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Honorable James Allison, Chairman Honorable Herbert Hilliard, Vice Chairman Honorable Kenneth Hill Honorable David Jones Honorable Robin Bennett

Tennessee Regulatory Authority 502 Deaderick St., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Nashville, TN 37243

RE: Petition of Plains and Eastern Clean Line LLC for Approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to Operate As An Electric Transmission Public Utility in the State of Tennessee

Dear Directors,

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.

I support Plains and Eastern's application and urge the Tennessee Regulatory Authority to provide the necessary regulatory approval to advance this project in Tennessee.

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Sincerely,