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**CLEAN LINE ENERGY ACQUIRES NEW MEXICO TRANSMISSION PROJECT**

HOUSTON, TX (June 6, 2013) – Clean Line Energy Partners LLC (Clean Line) today announced that it has completed the acquisition of Power Network New Mexico, LLC, the project development company of the Power Network New Mexico transmission project (Power Network Project). The Power Network Project has been renamed the Western Spirit Clean Line. Clean Line and the New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority (RETA) are jointly developing the transmission project, which consists of a proposed 200-mile, 345 kilovolt alternating current transmission line currently under development. The Western Spirit Clean Line will collect 1,500 megawatts of renewable power from east-central New Mexico and deliver the power to markets in the western United States, complementing the development efforts of the Centennial West Clean Line project.

“We are pleased to be working with RETA to expand New Mexico’s transmission infrastructure to accommodate new renewable energy,” said Michael Skelly, President of Clean Line. “New Mexico has a supportive business environment and we look forward to continuing to work with the citizens, communities, tribes, agencies and leaders throughout the state as the Western Spirit Clean Line project moves forward.”

The New Mexico legislature created RETA by statute in 2007 with the objective of facilitating renewable energy development in New Mexico through the agency’s authority to finance, plan, acquire, maintain and operate transmission and energy storage facilities. In 2010, RETA commissioned studies by Los Alamos National Laboratory and identified the Western Spirit Clean Line project as a means of facilitating transmission in eastern and central New Mexico.



“Clean Line’s acquisition of this project will allow New Mexico to continue as a leader in the development of renewable energy. RETA is looking forward to the development of the Western Spirit Clean Line and the creation of green jobs for the State” said Jeremy Turner, Executive Director of RETA.

The project is estimated to bring the following economic benefits to New Mexico: new investment of over \$2 billion in renewable generation and transmission, new jobs to support the renewable energy industry in the state, and improved reliability of the New Mexico transmission grid. By enabling more wind generation in the energy supply mix, the project will save scarce water resources and result in meaningful reductions in air and water pollutants and carbon dioxide emissions.

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**About Clean Line Energy Partners:** Clean Line’s mission is to connect abundant, renewable energy resources to areas that have a high demand for low-cost, clean energy. Clean Line is developing a series of transmission projects to move renewable energy to market. For more information please visit [www.CleanLineEnergy.com](http://www.CleanLineEnergy.com).