



BLOCK Plains & Eastern Clean Line

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Dear Directors:

Please see the attached resolution that was passed on January 1, 2015, “opposing the establishment of a high voltage power transmission line known as ‘Plains and Eastern Clean Line’ across Johnson County as proposed by Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC.” The resolution was passed unanimously by the Johnson County Arkansas quorum court.

Sincerely,

Block Plains & Eastern Clean Line: Pope, Johnson, Newton & Conway Co.

RESOLUTION # 270

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HIGH VOLTAGE POWER TRANSMISSION LINE KNOWN AS "PLAINS AND EASTERN CLEAN LINE" ACROSS JOHNSON COUNTY AS PROPOSED BY CLEAN LINE ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC.

WHEREAS, CLEAN LINE ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC. , A FOR-PROFIT PRIVATE COMPANY, PROPOSES A HIGH VOLTAGE DIRECT CURRENT (HVDC) POWER LINE ACROSS THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND JOHNSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS. THIS POWER LINE IS PROPOSED TO TRANSMIT WIND GENERATED ELECTRICAL POWER FROM THE OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE AREA TO MEMPHIS, SHELBY COUNTY TENNESSEE. IT WILL BE ONE OF THE LARGEST POWER LINES EVER BUILT ACCORDING TO CLEAN LINE'S OWN DESCRIPTION.

WHEREAS, THIS HUGE POWER LINE WITH ITS 200- FOOT WIDE, CLEAR CUT RIGHT-OF-WAY AND 120 TO 200-FOOT LATTICE TYPE TOWERS WILL BISECT JOHNSON COUNTY FROM WEST TO EAST, GENERALLY NORTH OF INTERSTATE 40, NORTH OF CLARKSVILLE AND EAST NEAR HAGARVILLE AND LUTHERVILLE. IF THIS POWER LINE IS BUILT IT WILL BE AN ENDURING EYESORE TO ARKANSAS AND JOHNSON COUNTY, AFFECTING THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THIS AREA AND DAMAGING PROPERTY VALUES WITH LITTLE POSITIVE AFFECT.

WHEREAS, CLEAN LINE ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC. IS SEEKING A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AS THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, AND IF SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING THIS PARTNERSHIP WILL ENJOY THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN (CONDEMNATION) AND BE ABLE TO TAKE PROPERTY FROM JOHNSON COUNTY LANDOWNERS WHO ARE UNWILLING TO SELL. IF PROPERTY IS CONDEMNED, ITS' VALUE WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE COURT HAVING JURISDICTION IN THESE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

WHEREAS, LAND OWNERS WHOSE PROPERTY IS DIRECTLY USED FOR THE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THIS PROPOSED POWER LINE ARE EXPECTED TO BE PAID FOR ALLOWING THE POWER LINE, INCLUDING DIMINISHED VALUE OF THEIR ADJOINING PROPERTY. HOWEVER, NEARBY PROPERTY OWNERS WILL NOT BE PAID EVEN THOUGH THEIR PROPERTY MAY BE DEVALUED.

WHEREAS, CLEAN LINE MAKES DECLARATIONS OF PROVIDING SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF CHEAP WIND GENERATED ENERGY TO ARKANSAS. THE HVDC TRANSMISSION LINE WILL TERMINATE IN TENNESSEE ALONG WITH ALL OF ITS' TRANSMITTED POWER.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE QUORUM COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS TO HEREBY OPPOSE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PLAINS AND EASTERN CLEAN LINE HVDC POWER TRANSMISSION LINE IN JOHNSON COUNTY.

DATED: 1-1-15


MICHELLE FROST, COUNTY CLERK


HERMAN H. HOUSTON, COUNTY JUDGE