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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

Dear Directors:

There are a lot of concerns that we have regarding the Plains and Eastern Clean Line project. The notion that they will produce hundreds of jobs is just not supported. According to testimony in the docket "Responses of Plains and Eastern Clean Line, LLC to July 24, 2014 Staff Data Requests," submitted responses August 12, 2014 to Tennessee Regulatory Authority, Request Number 12 and 13 gives the following numbers of jobs Clean Line states there will be:
TEMPORARY construction jobs over 2-3 years:
Converter station: 138 direct and 136 indirect or induced jobs.
TEMPORARY jobs in Tennessee for construction of line: 16 direct and 16 indirect
PERMANENT full time jobs- converter station: 16
PERMANENT full time jobs line maintenance: 10
That is 26 PERMANENT FULL TIME jobs.

Something that also is troubling is that in the same above mentioned docket, testimony by P&ECL is the response to Request # 9: "If the Production Tax Credit is discontinued and not replaced with a similar credit it will, all other things equal, increase the cost of utilities to buy wind power delivered by the project. Other sources of clean energy, including solar and nuclear, receive similar tax credits. If federal tax policies favor solar or nuclear over wind power, the Project's delivered energy may be less economic." It is my understanding that the PTC expired in 2013 and there is a likelihood of it not being reinstated after the election. We just don't see that the risk would be worthwhile when the amount being charged to consumers would jump dramatically without the PTC.

It is unconscionable to think the way P&ECL flew in under the radar to all of the city governments, mayor, judges, businesses, chamber of commerce, The Canoe Club, The Sierra Club, colleges, and others, before the landowner/stakeholders even knew their land was being considered for this project. Some of

these organizations helped to select the routes three or four years ago. This is one of the largest land grabs in America considering all the projects they have in the works. To say they contacted landowners is a stretch of the imagination, I still find people who don't know their property is in the proposed route! The meetings for the public they talk about is laughable. P&ECL notoriously put a small article in the local newspapers to announce their "Office Hours" meetings a day or two ahead of time. They knew "Office Hours" would exclude most working people. There was no landowner/stakeholder outreach to speak of. P&ECL had unfair advantages over the people this would impact the most.

Other concerns that we have is the idea that there will be a 700 mile path of 200 foot wide easements going across the entire state of Arkansas. Not very environmentally friendly or "green". This path will need to be mowed or have chemicals applied to keep the undergrowth in check. Property values will go down, and the state will lose revenue because of that. There will be a negative impact on tourism dollars in our state as well. Clear cutting timber in this 700 mile, 200 foot wide path across the state and the destruction of part of our wildlife habitats, including impacting the Mississippi flyway where duck hunting is key to the economy are a few examples.

We urge you to please consider Arkansans and the impact on the state this project would have. There really is not an urgent need for this project. The Arkansas Public Service Commission denied them access and now, the Department of Energy may partner with P&ECL under Section 1222 of the 2005 Energy Policy Act in this land grab if this goes forward. A dangerous precedent and government overreach.

What about the threat of terrorism or weather related problems with a HVDC line? How long will it take to restore power if something occurred to interrupt power? It would be a domino effect and one long line doesn't seem very smart in "tornado alley."

Getting power to the east coast is P&ECL's objective, but several governors in the eastern states have objected to these projects and want to have their own wind power from the ocean, close to the load centers. It makes more sense for each state to have their own renewable energy sources developed and used within the region. The regional economies would benefit when the money is retained in the local economy rather than exporting it. And of course, Arkansas exports power, we have a surplus.

Thank you,

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