



STATE OF ARKANSAS
ASA HUTCHINSON
GOVERNOR

June 2, 2017

The Honorable Bryan King
Joint Energy Committee, Chair
Arkansas State Senator

The Honorable Rick Beck
Joint Energy Committee, Chair
Arkansas State Representative

Dear Senator King and Representative Beck:

As Governor, I have prioritized economic growth and infrastructure development for Arkansas. As such, I deem it imperative to consider any responsible program that could yield progress towards one or both of these goals. That being said, Arkansas Code Annotated section 23-3-205(b) provides that Arkansas may not exercise legal authority over the Plains and Eastern Clean Line project in its current state. Having being raised on a farm, I fully appreciate the concerns of property owners who oppose this project.

Please be assured I am monitoring the current litigation in the United States District Court for the Eastern District in Jonesboro regarding the question of whether the existing federal authorization is permissible. Once that court hands down its opinion, I will review the project as appropriate under the court decision and applicable law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Asa Hutchinson".

Asa Hutchinson