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The Honorable Ernest Moniz  
Secretary of Energy  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20585

RE: Support for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line

Dear Secretary Moniz,

I am writing to express support for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line and to urge the Department of Energy and Southwestern Power Administration to participate in the proposed project. This transmission project is in the public's interest because it will stimulate economic development, create jobs, expand interregional transmission capacity, and improve system reliability. If approved, the Plains & Eastern Clean Line will have the potential to generate new investments and create thousands of jobs.

This project will not only benefit the public, but American manufacturers as well. Benefactors of this project will be Trinity Meyer Utility Structures, headquartered in Memphis, Tennessee, which is a leading manufacturer of transmission structures, and Trinity Structural Towers, which manufactures wind tower structures for clean energy wind farms across the United States. If approved, this project will support both of these businesses and thousands of Trinity employees in Tennessee, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and Illinois.

U.S. has some of the best renewable resources in the world. Existing transmission infrastructure connecting these resources to the Mid-South and Southeast is almost completely saturated, and the cost of moving power through the grid as it stands today is rising due to congestion. Clean Line's direct current technology is one of the most efficient means of moving large amounts of energy over long distances. New transmission lines such as this will modernize the country's transmission infrastructure and facilitate the reliable delivery of low-cost renewable energy across regions.

We strongly support the approval of this project and the development of new transmission infrastructure to move power from the wind-rich central United States to the Mid-South and Southeast. We greatly appreciate your support in making this project a reality.

Sincerely,

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