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Please see attached.

Thank you for your consideration.

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May 21, 2015

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

Dear Secretary Moniz,

On behalf of Vestas-American Wind Technology, Inc., 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 critical transmission project will help stimulate economic development, create jobs, expand interregional transmission capacity, and improve system reliability. The Plains & Eastern Clean Line will enable billions of dollars in new investments, generate millions of dollars in revenues for counties and local communities annually, and create thousands of jobs.

Vestas is committed to the U.S. and we have built a large manufacturing base here that is constructing and delivering turbines to projects across the country. To continue to grow and meet the strong demand, new transmission infrastructure is needed to connect the best wind resources, which are located predominantly in remote areas, to distant cities and communities with a demand for low-cost clean energy. Existing transmission infrastructure connecting windy areas 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. The Plain and Eastern Clean Line project utilizes direct current technology, which is the most efficient means of moving large amounts of energy over long distances. This project will both modernize the country's transmission infrastructure and facilitate the reliable delivery of low-cost renewable energy across regions.

The Plains & Eastern Clean Line will address the increasing demand for interregional transmission capacity to move power from the wind-rich central United States to the Mid-South and Southeast. It is a much-needed infrastructure project for the public use and benefit.

Sincerely,

Chris Brown  
President