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PLAINS & EASTERN CLEAN LINE FILES FOR UTILITY STATUS IN TENNESSEE

\$2 BILLION TRANSMISSION INVESTMENT WILL ALLOW FOR NEW, LOW COST RENEWABLE ENERGY IN SOUTHEAST

HOUSTON (April 4, 2014) – Today, Plains and Eastern Clean Line LLC (Plains and Eastern), a subsidiary of Clean Line Energy Partners LLC of Houston, Texas, filed an application with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. This filing is a request for certification of an interstate transmission line and for certification as a wholesale transmission-only public utility in the State of Tennessee.

The Plains & Eastern Clean Line project will consist of an approximately 700 mile overhead, direct current transmission line that will deliver 3,500 megawatts of low-cost clean energy generation from the Oklahoma Panhandle region to Tennessee, Arkansas and other markets. The project will encourage the manufacturing of transmission and wind turbine components, support thousands of jobs, and generate millions of dollars in state and local tax revenues in Tennessee.

Clean Line Energy President, Michael Skelly, said, “We are excited to take this step towards providing access to low-cost, clean energy to Tennessee. Memphis is known as *North America’s Distribution Center* and Shelby County is the ideal place to locate our converter station, connect to the Tennessee Valley Authority transmission system, and deliver enough clean energy to reliably supply over one million homes per year. The Plains & Eastern Clean Line will be an important economic contributor to the western Tennessee region and will deliver abundant low-cost clean energy to Tennessee for years to come.”

The Plains & Eastern Clean Line will help the United States address a critical challenge by modernizing the transmission grid and increasing the supply of clean energy. There are thousands of megawatts of wind energy projects in the Oklahoma Panhandle waiting to construct until they have transmission to access to larger markets. In June 2013 Clean Line issued a Request for Information to wind developers. The



tremendous response showed over 16,000 megawatts of wind projects, equal to more than four times the capacity of the Plains & Eastern Clean Line. This indicates the need for transmission infrastructure to move cost-competitive wind energy to the Southeast and the Mid-South.

In 2011, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission approved Clean Line's subsidiary, Plains and Eastern Clean Line Oklahoma LLC, to conduct business as a public utility in Oklahoma. The Plains & Eastern Clean Line project is undergoing an extensive environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act, led by the Department of Energy (DOE) and in coordination with the Southwestern Power Administration. Based on the current schedule, it's anticipated that DOE will publish a Draft Environmental Impact Statement with a proposed route in the second half of 2014.

For more information about the Plains & Eastern Clean Line, please visit www.plainsandeasterncleanline.com.

About Clean Line Energy Partners: Clean Line's mission is to connect abundant, renewable energy resources to areas that have a high demand for clean, reliable energy. Clean Line is developing a series of transmission projects to move renewable energy to market. For more information please visit www.CleanLineEnergy.com.