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Please accept the attached "Plains & Eastern Clean Line" comment letter.  
Thank you.

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June 5, 2015

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

**RE: Support for Plains & Eastern Clean Line**

Dear Secretary Moniz,

Lack of transmission capacity is the biggest obstacle to developing stranded energy resources in the United States. Unfortunately, permitting paralysis is largely preventing needed transmission development across the country.

The privately financed "Plains & Eastern Clean Line" transmission project is in the public interest because it will deliver low cost clean energy to consumers in the Mid-South and Southeast. It will also strengthen the reliability of the electric grid, create jobs and foster long-term economic development in the region as directly related electric generation projects are built.

Your office has an opportunity to send a message that beneficial transmission projects that are technically feasible and environmentally sound, like Plains & Eastern Clean Line, should receive fast-track approval and not be subject to senseless permitting delays and endless review.

With your support, this visionary project can move forward and help solve our Country's energy needs.

Sincerely,

*Stan Barnes*  
Stan Barnes  
President