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**From:** The White House <noreply@whitehouse.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2015 1:25 PM  
**To:** ES Central  
**Cc:** opccrm@who.eop.gov  
**Subject:** Case # 20150623-05696086 for Cleo Styron has been assigned to you.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

### NEW CASE ASSIGNMENT NOTIFICATION

The following case has been assigned to you:  
Contact Name: Cleo Styron  
Case #: 20150623-05696086

Click on the link to access the case: [20150623-05696086](#)

The Office of Presidential Correspondence received the enclosed letter, which appears to fall within the jurisdiction of your agency. The White House has no view on the merits of the request presented by the letter. We encourage you to respond to the letter within 30 days, if a response is appropriate under your standard policies. If your agency does respond, please indicate in the response that the letter to the President, Vice President, or First Lady was forwarded by the White House to your agency. In addition, please upload an informational copy of the response to this case for our records and mark the case "Closed – Response Attached." If your agency chooses not to respond, please mark the case "Closed – No Response."

Agency representatives may contact Joe Durham at the White House Office of Presidential Correspondence by email at [JDurheim@who.eop.gov](mailto:JDurheim@who.eop.gov) or phone at (202) 456-2176.

Please let us know if you need anything else regarding this case.

Thank you.

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**From:** Mr. Cleo Styron

**Submitted:** 6/23/2015 5:30 PM EDT

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**Phone:**

**Address:** 217 High Point Road, Hattieville, Arkansas 72063 (Valid)

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**Message:** Correspondence  
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March 30, 2015

President Barack Obama The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D. C.  
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Dear Mr. President:

I am appealing to you for your help to stop a pending decision by the Secretary of the Department of Energy, either to exercise the right of imminent domain in partnership with a private sector company (Plains & Eastern Clean Line), or give that power to the company under other contractual arrangement and in so doing, ultimately permit the construction of an overhead high voltage power line identified by the DOE and Plains as "Region 5 HVDC Alternate Routes (AR 5-B)." This up to 200 feet high structure will traverse the entire State of Arkansas, East to West, terminating in Memphis, Tennessee. For your consideration, my concerns are expressed in the enclosed copy of my appeal/response to the DOE and Plains. Thank you for any consideration you can give to this appeal.

Respectfully and Sincerely,  
Enclosure -As Stated March 29, 2015

Plains and Eastern EIS 216 16th Street, Suite 1500 Denver, Colorado 80202

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Cleo B. "Skipp" Styron. My home and mailing address is 217 High Point Road, Hattieville, Arkansas 72063. I am an American citizen, Korean War Navy veteran, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, landowner, homeowner and resident of Conway County, Arkansas, specifically residing in the community of St. Vincent, Arkansas.

Because I am personally affected, I am taking this opportunity to express my opposition to the proposed construction of an overhead high voltage power line identified by the U.S.

Department of Energy and Plains & Eastern Clean Line as "Region 5 HVDC Alternate Routes (AR 5-B)", which is to be located on the North and East sides of my property approximately 1000 feet from my home. If this proposed power line is not stopped, I, my wife and family and every person living in or near St. Vincent, will be knowingly and with cruel intent deprived of the United States Congressional assurances set forth in 42 U.S.C. 4331, paragraph (b)(2), quoted as follows:

"(b)(2) assure for all Americans safe, healthful, productive, and esthetically and culturally pleasing surroundings;"

Any high voltage power lines, except perhaps those that are buried, that I have seen in operation cannot be said to be esthetically and culturally pleasing to its surroundings. While on-going scientific debate continues as to whether the EMF emissions of such power lines create serious health issues for humans, I and my family and everyone living in this community certainly do not wish to become unwilling research subjects ("lab rats") to prove or disprove the current science strongly suggesting that EMFs are hazardous to human health. The constant anxiety of living with the knowledge that your loved ones, friends and neighbors

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are daily being exposed to an unseen and potentially deadly menace would in itself make many of us ill. Further, such monstrous structures and the functioning noise of their operations will seriously degrade the pristine environment of this community and others along the route of these power lines and in so doing, devalue homes and land; increase the risk to the health of every affected individual or community; increase the risk of our safety and cause other undesirable and unintended consequences, as contemplated by paragraph (b)(3) of 42 U.S.C. 4331 quoted hereunder:

"(b)(3) attain the widest range of beneficial uses of the environment without degradation, risk to health or safety, or other undesirable and unintended consequences;"

Because of the exploitation of my community's natural gas deposits along with other surrounding communities and land areas also affected, there are so many gas wells (seven that I can see) in close proximity of my home to give serious consideration to the Congressional national environmental policy statements that are quoted herein. The gas wells are "remotely" monitored and the proposed power lines will run very near and in some cases the right of way will cross over these gas wells. This gives cause for great concern should undetected gas leaks ever meet with power line sparks causing "other undesirable and unintended consequences", which could be interpreted to mean the demise of this community and its beautiful environment. Such "what if" scenario could well become a reality should this power line be introduced into this area dominated by gas wells.

To further compound the safety risks associated with these power lines being placed in this community, (1) consider that St. Vincent has a Volunteer Fire Department with First Responder capability, which this community is very grateful for to handle local emergencies and (2) consider that we are designated as a "low level route" fly over zone used by the U.S. Air Force Base in Jacksonville, Arkansas. Almost weekly, several cargo aircraft conduct training in the skills of low level flying over our home and the proposed route of the power lines greatly increasing the potential for "other undesirable and unintended consequences", which could happen from training errors, equipment failure, etc.; potentially resulting in huge

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fires accelerated by aircraft fuel causing dense smoke. Our local fire fighters would be placed in extreme jeopardy, because whatever the condition of the power lines may be, if they are "live", the smoke would conduct the electricity to reach any person or animal in its path.

Because the residents of this community have deep roots here going back to the founding of St. Vincent in 1880, none will give up their heritage, home, lands and the stewardship thereof and leave this community to the most certain devastation that will be brought by the proposed power lines.

The community of St. Vincent, Arkansas should be considered "important" within the intent of the Congressional declaration of national environmental policy, quoted as follows, "(b)(4) preserve important historic, cultural, and natural aspects of our national heritage, and maintain wherever possible, an environment which supports diversity and variety of individual choice." St. Vincent's inhabitants, since its founding in 1880 have persevered in their stewardship of this land, maintaining the quality of the environment for their succeeding generations without benefit of knowing that their perseverance in exercising their rights of individual choice and love of the land, would someday be reflected as the first consideration in the Congressional declaration, expressed and quoted as follows: "(b)(1) fulfill the responsibilities of each generation as trustee of the environment for succeeding generations." This community and its future generations shall, given the opportunity and freedom to do so, continue to be good stewards of the land. But they should not be expected to exercise their choice living in fear of the extremely elevated risks associated with these power lines. It simply is too much to ask of them. If you were here in my shoes, I can't help but believe that you would agree. Since you are not here, I respectfully ask that you examine your conscience carefully, imagining yourself and family facing this outrageous situation fraught with danger to health, lives and financial loss. Please do the right thing and stop this madness now.

Sincerely,

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