

Jan. 12, 2015

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,

Have you evaluated the claims in these letters? My previous letter outlined and provided documentation to support my explanation of why Clean Lines claims are not accurate.

<http://www.tn.gov/tra/orders/2014/1400036at.pdf>

Clean Lines, lawyers sent this letter to the TRA: <http://www.tn.gov/tra/orders/2014/1400036aa.pdf>

Dear Chairman Hilliard:

We have enclosed five (5) copies of additional exhibits to be included within Exhibit MH-3 to the testimony of Plains & Eastern witness Mario Hurtado, including supporting letters from United States Congressman Steve Cohen, Chairman Steve McManus of the Tennessee House of Representatives, the Tennessee Advanced Energy Business Council, and the Shelby County Chambers of Commerce Alliance.

When we present Mr. Hurtado as a witness, we will ask Mr. Hurtado to sponsor these additional documents and will ask that these documents be moved into the record as part of his testimony. We thought that it might be helpful for the Authority to have a copy of these documents in advance of the hearing.

The following text is from the form letter sent by most of the supporters listed above and others who were already in the docket like these:

I am writing to express my support for the application of Plains and Eastern Clean Line LLC ("Plains and Eastern") to operate as a public utility in Tennessee and to construct an interstate transmission line. The Plains & Eastern Clean Line (Plains & Eastern Project) will serve the public interest by lowering electricity costs, expanding inter-regional transmission capacity, improving energy reliability and security, and providing revenues to local jurisdictions in which the project is located.

Approval of Plains and Eastern's application and the construction and operation of the Plains & Eastern Project will strengthen Tennessee's reputation as America's distribution center by enabling the delivery of clean and affordable energy to consumers in the Mid-South and Southeast.

Additionally, the Plains & Eastern Project will contribute to Tennessee's growing record of supporting responsible environmental practices and the sustainability goals and efforts of many Tennessee companies, as well as help to attract new businesses who desire access to low-cost, clean power sources.

Finally, the Plains & Eastern Project will help compensate for the retirement of older, less efficient regional generating facilities and create a more sustainable local environment by reducing water consumption and lowering pollution from fossil fuel plants.

This letter is full of PROMISES that can't be delivered because these statements are just not true.

'Lowering electricity costs' Wind generated power has not brought the cost of electricity to the consumer down, but it has caused it to increase dramatically.

'Improving energy reliability' How is point to point transmission, a one way street if you will, over 700 miles in an area of the country prone to straight line winds, tornados and ice storms more reliable? Any distribution along all 720 miles will take 3500 MW of power OFF LINE. HOW is DC more reliable than the AC grid? It's not, the AC grid can handle disruption better. How is unreliable wind that can only supplement a fossil fuel or nuclear base load generator more reliable? **'and security'** How is this line more secure? For all the reasons stated above, it is NOT more secure.

'Providing revenues to local jurisdictions in which the project is located' Not if tax abatements are granted because Clean Line is already seeking tax relief. Any tax revenues gained will be reduced by at least 10% and up to 30% from **LOST property values**.

'Reputation as America's distribution center . . . delivery of clean and affordable energy' It won't be a good reputation when the energy delivered turns out to be unaffordable and not clean. The line will carry fossil fuels like gas because wind can't support the base load.

'Record of supporting responsible environmental practices and sustainability goals' If only this project met sustainability goals and was using responsible environmental practices, but it's not. All research into responsible use of wind energy supports local generation and distribution NOT long range transmission. Bigger isn't better. Local use of wind to supplement and reduce need for fossil fuel generated electricity is responsible. This line will not close one single coal plant.

'Attract new business who desire access to low-cost, clean power sources' LOOK around the country and the world and see that 'low cost' is a myth, not reality. Other countries, like Germany, tried to replace nuclear and coal with wind but now have exorbitant electricity prices that are driving business away wreaking havoc on their economy.

'Help compensate for the retirement of older, less efficient regional generating facilities' Adding the wind energy from this line to the TVA is like pouring a glass of water in a lake and saying you made the lake bigger and cleaner. **A 'less efficient regional generating facility' will have to carry the base load of this line!**

'Create a more sustainable local environment by reducing water consumption' Really? How?

'And lowering pollution from fossil fuel plants' Really? How? According to Clean Line, Gas plants will be used to carry the base load. Germany is firing up the old coal plants again to bring reliability up and electricity costs down after they rushed to use wind and it caused more problems than it solved.

PLEASE do your research and do not just take Clean Lines word for things. Had I been aware of this earlier and had a better understanding of the procedures I would have gotten a brief filed before the hearing but I am just a citizen who is learning on the fly as I try to defend Private PROPERTY RIGHTS in Arkansas. That is the real issue here. PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS. Clean Line is free to pursue their business goals as long as they don't use FEDERAL EMINENT DOMAIN FOR PRIVATE GAIN.

This line is NOT needed! This line is not wanted!

The TVA can do better than interconnecting with this scheme. I believe, in the end, if TVA does, they will regret doing business with Clean Line which is simply a holding company for the Ziff Brothers and Zilkha Family empires of wealth.

A Ziff Brothers firm is currently under investigation by the DOJ and SEC!!!!

Please do NOT interconnect with Clean Line.

Sincerely,

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