

# CLEAN LINE EXPRESS

Your direct line to PLAINS & EASTERN Clean Line updates

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## LETTER FROM THE PLAINS & EASTERN CLEAN LINE TEAM

Dear Friends,

Development efforts are moving full steam ahead on the **Plains & Eastern Clean Line**, an approximately 800-mile HVDC transmission line that will move renewable power from Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas to the Mid-South and Southeast. For those of us on the Plains & Eastern Clean Line development team, communication, education, and dialogue are a huge part of our responsibility. We spend much time and effort educating communities about our project, talking about how it will positively affect people's lives, and working to overcome obstacles to make the Plains & Eastern Clean Line a reality. Most importantly, we are listening to feedback and responding to concerns.

Some of the feedback we have received has helped us adjust and come up with innovative ways to work with stakeholders. For example, in Oklahoma we worked with property rights advocates to develop a settlement agreement that addresses specific concerns. We have been impressed by the degree of interest from many groups and citizens and humbled by the tremendous support we have received from a range of individuals and organizations.

Our discussions with stakeholders confirm our guiding principle that the Plains & Eastern Clean Line will have a substantial positive impact on the Great Plains and the Southeast by providing jobs, encouraging competitive energy supply, and helping make our air cleaner. It is Clean Line's responsibility to make these things happen in a responsible and sustainable way.

Members of the Clean Line Energy team participated in hearings at the Arkansas Public Service Commission in December and at the Oklahoma Corporation Commission in February. In March, Clean Line Energy announced a preferred vendor agreement with **General Cable**, a global leader in electrical wire and cable products, to manufacture the electrical conductor for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line at their facility in Malvern, Arkansas. The approximately \$100 million order for the project could represent nearly two years of full production for the product from this facility. Other Arkansas manufacturers, such as LM Wind Power, Mitsubishi, and Nordex could see an increase in demand for their products from the wind farms that will connect to our transmission line.

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--Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe

We are grateful for the time and effort people have taken to engage in discussions on the future of clean energy in their region, state and community. We look forward to hearing from you and answering whatever questions you may have. Please share this newsletter with friends, neighbors and family and go to our website: [www.plainsandeasterncleanline.com](http://www.plainsandeasterncleanline.com) for more information.

Thanks,  
Mario Hurtado  
Clean Line Energy

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## PROJECT NEWS AND UPDATES

### Agreement with General Cable points to manufacturing in Arkansas



Plains & Eastern Clean Line and General Cable signed a Memorandum of Understanding for an order worth nearly \$100 million, based on current commodity prices. Orders for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line conductor cable could keep the current 152 associates at the Malvern, Arkansas plant busy for almost two years. At a press conference announcing the agreement, Gregory J. Lampert, President and CEO of General Cable North America, said "Our facility and our associates in Malvern can take pride in knowing that the product they make will, in part, stay right in their state of Arkansas for this Clean Line project improving the infrastructure of their state and strengthening its economy."

Clean Line looks forward to partnering with additional companies in Arkansas, Oklahoma, and other states to deepen Plains & Eastern Clean Line's contribution to economic development.

### Oklahoma Corporation Commission hearings provide forum for discussion of new transmission and the tremendous potential impact of wind power in western Oklahoma

In February, the Plains & Eastern Clean Line team participated in a hearing on our application to become a public utility before Judge Jacqueline Miller, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), and the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) in Oklahoma City. The application is a crucial step in the development of the transmission line and is part of Clean Line's effort to be accountable to local authorities as we move forward with the transmission line project.



After much hard work and negotiation, Clean Line was able to address the concerns of the great majority of the parties involved in the case. Multiple parties signed on to a Stipulation Agreement and only one remaining party opposed our application during the hearing. Clean Line and two parties representing property owners were also able to reach an agreement on a private settlement. In the agreement, Clean Line commits to specific actions in order to treat landowners fairly and respectfully. If Clean Line's application is approved, we pledge to provide Oklahoma landowners with the option of annual payments for acquired right of way. In the case of a dispute over the value of an easement, we will give the landowner the choice of binding arbitration as an alternative to a judicial process. Clean Line also provided the OCC with a Code of Conduct which details how Clean Line employees and contractors must treat landowners in a fair and respectful manner. You can download a copy of our Code of Conduct on our website.

