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Dear Secretary Moniz:

We are writing you today to express our support for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line. Approving this project is vital to Oklahoma's economic future, diversity, and our ability to capitalize on the benefits that wind energy production can bring not only to our state but to the entire Mid-South and Southeast United States. This is a public infrastructure project that will result in major benefits: economic development through new quality jobs, revenues to our counties, schools and land owners, cleaner air, and a modernized grid.

It is no accident that Clean Line Energy has selected Texas County, Oklahoma to host the windward converter station. In the three counties of the Oklahoma Panhandle region alone, the Department of Energy has estimated 10,000 megawatts of potential wind generation that is just waiting to be harvested and delivered. The Plains & Eastern Clean Line will take the very low-cost, abundant wind resources we have in Oklahoma and utilize them to serve parts of the country with a demand for cost-competitive, clean energy. Not only is this a great public service to our country, this project could be the shot in the arm we need here in the Oklahoma panhandle by providing quality jobs, taxes for our schools and counties, economic diversity and sustainability.

The Plains & Eastern Clean Line is critical to continuing Oklahoma's national leadership in clean energy production and will serve the public's best interest by expanding inter-regional reach, improving reliability, increasing competition, enhancing energy security, and stimulating economic development by providing new investments and quality jobs.

We believe the Plains & Eastern Clean Line is in the best interest of not only the population of our region, but of the population of the United States. We ask you to please utilize Section 1222 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to approve this important infrastructure project. We have wind developers ready to build in our area; they are just waiting on the transmission infrastructure that is needed to send their energy to market.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

