

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2013-146

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3 REQUESTING THE INTERIM HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE AGENCIES AND
4 GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS STUDY THE RAMIFICATIONS OF THE PLAINS &
5 EASTERN CLEAN LINE TRANSMISSION PROJECT AND CLEAN LINE'S REQUEST
6 TO OPERATE AS A PUBLIC UTILITY IN ARKANSAS.
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8 WHEREAS, Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC, has submitted to the United
9 States Department of Energy an application for its Plains & Eastern Clean
10 Line Transmission Project to construct and operate a transmission line
11 throughout various states, including Arkansas; and
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13 WHEREAS, the project will not provide energy to the citizens of this
14 state or benefit consumers of energy within this state; and
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16 WHEREAS, in addition to federal regulatory approval, Clean Line Energy
17 Partners, LLC, is required to obtain a certificate of public convenience and
18 necessity from the Arkansas Public Service Commission to enable Clean Line
19 Energy Partners, LLC, to operate as a public utility in the State of Arkansas
20 before it can construct and operate a transmission facility within the State
21 of Arkansas; and
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23 WHEREAS, the route of the proposed corridor for the transmission line
24 would travel through the bottleneck of the Mississippi Flyway within the
25 State of Arkansas, an important national staging area for waterfowl
26 migration; and
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28 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Flyway includes parts of fourteen (14) states
29 from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, and the bottleneck area provides great
30 economic benefit to the region and the State of Arkansas due to the favorable
31 conditions it provides for waterfowl and duck hunting; and
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33 WHEREAS, the proposed transmission line would pass through numerous
34 Arkansas counties, including Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Pope, Conway, Van
35 Buren, Faulkner, Cleburne, White, Jackson, Poinsett, and Mississippi, and
36 would be extremely detrimental to the state's waterfowl, duck hunting,

1 agriculture and related businesses, and the property values in these areas;
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4 WHEREAS, it is imperative that the state thoroughly study the project
5 and appropriate responses to the proposed project, including without
6 limitation that:

7 (1) The United States Department of Energy be urged to reject
8 the application of Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC, for its Plains & Eastern
9 Clean Line Transmission Project in its entirety or, at a minimum, require
10 that the transmission lines be buried underground; and

11 (2) To protect the state's agriculture industry, property
12 values, duck hunting, and waterfowl in and around numerous counties within
13 the State, the Arkansas Public Service Commission be urged to reject the
14 application of Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC, for a certificate of
15 environmental compatibility and public need,
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17 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE INTERIM HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE AGENCIES AND
18 GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
19 ARKANSAS:
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21 THAT the Interim House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental
22 Affairs thoroughly study and make appropriate recommendations concerning the
23 Plains & Eastern Clean Line Transmission Project and Clean Line's request to
24 operate as a public utility in Arkansas.
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26 Respectfully submitted,
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30 Representative John K. Hutchison
31 District 52
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