

November 02, 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., 4th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

**IN RE: PETITION OF 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**

Dear Directors,

I am writing the Directors asking that you deny Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC, public utility status in Tennessee. It is hard for me to quantify my frustration with the situation my family and I have found ourselves in RE: Clean Line with words, but I am going to try.

First, I would like to explain my experience with Clean Line. Let me start off by stating that my family didn't know anything about this project until early this year. To this date, we have received nothing insofar as notification from Clean Line in the mail explaining that our land and livelihood is potentially within the crosshairs of this. In mid-February, my family was contacted by a land agent stating he was representing Clean Line and he would like to meet with my family to discuss a proposed transmission line. We agreed, and the land agent arrived at the scheduled time. The land agent brought a blurry Google-Earth printout with our land outlined, along with several of my neighbors. When questioned about the transmission line, the land agent basically responded: "Hey, everyone needs electricity, right?" There were no details given about the size and scope of this project, or that there was currently a proposed "preferred corridor." When asked about a route, he simply replied: "There is currently no proposed route." We were then handed a Survey Request, and were asked to sign. We thought it prudent to discuss the issue before signing, so we sent him on his way.

After doing research for a couple days, I discovered that we are not within the proposed corridor for this project. Given that fact, I thought it odd that we would be contacted regarding this. After more research, I discovered that I needed to contact Jane Summerson of the Department of Energy. Jane replied that our property is part of an "alternative route." The land agent never mentioned this fact to us, that Clean Line had been denied in 2011 by the Arkansas Public Service commission, or that they had applied for Section 1222 of the 2005 Energy Policy Act to gain the authority of federal eminent domain against unwilling landowners. About a week later, the land agent contacted us again and stated that we really should go ahead and sign the Survey Request so they could begin performing their "environmental study" for the transmission line. We instructed him not to contact us again.

That said, Arkansans are generous people. If this transmission line were providing electricity to people who do not currently have it, that would be one thing. After doing much research, it is my opinion that this transmission line is unnecessary. This private, venture-capitalist funded LLC is attempting to gain authority that would represent an unprecedented violation of private property rights. I am no expert, but it doesn't make a lot of sense to me for the Tennessee Valley Authority to rely on a transmission line of this magnitude knowing that it passes directly through tornado alley in Oklahoma. It is also my opinion that, given the destruction a transmission line of this magnitude would cause to seven hundred and fifty miles of people and property, there needs to be a demonstrable need. According to the Tennessee Valley Authority, they are already operating at 2030 levels with regards to carbon reduction. This

transmission line would cut a 150-200' wide path through some of the most beautiful areas at the foothills of the Ozark Mountains, conservation areas, and would traverse the Mississippi flyway.

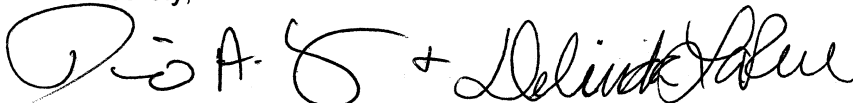
From the day the land agent contacted my family, I have spent nearly every spare moment researching and fighting this project. I feel that if I don't, our property rights may be lost to this private group of investors forever. My family doesn't have many spare moments. We are self-employed with two small businesses, and we own and manage a dairy goat farm. This transmission line would fundamentally alter our future plans and the plans of hundreds of other landowners. It would devalue my family's land by untold amounts, and it would ruin the location we have been planning to construct our eco-friendly home for fifteen years. This property has been in our family for three generations. My grandparents purchased the land, my mother was raised here, I was raised here, and I intend to raise my children here. Quite frankly, it is difficult for us to be excited about relinquishing our property rights in the name of "green energy" knowing that one of the primary investors, Michael Zilkha, lives in a 20,000 square foot mansion in Houston, TX. It is an insult to the people who would be devastated by this. It is my opinion that the time, money, stress, and sleepless nights that Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC, has caused and continues to cause so many hundreds of people within all of the projects they are proposing is completely unconscionable.

In our efforts to fight this project we have been to many community meetings and have met hundreds of individuals that will be effected by this if approved. As far as I can see, Arkansans are NOT on board with this project. Clean Line likes to imply that we are supportive, with the exception of a few troublemakers. That is absolutely not the case. On a daily basis I meet new landowners on the route that haven't even heard of it, much less been contacted by Clean Line. The folks I have met are extremely angry. I've heard story after devastating story and it can't be stressed enough how much this will negatively impact the landowners and residents along the route. We do not feel that it is fair to ask such a high price of people for something that hasn't been proven to be necessary. It will devalue our property, will cause problems on our farm, will take the location for our house, and will prevent us from using our property for the purpose it was intended. Frankly, I believe it's just wrong.

Clean Line likes to talk about how they have been extremely successful with outreach to landowners. I disagree. Case in point: On June 4th of this year, Clean Line hosted an "Open House" in Russellville. The notification was posted in the local paper (the Courier) the day of the meeting. Their open house was from noon-6:00 p.m. I never received anything in the mail about this open house. Had I not subscribed to Clean Line's email list, I wouldn't have known about the open house at all. Many people do not receive the newspaper. I feel like Clean Line has been utterly inadequate in their communications with potentially affected landowners. We recently had a meeting in our little town of Dover that over a hundred people attended. When asked how many people only recently found out about the Plains and Eastern Clean Line, approximately 75% of the attendees raised their hands. When asked how many people had actually been contacted by Clean Line, approximately five people raised their hand. How is that possible given the fact that planning for this commenced in 2009?

In closing, I would like to say that the impact upon people and property this would cause is unacceptable. I don't feel as though a justifiable need has been demonstrated to construct this line, and the precedent this would set for further abuse of eminent domain is quite large in magnitude. I sincerely appreciate the Directors consideration, and I ask that you deny Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC, public utility status and eminent domain in Tennessee.

Sincerely,

The block contains two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is 'Dave Ulery' and the second is 'Delinda LaRue', separated by a plus sign. The signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dave Ulery & Delinda LaRue
Dover, AR