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Dear Secretary Moniz,

Most things in life are about time and money. P&E Part 2 Application fails to answer two simple questions: how much per MWh and when would it be available. P&E offers to deliver "40 percent clean energy / 60 percent coal energy" some time, at a "low" price.

The Application has references to low-cost wind *generation* and an incomplete schedule. TVA Interconnection System Impact Study indicates energy for load-serving entities may be available in 10 years.

Great news. We don't have to wait for low-price 100 percent green energy; it is available at less than \$40 per MW as reported today:

**Austin Energy gets record low solar bids at less than 4 cents/kWh**

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<http://www.utilitydive.com/news/austin-energy-gets-record-low-solar-bids-at-under-4-centskwh/401642/>

Austin Energy is being offered to buy solar power from developers at record low prices, leading the utility to ask its oversight arm to slow the acceptance of bid in hopes that waiting a little longer or developing the solar itself can get it an even better deal, the Austin Monitor reports.

Response to the utility's request for 600 MW of solar has yielded a string of declining bids. The most recent bid of under \$40 per MWh was 20% lower than 2014's \$0.045 per kWh Recurrent Energy contract price for a 150 MW solar project due online this year. It was only 25% of 2008's \$160 per MWh bid for the 30 MW Webberville array.

*Why would DOE choose to participate on an old, obsolete project?*

This dance has taken way too long wasting your time and thousands of people in the way of Clean Line. Please decline DOE's participation without further delay.

Respectfully,

Dr. Luis Contreras