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## SANTA FE TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT ACQUIRED

**Clean Line Energy Partners Acquires Project from Integrated Transmission Solutions, LLC (ITS)**

Houston, TX. (June 1, 2010) –Santa Fe Clean Line LLC, a subsidiary of **Clean Line Energy Partners**, of Houston, Texas, announced it has acquired the Santa Fe transmission line project from Integrated Transmission Solutions LLC. The Santa Fe Clean Line will transmit up to 3500 MW of energy from new, renewable generation projects via an approximately 750 mile long overhead high voltage, direct current (HVDC) transmission line. Potentially running from eastern New Mexico to Arizona and other western states, the project, when built, will facilitate the construction of billions of dollars of new clean energy generation. These investments cannot be made today because there is not enough transmission.

Clean Line President **Michael Skelly** said, "There is a tremendous untapped renewable energy resource in eastern New Mexico but infrastructure to move electricity from attractive wind resource areas to consumers in distant western markets is insufficient. This transmission line will provide a solution to that problem and will enable the electric industry in the West to provide their customers with access to the most affordable clean energy available."

**Mike Styer**, President of ITS, added, "ITS has worked for several years to advance this timely and innovative project. Clean Line is exactly the sort of focused company that can take this initiative to the next level."

**Jeremy Turner**, executive director of the New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority, added his support of the latest development in the project with the following comment, "I am delighted to see Clean Line Energy Partners involvement and the caliber of this company interested in investing in New Mexico renewable resources."

The project is in the early stages of development, is expected to take five years to complete and cost approximately \$2.0 billion. Clean Line expects to fund all development costs and does not plan to seek cost recovery through the electric rates paid by consumers. Once built, the project will enable an additional \$7 billion in investments in new wind and solar projects which today cannot be built because of the lack of transmission. These projects could power over a million American homes.

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**About Clean Line Energy Partners:** Clean Line's mission is to connect abundant, renewable energy resources with areas that have a high demand for clean, reliable energy. The company's founders are pioneers in the development of renewable energy and clean power alternatives. For more information visit [www.CleanLineEnergy.com](http://www.CleanLineEnergy.com)