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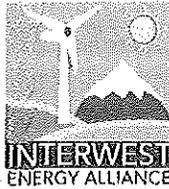
From: Sarah Cottrell Propst <propst@interwest.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 11:09 AM
To: Plainsandeastern
Subject: Plains & Eastern Clean Line – 1222 Program
Attachments: Plains + Eastern letter June 2015.pdf

Good morning:

Please find attached a letter regarding DOE's RFP for New or Upgraded Transmission Line Projects Under Section 1222.

Regards,
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June 16, 2015

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

RE: RFP for New or Upgraded Transmission Line Projects Under Section 1222

Dear Secretary Moniz:

On behalf of the Interwest Energy Alliance (“Interwest”), I am writing to support the Department of Energy’s Request for Proposals (RFP) process for new or upgraded transmission line projects under section 1222 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct) and to encourage the Department to exercise its section 1222 authority by selecting and funding a project to facilitate transmission of renewable energy. Interwest is a non-profit trade association that represents the nation’s leading companies in the renewable energy industry, bringing them together with non-governmental organizations to promote the deployment of a reliable, cost-effective, and diverse portfolio of renewable energy resources. Our work focuses on six western states: Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.

The demand for cost-effective, low-carbon renewable energy has never been greater, and appropriately sited and necessary transmission infrastructure will help keep the clean energy economy growing. The Plains & Eastern Clean Line project (Project) is responsive to the Department’s RFP (as acknowledged by DOE), and we support the Department’s review of its authorization under Section 1222. Clean Line Energy Partners, the Project’s developer, is a member of Interwest. Clean Line states that the Project will connect the abundant wind resources of the Great Plains with cities and communities in the mid-south and southeastern United States by delivering 4,000 MW of new wind resources that otherwise cannot be developed due to transmission constraints.

Projects like Plains & Eastern address the underlying challenges that EPAct was designed to address—modernizing transmission infrastructure, increasing the use of domestic energy sources, and ensuring jobs for our future through abundant, affordable energy supply. Therefore, we encourage the Department to review the Project in the context of the need for our nation to

act quickly and firmly to reduce the carbon pollution that is the cause of climate change, while modernizing the nation's transmission infrastructure. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah C. Propst". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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