

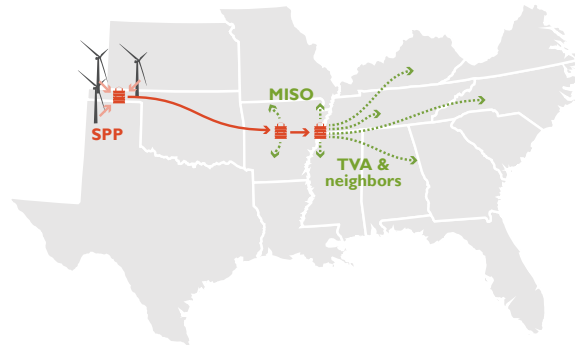
CLEAN LINE EXPRESS

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Plains & Eastern Clean Line will deliver wind energy from the Oklahoma Panhandle region, where it is abundant and inexpensive, to utilities and customers in Arkansas, Tennessee, and other states in the Mid-South and Southeast, areas that lack access to low-cost clean energy. The project will make possible over \$7 billion of investments in new wind farms and will deliver enough low-cost, clean energy to power more than one million homes each year. The transmission line and associated wind farms will create thousands of construction and manufacturing jobs. In addition, Clean Line will pay over \$18 million in taxes and payments to communities in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Tennessee in the first year of operation and will continue to make these payments annually.



KEY			
→ AC Collection system	→ HVDC transmission line	→ Existing utilities' AC system	AC/DC Converter station

This map is intended for illustration purposes only and does not represent a proposed route.

PROJECT UPDATES

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY COMPLETES ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, SIGNALS TOWARDS MOVING THE PROJECT FORWARD

In November, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), in consultation with Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern), completed an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) analyzing the potential impacts of the proposed project. The Final EIS presents the results of the three-year environmental review and marks an important milestone on the path toward construction of America's largest clean energy project.

The Final EIS includes a thorough analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the transmission line project, responds to public comments DOE received regarding the Draft EIS, and concludes that there are no widespread, long-term environmental impacts from the construction and operation of the project. In the Final EIS, DOE indicates its preference to work with Clean Line on the design, development, construction, ownership, maintenance and operation of the project. DOE's ultimate approval of the Plains & Eastern Clean Line would allow the project to move forward expeditiously.

The Final EIS also identifies the preferred route for the direct current transmission line in Arkansas and Oklahoma and confirms the inclusion of the intermediate delivery converter station in Pope County, Arkansas as an integral part of the project. The Final EIS analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the entire project, but because Southwestern does not operate in the state of Tennessee, DOE did not indicate a preference for the location of the direct current transmission line or the converter station in Tennessee. In Tennessee, the proposed right-of-way for the direct current transmission line is consistent with the route approved by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority in its approval of the project, called a "Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity."

Clean Line anticipates a final decision regarding the project may occur by the end of the year or early 2016. This decision, referred to as the Record of Decision, will include DOE's determination on whether and how DOE would be involved in the project and the locations for project facilities in Oklahoma and Arkansas.

To view detailed maps, please visit our website at www.plainsandeasterncleanline.com.

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UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS STUDY FORECASTS IMPORTANT ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF PLAINS & EASTERN CLEAN LINE



UNIVERSITY OF
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SAM M. WALTON
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Researchers from the Center for Business and Economic Research at the Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas recently published a study that states the construction and operation of the Plains & Eastern Clean Line transmission project will bring more than \$660 million to Arkansas' economy. The study says construction of the Plains & Eastern Clean Line project in Arkansas will create an average of approximately 855 jobs during the 30-month construction period, along with indirect and induced creation of 693 jobs. In addition to the construction jobs, the study states that the operation of the Plains & Eastern Clean Line will create demand for 41 permanent operations and maintenance jobs in Arkansas and 28 associated indirect and induced jobs.

Kathy Deck, director of the Center for Business and Economic Research and principal author of the study, said, *“Energy infrastructure projects like the Plains & Eastern Clean Line support the competitiveness of Arkansas manufacturers and generate jobs for new and established businesses in a wide variety of sectors. The Plains & Eastern Clean Line project will generate over \$180 million in total labor income and over \$660 million of total economic output in Arkansas — a much needed boost for Arkansas workers, businesses, and industry.”*

AGREEMENT WITH SEDIVER STRENGTHENS ARKANSAS MANUFACTURING



In June, Clean Line and transmission line component manufacturer Sediver announced a preferred supplier agreement. Sediver will supply all of the glass insulators for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line project from a new manufacturing facility and testing laboratory that will be built in West Memphis, Arkansas at the request of Clean Line. Insulators are devices used to support the weight of the suspended conductor wire without allowing the electric current to flow through the transmission structure to the ground. The West Memphis Sediver manufacturing and distribution facility is expected to open in late 2016 and will create more than 70 new jobs in Arkansas.

