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Plains & Eastern Clean Line remains silent on a multitude of questions. For this reason, DOE's decision regarding Clean Line's application should be withheld until outstanding issues are resolved and been given an adequate opportunity for debate and cross examination by qualified representatives of the opposing property owners. DOE should appoint, with property owner endorsement, "ad-litem" legal and technical representation to ensure property owners get fair consideration on the plethora of issues attending this complex project.

Another issue that has never been properly addressed relates to the impact of the project on property owners who will receive no compensation (i.e. adjacent property owners). I invite you to read my public comments dated February 17, 2015 (attached) and reflect on the questions outlined at the end.

DOE needs to be diligent and make sure that all issues that remain a concern for property owners are investigated in a manner that protects their rights as property owners. To do otherwise creates a violation "*...by arbitrary seizures of one class of citizens for the service of the rest.*" James Madison

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DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
Plains & Eastern Clean Line Transmission Project
Public Comments

February 17, 2015

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Dear Dr. Summerson,

My name is Ron Hairston and I live in Clarksville, AR. I'm a retired electrical engineer with 35 years of design, sales, management, and strategic planning experience in the energy industry. I hold both Bachelor and Master degrees. I rely on facts and numbers to lead me to conclusions.

I deeply care about the environment and support clean energy initiatives. I believe it's in our national interests, and that mankind has been given a sacred trust to care for this planet. However, I'm against this Clean Line project. Let me try to explain why.

First of all, Clean Line is not really as clean as advertised. Examination of wind power and Clean Line's financial model shows that 70% or more of the electricity generated will have to come from fossil fuels. The footprint of physical destruction is described as a mere 200 ft wide right of way. But when you look at the combined effects, like rolling up a 700 mile long hose, it's no longer a small thing. Private property razed

by Clean Line amounts to 18,000 acres, equivalent to a 4 Megaton bomb leveling one half the land area of Ft. Smith.

Then there are the radiating effects of corona noise. The constant hissing and crackling will make homes impossible to sell as far as 1,000 ft to either side of the line. No buyer wants to live where he has to listen to this noise every time he goes outside or opens a window. This will financially devastate many who receive no restitution from Clean Line because their property is not squarely under the right of way. Where average family incomes are \$33 thousand dollars a year, absorbing a \$100-200 thousand dollar loss is no small thing. How far reaching is the potential financial damage caused by corona noise pollution? Think of an area 50% larger than Tulsa. Similar financial damage radiates from the effects of visual pollution extending over an area larger than Oklahoma City.

The dirtiest part of Clean Line is the human toll. There are real people being ignored whose lives and futures are being destroyed so a few investors can make a buck. This country was founded on the principles of equality and justice. This may not mean that our outcomes will be equal. However, it does mean our outcomes should be just. When Clean Line forcibly takes value from property owners without restitution, the outcomes are criminally unjust.

Let me ask these four questions:

- On whose back will \$100 million dollars or more of uncompensated property damage fall?
- Who will make financial gain off of our losses?

- Is the transfer of wealth from the poor to the rich acceptable you?
- For those that support Clean Line, will you demand just outcomes for your friends and neighbors?

I thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today about the Plains & Eastern Clean Line Project. Our fate is in your hands.

Sincerely and on behalf of my neighbors,



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