

Dear Interested Party,

This email is being provided to parties that have previously indicated an interest in the Clean Line Plains & Eastern application under Section 1222 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. This is a public update of the status of DOE's review of Clean Line's application under Section 1222. The two public comment periods have now closed (comments submitted by April 20, 2015 on the Draft Plains & Eastern Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) were accepted as part of the NEPA process, after a 121-day public comment period; comments submitted by July 13, 2015 were accepted on the public review of Clean Line's application, after a 76-day public comment period). DOE appreciates the public's participation in both of these processes and is especially grateful for the detailed comments that raised specific issues for DOE to consider in our evaluation of Clean Line's application. DOE is considering all comments received during both processes as we conduct our detailed analyses.

All comments received in the NEPA process will be reviewed and responded to in a Comment Response Document, which will be an integral part of the Plains & Eastern Final EIS. Many of those comments have resulted in changes to the EIS as well as minor changes to the Applicant Proposed Route for the HVDC transmission line. These changes are referred to as route variations. Members of the public that were potentially affected by these route variations were notified by DOE on August 10, 2015. The information about route variations is also posted on the EIS website at [www.PlainsandEasternEIS.com](http://www.PlainsandEasternEIS.com). DOE anticipates that the Final EIS will be published this fall.

For the non-NEPA review process, DOE is also considering all comments received; including those submitted during the NEPA process that involved comments on the Section 1222 review. The comments are currently being categorized and analyzed by the DOE and its financial, market, technical and legal specialists. These comments, along with the Plains and Eastern Final EIS, will be provided to the Office of the Secretary of Energy to inform the Secretary's decision whether, and under what conditions, to participate with Clean Line.

Thank you for your interest in this process.

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