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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. And that is just the beginning of what Clean Line wants to do because the first thing they said was that this would be a 7000 MW line then it was a 3500 MW line. However the DOE states this is a 7000 MW project. That would mean a second set of lines marring our lands and landscape after Clean Line gets their perpetual easement.

By the way, Jim Glotfelty served in the U.S. DOE and probably helped write Section 1222 of the 2005 Energy Policy Act, a direct conflict of interest and cronyism at its height with Clean Line being the only transmission developer to respond to the DOE's Request for Proposals.

The Arkansas Public Service Commission did not grant Clean Line the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, so that speaks volumes to me. Arkansas is a surplus state. We were not going to receive any power from these HVDC Transmission lines until Arkansans finally became aware of what was happening and began voicing opposition. For that reason, in my opinion, Clean Line decided they would place a converter station in Arkansas. It would only supply 3 percent of our summer energy and would not close any coal plants.

The 8,000 acres of land affected, if this comes to fruition, includes private landowner's farms, residences, and businesses to name a few. Mine and my son's home is in this path as well as my granddaughter who is in the process of building as we speak. She has two young children and we

certainly don't want these monstrous towers near them. This would also include the Mississippi flyway where the duck hunting enthusiasts spend about \$1 million per day during duck season.

Contrary to what the folks at Clean Line would have you believe, there are certainly health risks associated with transmission lines, and especially vulnerable are children! Physicians have warned people with pacemakers or defibrillators not to live near transmission lines. And if there is no risk associated with these lines, why would Clean Line say in their landowner contract information that they would adjust compensation for crop shortfall in agricultural areas if affected in and around the lines? (I'm sure Mr. Glotfelty or Mr. Hurtado would not want HVDC Transmission lines next to their homes). I would rather err on the side of caution rather than have my grand-children or any family members exposed to HVDC lines long term.

My daughter and her husband, another son and his wife, a grandson and his wife, a grand-daughter and her husband also live on this generations old family land! How inconceivable to think that a private, for-profit company would be able to gain eminent domain to ruin people's homes and lands because of greed. This sets a dangerous precedent. There are other ways to move power if it was so needed, rather than these huge towers. For instance, underground and along other easement routes. If Clean Line was so concerned about this they should act like they are "clean".

If that is not bad enough, Clean Line will almost certainly sell once the projects are completed to the National Grid (who has 40% interest invested in these projects) or someone like them. That would be a game changer on all of the easement contracts.

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 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, (another bad idea, can we say land grab?) 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 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,