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SOUTHWEST POWER POOL TRANSMISSION WORKING GROUP APPROVES PLAINS & EASTERN CLEAN LINE RELIABILITY STUDIES

CLEAN LINE PROJECTS MOVE FORWARD WITH SUBMISSIONS TO ITP20 PLAN

HOUSTON (November 19, 2012) –The Southwest Power Pool’s (SPP) Transmission Working Group today unanimously passed a motion accepting that the Plains & Eastern Clean Line reliability studies completed to date have met the coordinated planning requirements. These interconnection studies, conducted by Siemens PTI, stem from SPP Criteria 3.5 which requires entities requesting transmission interconnections to work with the SPP, the Transmission Working Group (TWG), and affected parties to ensure grid reliability. SPP Criteria 3.5 studies were initiated in May 2010 when Clean Line requested that SPP study the connection of the Plains & Eastern transmission project to the SPP grid in the Oklahoma Panhandle.

The Plains & Eastern Clean Line will deliver up to 3,500 megawatts of clean power from western Oklahoma, northern Texas, and southwestern Kansas to utilities and customers in Tennessee, Arkansas, and other markets in the Mid-South and the Southeast. The clean energy will be transported via an approximately 750-mile overhead high voltage direct current transmission line. The Plains & Eastern Clean Line will cost approximately \$2 billion. The Plains & Eastern Clean Line will provide broad economic growth throughout the project area and supply affordable clean energy to millions of customers in the mid-south and southeast United States.

“The acceptance of these studies by the SPP Transmission Working Group represents the culmination of two years of collaborating with SPP and affected parties to ensure that the Plains & Eastern Project can be interconnected in a reliable manner,” said Wayne Galli, Vice President at Clean Line. “We appreciate the time, effort, and input provided by all involved parties and look forward to proceeding with detailed design and final interconnection arrangements.”

Clean Line is also pleased to announce that it recently submitted the Plains & Eastern Clean Line and Grain Belt Express Clean Line projects, both +/- 600 kV high voltage direct current transmission projects capable of transmitting 3,500 MW from the SPP footprint to external-to-SPP sinks, in each of the ITP20 Futures I through 4. The objective of ITP20 is to develop an EHV backbone (345 kV and above) transmission plan for a 20-year horizon. The assessment will identify a robust transmission plan that is



capable of reliably and economically providing deliverability of energy to the SPP market while enabling policy initiatives. The current ITP20 process is the second Integrated Transmission Planning Year 20 Assessment (ITP20). The assessment is conducted in accordance with the SPP Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) Attachment O, and the approved ITP Manual. The assessment begins in January 2012 and is scheduled to be finalized in July 2013.

The Grain Belt Express Clean Line is a 700-mile overhead, high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line that will deliver 3,500 megawatts of low-cost wind power from Kansas to Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, and states farther east.

About Clean Line Energy Partners: Clean Line's mission is to connect abundant, renewable energy resources to areas that have a high demand for clean, reliable energy. Clean Line is developing a series of high voltage direct current transmission projects to move renewable energy to market. For more information please visit www.CleanLineEnergy.com. For more information on the Plains & Eastern Clean Line project, please visit www.plainsandeasterncleanline.com.