Sediver's decision to return operations to the United States and open a manufacturing plant in Arkansas was bolstered by the opportunities brought forth by the Plains & Eastern Clean Line project. Sediver has maintained significant market share in the United States with a sustained double-digit growth over the last five years. The company selected West Memphis for its logistical advantage and Arkansas' qualified work force.

EAST TEXAS COOPERATIVE SIGN OWNERSHIP OPTION AGREEMENT

In May, Clean Line and East Texas Cooperative (ETEC) announced an agreement that provides ETEC with an option to own up to 50 megawatts (MW) of capacity on the Plains & Eastern Clean Line and a portion of the project's assets.

The East Texas Cooperative include three Generation and Transmission cooperatives throughout East Texas – Northeast Texas Electric Cooperative (NTEC), Sam Rayburn Generation and Transmission Cooperative (SRG&T) and Tex-La Electric Cooperative of Texas (Tex-La) – and collectively serve ten not-for-profit distribution cooperatives serving approximately 330,000 member-owners. Three Generation and Transmission members of the East Texas Cooperatives (NTEC, SRG&T and Tex-La) are major customers of Southwestern Power Administration.

TVA AND ENTERGY ARKANSAS PLANS IDENTIFY LOW-COST WIND POWER TO MEET FUTURE NEEDS

The Plains & Eastern Clean Line accommodates the increasing demand for interregional transmission lines to move power from the wind-rich, central United States to areas in the Mid-South and Southeast with a need for low-cost clean energy. The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and Entergy Arkansas, Inc. (Entergy Arkansas), two large utilities in the Mid-South and Southeast, have both recently developed Integrated Resource Plans to evaluate how to meet their projected electric demand over the next 20 years.

These utilities' recent plans identify a preference for thousands of megawatts of wind energy and highlight that wind energy can reduce costs for customers, create local jobs, and provide environmental benefits. Wind power offers utilities a zero emissions, low-cost insurance plan against possible increases in fuel prices. Clean Line will continue to work with TVA and Entergy Arkansas to determine how the project can provide a low-cost energy source for their customers.



IN THE COMMUNITY

HECTOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND BUILDS THE FUTURE



Hector Scholarship Foundation Inaugural Gala, Hector Arkansas

Clean Line sponsored the Hector Scholarship Foundation Inaugural Gala Event in October to help local students attend colleges or trade schools of their choosing. Hector is located in Pope County, in central Arkansas.

Clean Line has developed a local contribution agreement to memorialize our commitment to provide voluntary payments to the counties and local school districts that host the project in Arkansas. The payment amount is developed in a manner consistent with the asset value method for property tax assessment by public utilities in the state.

Clean Line's Arkansas converter station, an investment of over \$100 million with capacity to deliver enough energy to supply over 160,000 homes, will be located in the Hector School District.

Under Clean Line's local contribution agreement, the Hector School District will receive approximately \$27 million over the first 40 years of the project's operations. This new source of revenue will help Hector schools and students chart a successful path for their future.

UNIVERSITY OF TULSA LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS SUPPORT STUDENTS OF ENERGY AND INDIAN LAW

Clean Line is pleased to continue providing scholarship funds to assist the University of Tulsa Law School Masters of Energy Jurisprudence and Masters of Indian Law students with their academic programs. TU Law is centered in one of the nation's energy hubs near tremendous oil, natural gas and wind resources. Oklahoma is also an important center of Indian culture and history. This year's recipients included Lesa Bonham, Darrell Drapeau, Tina Evans, Eric Hannel, Karriem Harris, Sharon Jackson, Tara McCann, Lora Oxendine-Taylor, Andrew Tooyak Jr. and Michelle Wolf.

ROSEMARK COUNTY FAIR SHOWCASES HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Clean Line sponsored the Rosemark County Fair in September to benefit the Historic Archives of Rosemark and Environs, a non-profit organization working to document and preserve historic information and items of the Rosemark National Historic District in Shelby County, Tennessee. The Rosemark National Historic District is one of the few intact rural agricultural communities remaining in the county, and has numerous intact farmhouses and commercial structures from the early to mid-twentieth century.

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