Committee On Electricity
The Plains & Eastern Line

What’s in the Public Interest?
Moderator:
Hon. Ted Thomas, Arkansas

Panelists:
Cary Kottler, Clean Line Energy Partners
Sam Walsh, US Dept. of Energy
Jordan Wimpy, Gil Ragon Owen
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• **What**: Organizations comprised of property owners within and adjacent to the proposed Plains & Eastern Clean Line Transmission Line Project corridor

• **Where**: Represent interests in every Arkansas county transected by the proposed Project
Downwind, LLC and Golden Bridge, LLC

- **Purpose**: Protect working agricultural operations and private property rights; avoid or mitigate against the Project’s impacts; address environmental and economic impacts; and, educate impacted communities about the Project.

- **Action**: Develop and implement strategies to avoid or mitigate Project impacts, including the use of legislation, education, courts, and any other forums.
Issues and Concerns

• Scope of the legal authority supporting federal involvement
• Usurpation of traditional state role in siting electric energy facilities
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• Sufficiency of the due process afforded the affected landowners during federal review
• Disparate treatment of landowners in different states
• Traditional concerns of involuntary co-tenants
QUESTIONS?

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