

City of Memphis



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MAYOR

October 23, 2014

Honorable Herbert Hilliard, Chairman
Honorable David Jones, Vice Chairman
Honorable James Allison
Honorable Kenneth Hill
Honorable Robin Bennett

Tennessee Regulatory Authority
502 Deaderick St., 4th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

RE: Petition of Plains and Eastern Clean Line LLC for Approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to Operate as an Electric Transmission Public Utility in the State of Tennessee

Dear Directors,

I am writing to express my support for the application of Plains and Eastern Clean Line LLC to operate as a public utility in Tennessee and to construct an interstate transmission line. The Plains & Eastern Clean Line will serve the public interest by lowering electricity costs, expanding inter-regional transmission capacity, improving energy reliability and security, and providing revenues to local jurisdictions in which the project is located.

Approval of Plains and Eastern's application and the construction and operation of the Plains & Eastern Clean Line Project will strengthen Tennessee's reputation as America's Distribution Center by enabling the delivery of clean and affordable energy to consumers in the Mid-South and Southeast.

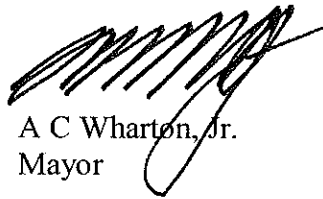
Additionally, the Plains & Eastern Project will contribute to Tennessee's growing record of support for responsible environmental practices and the sustainability goals and efforts of many Tennessee companies. This project will also help attract new businesses seeking access to low-cost, clean power sources.

Finally, the Plains & Eastern Project will create employment and subcontractor opportunities for companies located in and around Memphis and Shelby County. In support of their capital investment, the Shelby County EDGE Board (Economic Development Growth Engine) awarded a 10-year PILOT which provides a fixed tax abatement. One of the requirements for this PILOT is that Plains & Eastern provides construction services contracts to minority and women-owned businesses in Shelby County.

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The Memphis City Council approved a resolution in support of the Plains & Eastern project on June 3, 2014. I echo that support of Plains & Eastern's application and urge the Tennessee Regulatory Authority to provide the necessary regulatory approval to advance this project in Tennessee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A C Wharton, Jr.', written over the printed name and title.

A C Wharton, Jr.
Mayor