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Please find attached a letter asking for support of the Clean Line Energy Project for Texas County, Oklahoma.

Thank you,

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U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20), 1222 Program
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20585

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 landowners, cleaner air, and a modernized grid.

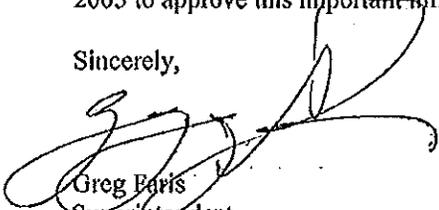
Clean Line Energy has selected Texas County, Oklahoma to host the windward converter station due to its abundant Class IV winds. In the Oklahoma Panhandle region alone, the Department of Energy has estimated 10,000 MW of potential that is just waiting to be harvested and delivered. Not only is this a great public service to our country, this project could be the life preserver that is needed to help diversify the Oklahoma panhandle by providing quality jobs, taxes for our schools and counties, and long-term 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 private investments and quality jobs.

We have wind developers that already have over 16,000 MW of capacity optioned across the region and are ready to build; they are just waiting on the transmission infrastructure that is needed to send their energy to market. This Plains and Eastern Clean Line will be the catalyst to approximately \$7 Billion in new wind farm development in a region that is rich with some of the best Class IV winds in the country.

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. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Greg Faris
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