkansas. I am writing this letter to express my increasing concern surrounding the construction of the HVDC transmission lines in the State of Arkansas as proposed by Plains and Eastern Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC. Upon thorough review of the DOE- Draft EIS, I was extremely disappointed to discover that my most pertinent concerns regarding this project were either addressed only partially (lacking specificity of information pertaining to rural communities and home places to be affected) or wholly confirmed (with seemingly blatant disregard for the personal/environmental well-being/interests of those same areas and individuals). Below, I have included a description and discussion of four specific concerns.

1. With regard to eminent domain~ Forceful acquisition of any type of property for the construction of an extremely invasive project whose benefits can be described as follows...

-vaguely presented and unfounded with regard to realistic plans for implementation

-minimal realization in areas that are currently experiencing the actual effects of this project

-negligible when compared to the risks associated with "unforeseen" consequences and collateral damage likely to occur with a project of this sensitivity and magnitude

-UNNECESSARY (as indicated by the Tennessee Valley Authority)

... is not merely an overstep of power (pun intended) but also a potentially devastating oversight on the parts of P&E Clean Line, the Department of Energy, and the federal government in its entirety.

2. With regard to property value~ This powerful point of interest reflects what I perceive to be a lack of awareness of and interest in the perspectives and experiences of individuals who reside in small communities and rural areas across the State of Arkansas. I found it incredibly disheartening to learn that because the home/property value information was too difficult to obtain/investigate/predict, this acknowledged negative expectation was discounted in order to downplay the potential for deplorable financial and socioeconomic consequences.

3. With regard to noise~ A subsequent point that lends itself to the differences in perspective is noted in the description of the acknowledged violation of accepted guidelines for audible noise. While this may be considered "insignificant" or an "inconvenience" by individuals not directly affected by this project... this constant disruption of daily living will likely be viewed quite differently by those in the path of the project, especially since many have chosen to live in these unincorporated areas in order to avoid the noise of a more urban residence.

4. With regard to health and well-being~ To date, there has not been sufficient experimental research conducted in order to collect relevant data and draw definitive conclusions regarding any health effects experienced due to

consistent and prolonged exposure to magnetic fields. This is NOT an indication of safety... simply an admittance of IGNORANCE surrounding this topic. If provided with the option, I choose NOT to act as a proverbial "guinea pig" so that others may better understand the potential implications on personal health in the future. While my work in human and animal research is limited, I am quite skeptical of events wherein data is presented in a correlational/descriptive format and information is derived from literature reviews in lieu of peer-reviewed, experimental research studies/journals. In such events, I have found one (or more) of the following conditions to be at play...

-experimental research methods are too time consuming

-experimental research methods are too expensive

-utilization of experimental research methods is ethically irresponsible as such practice could potentially inflict harm on the subject(s) in question.

In my humble opinion, none of the abovementioned conditions warrant nor justify the approval of the implementation of a project where exposure to magnetic fields could very well result in serious "unanticipated" health consequences.

Likewise, taking into account the lack of actual data associated with the areas of greatest concern (health, well-being, and socioeconomic impact), the conclusion of "no significant impact" with regard to environmental justice is just truly baffling. While P&E Clean Line's decision to avoid areas of dense population (and upper socioeconomic status) serves to bolster my suspicion of the potential for negative health impacts, I also understand the obvious attempt to avoid the masses (the path of least resistance, if you will). However, within the "responsible" choice to protect the many, exists the inevitable consequence of intentionally endangering those of us who reside in rural areas and are, subsequently, of low socioeconomic status. To speak candidly... this is how the previously mentioned conclusion reads to a poor person, like myself... "As long as only the poor people are affected, hopefully, they won't have enough sense to notice. Plus, no one else will care enough to stand up and say anything about it."

As you conclude this lengthy letter, please accept my apologies for the poignant nature of this communication. My thoughts and feelings are not derived from a place of ill-will (against green energy practices or otherwise), but rather from a place of inquiry... requesting the immediate halt of consideration of this project until the appropriate research is conducted to fulfill the need for further clarification regarding these arrogant, discriminatory, and potentially erroneous conclusions. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,  
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