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Clean Line Energy Statement on Senator Boozman and Senator Cotton's Bill

Clean Line Energy Partners (Clean Line) recognizes the concerns posed by Senator Boozman and Senator Cotton. The Plains & Eastern Clean Line transmission project will bring hundreds of jobs, over a half billion-dollar investment and low-cost clean energy to the state of Arkansas. Clean Line will pay over five million dollars annually in ad valorem revenues that will benefit local communities in Arkansas. Clean Line takes private property rights very seriously and values one-on-one conversations with landowners to answer questions and address concerns. We will continue to work with Senator Boozman and Senator Cotton, state leadership and the people of Arkansas to follow the appropriate processes that ensure a fair hearing for all involved.

Since 2010, Clean Line has pursued a federal process for siting the Plains & Eastern Clean Line project in Oklahoma and Arkansas in parallel with state-level regulatory efforts. Clean Line began the federal process with the Department of Energy (DOE) in mid-2010 before receiving a decision from the Arkansas Public Service Commission (PSC). In 2011, the Arkansas PSC denied Clean Line's application without prejudice and cited the language of the relevant statutes limiting the jurisdiction of the PSC. However, the order recognized the importance of transmission infrastructure to facilitate the delivery of renewable energy and praised Clean Line's efforts as "laudable and its work is to be commended."

Clean Line is currently focused on siting the project in Arkansas under the authorities set forth under Section 1222 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Prior to making a determination on whether to participate in the proposed project under Section 1222, DOE must complete its environmental review pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as well as technical and financial reviews pursuant to Section 1222. DOE's review has included involvement from Arkansas state agencies. Clean Line believes that a comprehensive NEPA review is also appropriate for other reasons, including: the inter-regional nature of the project; the interconnection to the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), a large federal utility; and the involvement of numerous Native American tribes. Accordingly, TVA, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the US Army Corps of Engineers, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service are cooperating agencies in the NEPA review of the project. This project will move forward only after completing these comprehensive reviews that include many opportunities for public input.

The Plains & Eastern Clean Line is a pro-jobs, pro-consumer, pro-environment energy infrastructure project that is being developed with extensive participation from landowners and all stakeholders.

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About Clean Line Energy Partners:

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