There was significant public participation in the OCC hearings. We appreciate many of you for attending and for calling to state your support for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line. In addition to many others, State Congressman Gus Blackwell, who represents District 61 and the Oklahoma Panhandle, came from the Capitol to show his support for the development of the project. School superintendents, economic development directors, and community leaders from the Panhandle and other parts of Oklahoma showed up and called in to let Judge Miller and the Commissioners know what the construction of the Plains & Eastern Clean Line will mean to their towns and to their schools.

We will be sure to let you know when we find out the outcome of the hearings. You can also visit our website, [www.plainsandeasterncleanline.com](http://www.plainsandeasterncleanline.com) for this and other project updates.

### Arkansas Public Service Commission Hearings Concluded in February

Members of the Clean Line Energy team participated in a hearing with the Arkansas Public Service Commission (PSC) in December 2010. In its order, the Arkansas Commission supported Clean Line's efforts; however, it did not approve our application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity at this time. We are encouraged that the PSC noted a void in the current electricity infrastructure to transmit more renewable power. We appreciate the outstanding support we have received from Arkansas manufacturers, state leaders and citizens. Clean Line plans to be a supportive partner in the ongoing development of the growing wind energy industry in Arkansas. We realize the significant regulatory and permitting challenges in Arkansas and understand it is a different process than in other states. We look forward to working with regulatory authorities and state leaders as the project evolves.



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## EVENTS



### Environmental and other permitting agencies participate in workshops

More than 30 relevant state and federal agencies in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Tennessee participated in workshops for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line in February and March. Participants provided insight on their approval processes and engaged in discussions on sensitive areas to avoid possible areas where future projects could interfere with our transmission lines, and other relevant environmental issues.

Major infrastructure projects can have varying impacts on the existing habitat and other environmental considerations. We are interested in collecting feedback from a wide range of stakeholders as the project progresses. Later in April, Clean Line hosted workshops with non-governmental organizations that focus on environmental issues to garner additional feedback about potential impacts. This is part of our commitment to a transparent, participatory siting process for the Plains & Eastern Clean Line.



### Community Involvement

Clean Line Energy supports organizations throughout the project area that work to make strong communities and create sustainable economic growth. Recently, Clean Line joined others to sponsor the Panhandle Agriculture Day, the Guymon YMCA, the Guymon Fun Run, and the Northwest Alliance of Oklahoma.

### Lesser Prairie Chicken Watch

Clean Line Energy is committed to siting the Plains & Eastern Clean in a responsible manner by minimizing the transmission lines' impact on wildlife and environmentally sensitive areas. In April, eight members of the Clean Line team met with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation in Woodward, Oklahoma. In order to learn more about the Lesser Prairie Chicken, the team viewed the chickens during their annual mating process.



### Guymon Pioneer Days Rodeo

Members of the Clean Line team made their way to Guymon, Oklahoma for the Guymon Pioneer Days Rodeo. We enjoyed meeting Rodeo attendees during the four days we were there. Thanks to everyone who stopped by our booth to learn more about the Plains & Eastern Clean Line and congratulations to the winner of the iPad 2, Miss Mesa Compton of Boise City.



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**JOBS**

CLEAN LINE ENERGY IS DEVELOPING THE PLAINS & EASTERN CLEAN LINE TO EFFICIENTLY CONNECT 7,000 MEGAWATTS OF RENEWABLE POWER FROM THE OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE TO THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES.

THIS TRANSMISSION LINE WILL MAKE POSSIBLE MORE THAN \$14 BILLION OF NEW, LOW COST CLEAN ENERGY PROJECTS, CREATING LASTING ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS.

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