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PLAINS & EASTERN CLEAN LINE FILES APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION SEEKING NEGOTIATED RATE AUTHORITY

FILING MARKS ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT TO MOVE CLEAN ENERGY FROM OKLAHOMA TO THE MID-SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST

HOUSTON (June 29, 2012) – Plains and Eastern Clean Line (Clean Line) filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) seeking negotiated rate authority for the transmission project. The Plains & Eastern Clean Line is an approximately 750-mile overhead high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line that will connect clean energy from western Oklahoma, northern Texas and southwestern Kansas with utilities and customers in Tennessee, Arkansas, and other markets in the Mid-South and Southeast. The project will deliver approximately 3,500 megawatts, providing enough energy to power the equivalent of over 1 million homes.

Receiving this authority will allow Clean Line to negotiate market-based rates with potential customers of the project, likely utilities and other load serving entities or clean energy generators. In this filing, Clean Line is seeking the authority to subscribe up to 75% of the line's transmission capacity with anchor tenants. The remainder of the transmission capacity will be offered through an open season process under the same terms and conditions agreed to by anchor customers.

"Transmission line projects take a long time to develop and Clean Line is pleased with the momentum supporting the Plains & Eastern Clean Line project," said Michael Skelly, President of Clean Line Energy Partners. "The timing is appropriate to submit an application with FERC seeking approval to begin negotiating rates with potential customers. We look forward to working with our local, state and federal stakeholders as we continue to develop the Plains & Eastern Clean Line in a responsible and transparent manner."

In its application, Clean Line addresses the following standards: just and reasonable rates; the potential for undue discrimination; the potential for undue preference, including affiliate preference; and regional reliability and operational efficiency requirements. Clean Line also describes why granting its request, as detailed in the application, will be in the public interest.

Since its inception in 2009, the Plains & Eastern Clean Line has made significant progress in community outreach, engineering and design. The project team met with over 1,800 individuals in the project area and held roundtable meetings with local officials and community leaders in more than 30 counties across

Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Tennessee to gather feedback about the study area and responsibly site the project. Clean Line also hosted workshops with more than 30 state and federal agencies as well as conservation organizations in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Tennessee where participants provided insight on their approval processes and engaged in discussions on sensitive areas to avoid, as well as other key issues. The Plains & Eastern Clean Line has signed an agreement with General Cable to supply the aluminum and steel conductor for the line from its facility in Malvern, Arkansas. Pelco Structural of Claremore, Oklahoma has an agreement with Plains & Eastern Clean Line to manufacture tubular steel structures for the project. Later this summer, Plains & Eastern Clean Line and Fluor Corporation will host open houses in Oklahoma and Arkansas to explore opportunities for local businesses during construction of the project.

Developing a project of this scale is a long-term undertaking; the approximately \$2.0 billion project is expected to achieve commercial operation in 2017 or 2018. For more information about the Plains & Eastern Clean Line, please visit www.plainsandeasterncleanline.com.

About Clean Line Energy Partners: Clean Line's mission is to connect abundant, renewable energy resources to areas that have a high demand for clean, reliable energy. Clean Line is developing a series of long distance high voltage direct current transmission projects to move renewable energy to market. For more information please visit www.cleanlineenergy.com.