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Hello! Thank you for the opportunity to voice an opinion about the potential power line across Arkansas. As I understand it, the power will have been generated via windmills in Oklahoma and then be transmitted across our state and on into Tennessee. When I first learned of the plan, I envisioned poles and lines marring the landscape. However, when I realized that these would not be as unsightly as smoke pouring out of a coal power plant, especially since I know that coal fume exposure is a major cause of cancer. THIS IS SERIOUS. Considering that the wind-generated power will not harm the environment, will be less costly to Arkansas residents, and will generate jobs, then the best choice is obvious. What I fear is that the wealthy owners of coal-powered plants will have their way, regardless of what is best for the residents of Arkansas.

When I started team teaching at Springdale High School in 1986, our science teacher had our students bused to Gentry, Arkansas to show them the smoke coming out of that plant and explaining to them how deadly these fumes were. I do understand that coal-powered plants are trying to make their output less toxic; but it has not been ENOUGH. The people of Arkansas deserve more consideration and would benefit from cleaner air and additional employment opportunities.

Best regards,

Melinda Nickle