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HR 1031

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5 By: Representative Hutchison
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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 ENCOURAGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO
9 REJECT THE PROPOSED PLAINS & EASTERN CLEAN LINE
10 TRANSMISSION PROJECT; AND ENCOURAGING THE ARKANSAS
11 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO REJECT CLEAN LINE'S
12 REQUEST FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND
13 NECESSITY TO OPERATE A PUBLIC UTILITY IN THE STATE OF
14 ARKANSAS.
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17 **Subtitle**

18 ENCOURAGING THE REJECTION OF THE PLAINS &
19 EASTERN CLEAN LINE TRANSMISSION PROJECT
20 AND CLEAN LINE'S REQUEST TO OPERATE AS A
21 PUBLIC UTILITY IN ARKANSAS.
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24 WHEREAS, Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC, has submitted to the United
25 States Department of Energy an application for its Plains & Eastern Clean
26 Line transmission project to construct and operate a transmission line
27 throughout various states, including Arkansas; and
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29 WHEREAS, the project will not provide energy to the citizens of this
30 state or benefit consumers of energy within this state; and
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32 WHEREAS, in addition to federal regulatory approval, Clean Line Energy
33 Partners, LLC, is required to obtain a certificate of public convenience and
34 necessity from the Arkansas Public Service Commission to enable Clean Line
35 Energy Partners, LLC, to operate as a public utility in the State of Arkansas
36 before it can construct and operate a transmission facility within the State



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3 WHEREAS, the route of the proposed corridor for the transmission line
4 would travel through the bottleneck of the Mississippi Flyway within the
5 State of Arkansas, an important national staging area for water fowl
6 migration; and

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8 WHEREAS, The Mississippi Flyway includes parts of fourteen (14) states
9 from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, and the bottleneck area provides great
10 economic benefit to the region and the State of Arkansas due to the favorable
11 conditions it provides for water fowl and duck hunting; and

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13 WHEREAS, the proposed transmission line would pass through numerous
14 Arkansas counties, including Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Pope, Conway, Van
15 Buren, Faulkner, Cleburne, White, Jackson, Poinsett, and Mississippi, and
16 would be extremely detrimental to the state's water fowl, duck hunting,
17 agriculture and related businesses, and the property values in these areas;
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20 WHEREAS, the state is best served by denying permission to go forward
21 with the project or, if permitted, requiring the transmission lines to be
22 placed underground; and

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24 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy should reject the
25 application of Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC, for its Plains & Eastern
26 Clean Line transmission project in its entirety or, at a minimum, require
27 that the transmission lines be buried underground; and

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29 WHEREAS, to protect the state's agriculture industry, property values,
30 duck hunting, and water fowl, in and around numerous counties within the
31 State, the Arkansas Public Service Commission should reject the application
32 of Clean Line Energy Partners, LLC, for a certificate of environmental
33 compatibility and public need,

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35 NOW THEREFORE,

36 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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3 THAT the House of Representatives encourages the United States
4 Department of Energy to reject the application of Clean Line Energy Partners,
5 LLC, for its Plains & Eastern Clean Line transmission project in its entirety
6 or require that the line be buried underground.

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the House of Representatives encourages the
9 Arkansas Public Service Commission to reject the application of Clean Line
10 Energy Partners, LLC, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity
11 to operate as a public utility within the State of Arkansas.

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, the Chief Clerk
14 of the House of Representatives shall transmit a copy to the United States
15 Department of Energy, the Arkansas Public Service Commission, the Arkansas
16 Congressional delegation, the Governor, and the President of the United
17 States.

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