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P&E Clean Line part 2: P&E Management Team Experience

Dear Dr. Moniz,

The credentials of P&E Clean Line's management team are impressive, but insufficient for a company planning to build a 4,000 MW HVDC *transmission* line with a midpoint station for Arkansas:

- P&E CLEP has never built a transmission line
- P&E management has *no experience* building HVDC transmission lines
- Mr. Skelly and Mr. Hurtado, have experience with wind and thermal power *generation*, respectively.
- Mr. Skelly's and the Ziff Family energy investments have been short-term financial ventures. "*In 1999, Skelly joined Horizon Wind Energy, when it was a two-person operation, and helped it grow into a multi-billion dollar company over the next nine years. In 2005, investment bank Goldman Sachs bought Horizon, then a privately held company known as **Zilkha Renewables**. Goldman Sachs sold Horizon, for \$2.2 billion for a reported gain of nearly \$1 billion,*" Wikipedia.

Why would DOE choose to partner with a company with no experience building, operating and maintaining HVDC transmission lines *long-term*?

Respectfully,

Dr. Luis Contreras  
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**P&E Clean Line's Management Team has no experience building HVDC lines**

"Experience is what you get when you didn't get what you wanted; experience is the most valuable thing you have to offer," Randy Pausch

With no track record building transmission lines, P&E management team's experience must provide confidence for all stakeholders: DOE, TVA, potential investors, landowners, state agencies and anyone else.

Let's pretend for a minute, P&E is the only CLEP project in the works, and the Clean Line talent will be dedicated 100 % to the P&E project.

### **Michael Skelly**

#### **President and Chief Executive Officer**

Michael Skelly is responsible for overall management leadership and strategic direction. He has been in the energy business for almost 20 years. He led the development of Horizon Wind Energy ("Horizon") from a two-person company to one of the largest renewable energy companies in the country. Under his leadership, Horizon developed and constructed nearly 2,000 MW of wind energy projects and amassed a portfolio of project in development totaling almost 10,000 MW in over a dozen states. Horizon was founded by the Houston-based Zilkha family and is now owned by Energias de Portugal, S.A. ("EDP"). EDP has continued to build and operate wind projects from the project pipeline developed under Mr. Skelly's leadership.

Before Horizon, Mr. Skelly developed thermal, hydroelectric, biomass and wind energy projects in Central America with Energia Global. In the early 1990s, Mr. Skelly co-founded the Rain Forest Aerial Tram, a mile-long tramway system which takes visitors on an aerial tour of the rain forest in Costa Rica. That company currently has 400 employees. Mr. Skelly has played a leading role in several other businesses.

Skelly has *no experience* building HVDC transmission lines. Skelly knows wind farms. I have been to Costa Rica and rode the Aerial Tram; this project does not qualify Skelly to build HVDC lines.

### **Jimmy Glotfelty Executive Vice President**

Glotfelty is a founder of Clean Line Energy and serves on commercial activities and regulatory and public affairs. Jimmy brings to Clean Line more than twenty-five years of electric sector and transmission knowledge, the public and private sectors. He founded Office of Electric Delivery and Energy Reliability at the Department of Energy

(DOE) and served as its first Director. Glotfelty has *no experience* building transmission lines.

### **Mario Hurtado**

#### **Executive Vice President; Project Manager of Plains and Eastern Clean Line LLC**

Mario Hurtado leads the development efforts for the Project including the management of the regulatory procedures, outreach efforts, environmental considerations, and siting planning necessary for implementing the Project. Mr. Hurtado has developed and managed power and other energy infrastructure with large corporate and early-stage venture companies in the electric power and natural gas industries for over 20 years. Mr. Hurtado headed all development and operations in Central America and the Caribbean at Globeleq, a successful power developer and operator focused on the emerging markets. While at Globeleq, Mr. Hurtado acquired, built and managed a portfolio of traditional and renewable electric generating plants. As an executive at Reliant Energy and Duke Energy, he led corporate transactions and managed the commercial issues involving large utilities and generating plants throughout the U.S. and Latin America. Mr. Hurtado has also developed liquefied natural gas terminals in the U.S. and Europe.

Mr. Hurtado plays a key role as Project Manager. Hurtado oversaw several thermal plants and other power *generation* operations, but Hurtado has *no experience* building HVDC transmission lines.

#### **Globeleq – Vice President for Operations**

- Oversaw the overall operations and performance of the following projects: CEPP Thermal Plant, Pacora Thermal Plant, Nejapa Thermal Plant, Fortuna Hydroelectric Plant
- Oversaw implementation of the operations optimization programs.
- Responsible for scheduling major maintenance activities, instituting preventative and predictive maintenance practices, and minimizing downtime during outages.

#### **Deann Lanz, Vice President Land Acquisition**

##### **BP Wind Energy North America – Vice President of Land**

- Responsible for land acquisition, title and survey, GIS and mapping support, and property administration activities for numerous wind generation projects and associated transmission encompassing more than 500,000 acres of land, hundreds of miles of transmission lines, and hundreds of MW of renewable energy generation projects.
- Responsible for managing teams of company employees, as well as contract right-of-way agents in these activities.

Mr. Lanz has *no experience* building HVDC transmission lines.

**Wayne Galli, Ph.D, P.E.**  
**Executive Vice President, Transmission and Technical Services**

**NextEra Energy Resources – Director, Transmission Development**

- Responsible for routing, siting and engineering for approximately 330 miles of new transmission lines, including HVDC lines for the CREZ Transmission Projects in Texas.
- Responsible for vetting potential contractors and letting contract awards to contractors.
- Participated in planning and project management for a 229-mile transmission line, including providing a planning and engineering interface with the project's construction management team.

**Southwest Power Pool – Supervisor of the Operations Engineering Group**

- Responsible for providing engineering support for the SPP Reliability Coordinator and Market Operations, including engineering analysis and operational planning activities.
- Responsible for coordinated outage planning of transmission across the SPP footprint in conjunction with impacted neighboring electric systems.
- Supervised factory acceptance testing of various software systems.

Mr. Galli knows transmission planning and siting. His work with SPP suggests to me, Mr. Galli has *no experience* building HVDC transmission lines.

I will stop here.

There is always a first time for everything, but why DOE choose to participate with an inexperienced company?