



Tennessee Valley Authority, 1101 Market Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

Robin E. Manning, PE  
Executive Vice President &  
Chief External Relations Officer

December 10, 2013

Honorable James M. Allison, Chairman  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Dear Chairman Allison:

#### TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY AND HIGH VOLTAGE DIRECT CURRENT TRANSMISSION

TVA's vision is to be one of the nation's leading providers of reliable, low-cost and cleaner energy by 2020. We have announced significant retirement of coal resources to reduce emissions, and have set aggressive efficiency and demand response targets. TVA is among the first in the Southeast to contract for wind energy from the Great Plains states and the Midwest wind corridor.

TVA also has a strong legacy of deployment of high voltage transmission to accommodate efficient and economic transfer of energy within its service territory and with neighboring systems. In general, TVA supports transmission expansion projects that enhance resource flexibility and reliability and provide economic benefits, but refrains from endorsing any specific non-TVA projects to avoid giving unfair advantage among potentially competing proposals.

Consistent with its applicable procedures, TVA has conducted certain studies regarding the Clean Line Energy inter-regional high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission project, including the interconnection of the project to TVA's Shelby substation. TVA is also a federal cooperating agency in the NEPA environmental review of the project being led by the Department of Energy.

I hope this information is helpful to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority's process and its consideration of the Plains & Eastern Clean Line project.

Sincerely,

Rob Manning

cc: Mr. Herbert Hilliard, Vice Chairman,  
Mr. Robin Bennett, Director,  
Mr. Kenneth Hill, Director,  
Mr. David Jones, Director,  
Mr. Earl Taylor, Executive Director, and  
Ms. Sharla Dillon, Docket & Records Manager  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243



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February 24, 2014

✓ Honorable James Allison, Chairman  
Honorable Herbert H. Hilliard, Vice Chairman  
Honorable Kenneth Hill  
Honorable David Jones  
Honorable Robin Bennett

Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
5023 Deaderick Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Petition of Plains and Eastern Clean Line LLC for Approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to Open as an Electric Transmission Public Utility in the State of Tennessee

Dear Directors:

I am writing to convey my full throated support for the application of Plains and Eastern Clean Line LLC ("Plains and Eastern") to operate as a public utility in Tennessee and to construct an interstate transmission line. The Plains & Eastern Clean Line (Plains & Eastern Project) will serve the public interest by lowering electricity costs, expanding inter-regional transmission capacity, improving energy reliability and security, and providing revenues to local jurisdictions in which the project is located.

Approving the application of Plains and Eastern Clean Line LLC's to construct and operate their project will strengthen Tennessee's reputation as America's distribution center by enabling the delivery of clean and affordable energy to consumers in the Mid-South and the Southeast.

Further, the Plains & Eastern Project will contribute to Tennessee's growing record of supporting responsible environmental practices and the sustainability goals and efforts of many Tennessee companies, as well as help to attract new businesses who desire access to low-cost, clean power sources.

The Plains & Eastern Project will provide for more efficient energy generation and create more sustainable local environments by reducing water consumption and lowering pollution from fossil fuel plants. This is a project which is environmentally sound and has financial integrity.

We at the Black Business Association of Memphis support Plains and Eastern's application and urge the Tennessee Regulatory Authority to provide the necessary regulatory approval to advance this project in Tennessee.

Have a productive day!

  
Roby S. Williams  
President  
Black Business Association of Memphis (BBA)

To 1) E Taylor  
2) J Stone

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February 25, 2014

✓ Honorable James Allison, Chairman  
Honorable Herbert Hilliard, Vice Chairman  
Honorable Kenneth Hill  
Honorable David Jones  
Honorable Robin Bennett

Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
502 Deaderick St., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Petition of Plains and Eastern Clean Line LLC for Approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to Open as an Electric Transmission Public Utility in the State of Tennessee

Dear Directors:

I support the application of the Plains and Eastern Clean Line LLC (Plains and Eastern) to serve as a public utility in Tennessee and to construct an interstate transmission line. The Plains & Eastern Clean Line can better serve the public interest by lowering electricity costs, expanding inter-regional transmission capacity, improving energy reliability and security, and providing revenues to local jurisdictions in which the project is located.

By approving Plains and Eastern Clean Line LLC's application to construct and operate their project will help deliver clean and affordable energy to consumers in the Mid-South and Southeast. In doing so, this creates a "win-win" for our business community and consumers.

Approval of the Plains and Eastern project can help to attract new businesses interested in accessing low-cost, clean power sources. A final point of community-interest is approval of the Plains and Eastern project can help to replace some of the older, less efficient regional facilities with a more efficient energy providing alternative solution.

I support Plains and Eastern's application and urge Tennessee Regulatory Authority to provide the necessary regulatory approval to advance this project in Tennessee.

Ricky Tucker

Director of Business Services  
Black Business Association of Memphis