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**To:** Plainsandean  
**Subject:** 1222 Program-Public Comment on Plains & Eastern's Application under the 1222 Program  
**Attachments:** Encompass Support Letter to DOE 5-27-2015RH.pdf

To whom it may concern,  
I am respectfully submitting my comments in regards to the 1222 Program—Public Comment on Plains & Eastern's Application.

Best regards,  
Rick

The logo for Encompass Energy Services LLC, featuring the word "encompass" in a lowercase, bold, sans-serif font. The letters are black, and the word is enclosed within a thin, grey, hand-drawn oval shape.

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May 27, 2015

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 Project**

Dear Secretary Moniz,

Last week I attended the national AWEA conference in Orlando. Over the last 15 years I have supported the renewable industry and the market has been a roller coaster of development. As I attended the AWEA conference I kept hearing about the lack of a with our transmission infrastructure and thus, I am writing to express support for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line and the regulatory approvals required for the project to move forward. Projects like the Plains & Eastern Clean Line Project is vital to continue to develop our nation's infrastructure to ensure that we have the capacity to move renewable power to where the demand is and to upgrade our failing grid as it is an outdated and deteriorating system. The United States has seen minimal investment in the transmission infrastructure over the past 40 years. With the growing demand of electricity and new generation coming into the grid there is an immediate need for upgrades and new transmission development to support renewable power and the needs of this country.

Encompass Energy Services is a national survey/mapping company supporting renewable and power transmission projects around the country. As a dedicated service provider to the renewable/transmission energy market, we recognize the importance to support the Plains & Eastern Clean Line Project. Our passion at Encompass is to see this market prosper and we hope we can all work together to make renewable energy grow to be a significant part of our nation's infrastructure for generations to come.

Encompass relies on projects such as the Plains & Eastern Clean Line Project to bring employment to all of our offices across the US and to ensure the success of our company. We have dedicated a vast amount of resources to support this initiative and other projects in the renewable/transmission industry.

As a sincere supporter of renewable energy I urge you to provide the necessary regulatory approvals to ensure that we and generations to come will have the infrastructure in place to provide the renewable energy that we so greatly need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Haglund". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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