

October 2, 2014

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



Tennessee
Advanced Energy
Business Council

Tennessee Regulatory Authority
502 Deaderick St., 4th 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*, Docket #14-00036

Dear Chairman Hilliard,

On behalf of the Tennessee Advanced Energy Business Council Board of Directors, I am writing to express 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.

The mission of the Tennessee Advanced Energy Business Council is to champion advanced energy as an economic development and job creation strategy. Advanced energy is technology neutral and categorized by the benefits it provides in the field and in the marketplace. The Clean Line Energy project supports our organization's mission in the following ways:

- The Plains & Eastern Clean Line will provide Tennessee with a new low-cost, renewable energy resource.
- The Plains & Eastern Clean Line is a private investment of \$2 billion, of which **\$300 million will be invested in transmission facilities in western Tennessee** that will support the project and its delivery of energy. This will generate millions of dollars in tax revenue that will benefit Tennessee.
- The Plains & Eastern Clean Line will create new construction jobs and help local communities through increased economic activity.

- Signal Energy, headquartered in Chattanooga, Tennessee designed and built most of the wind farms from which The Plains & Eastern Clean Line will deliver wind energy to Tennessee.

For these reasons, the Tennessee Advanced Energy Business Council supports the Plains and Eastern's application.

Sincerely,



Cortney Piper
Vice President, Tennessee Advanced Energy Business Council

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