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In reference to docket number: 1400036
PLAINS AND EASTERN CLEAN LINE LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY APPROVING A PLAN TO CONSTRUCT
A TRANSMISSION LINE AND TO OPERATE AS AN ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION
PUBLIC UTILITY

Sirs I am a landowner in Arkansas and am in the hopes that you will consider our request in the above mentioned matter before you grant a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Clean Line. I am not against clean, renewable energy, nor am I against helping our friends in Tennessee or anywhere else there is a need. Arkansans are incredibly caring and generous.

The part that troubles me, though, is that there is no need that I can see, of having these 130-150 foot High Voltage Direct Current Transmission lines taking up a 200 foot wide swath of land from Oklahoma to Tennessee. The Arkansas Public Service Commission did not grant Clean Line the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, so that speaks volumes to us. Arkansas is a surplus state. We were not going to receive any power from these HVDC Transmission lines.

The 8,000 acres of land affected, if this comes to fruition, includes private landowner's farms, residences, and businesses to name a few. This would also include the Mississippi flyway, where the duck hunting business takes in about \$1 million per day during duck season. We are also talking about clear cutting timber and the ill effects of what that entails.

Landowners and stakeholders were not informed of the route selections back in 2010 when Clean Line asked the Sierra Club, the Canoe Club, Arkansas Wildlife Federation, Arkansas Game and Fish, and others to help select the route. We only found out about this project in March 2014!

In the Congestion study that the DOE prepared when considering the re-introduction of the National Interest Energy Transmission Corridors, they talk about "there being no congestion or reports of persistent transmission constraints within the Southeast region. Transmission is being built in coordination with generation additions following long-standing planning practices overseen by state and regional protocols."

Further, Clean Line is talking about these HVDC lines going to the eastern U.S., not just Tennessee because they need the power. This project is just one of about 4 others to create one big "extension cord" across the U.S. It would seem as though it would better serve every state to have their own energy sources. The eastern states could (and prefer) to develop the utility scale wind resources conveniently located just a few miles off shore near the load centers along the eastern seaboard thus eliminating hundreds of miles of harmful and costly transmission lines through private, productive farm land and timberland.

The renewable energy sources should be developed and used within the region where the regional economies would benefit and where the money is retained in the local economy rather than exporting it.

Thank you for taking the time to consider Arkansans when you make your decision about whether this project has enough merit to implement it.

Regards,

Thomas L. Smith