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Dear Secretary Moniz,

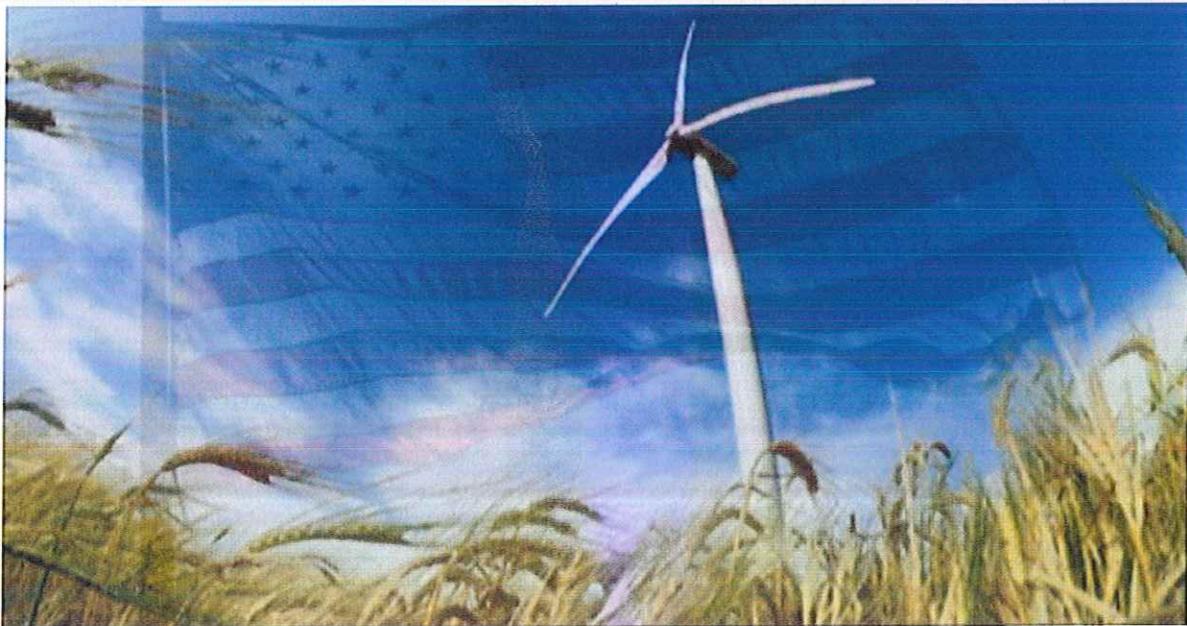
P&E Clean Line is using Facebook to run an online petition using false information, under the cover of **Alliance for Affordable Energy** a "non-profit" organization, <http://all4energy.org> and **Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE)** <http://www.cleanenergy.org>



Alliance for Affordable Energy

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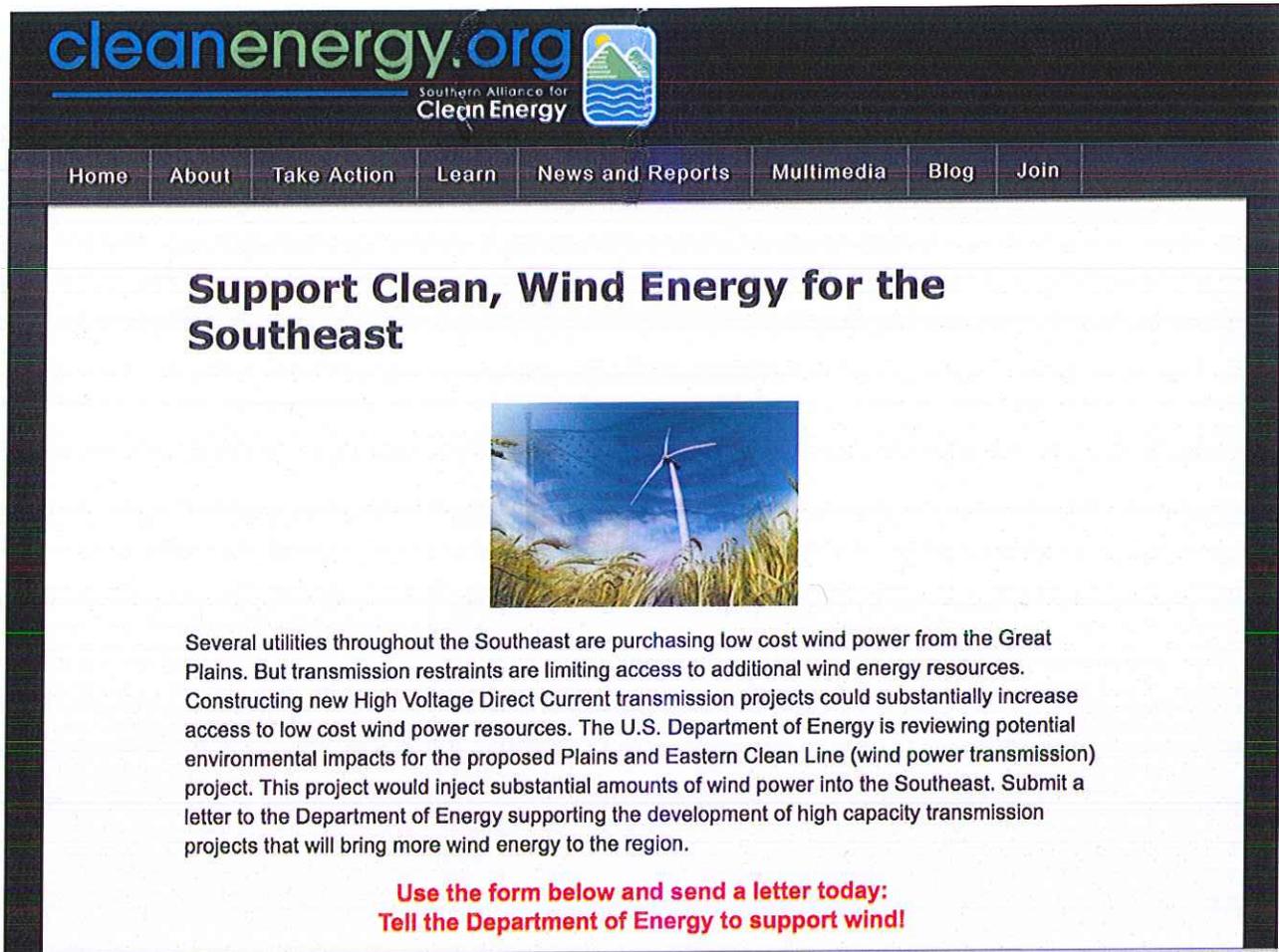
Tell the Department of Energy you support the development and use of clean wind energy for the Southeast. Our friends at Southern Alliance for Clean Energy have made it easy.



Southern Alliance for Clean Energy - Wind for the Southeast

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The link in the Facebook page takes you to the following **SACE** screen:



The screenshot shows the website for cleanenergy.org, which is the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy. The navigation menu includes Home, About, Take Action, Learn, News and Reports, Multimedia, Blog, and Join. The main content area features a large heading: "Support Clean, Wind Energy for the Southeast". Below the heading is a photograph of a wind turbine in a field of tall grass under a blue sky. The text below the image reads: "Several utilities throughout the Southeast are purchasing low cost wind power from the Great Plains. But transmission restraints are limiting access to additional wind energy resources. Constructing new High Voltage Direct Current transmission projects could substantially increase access to low cost wind power resources. The U.S. Department of Energy is reviewing potential environmental impacts for the proposed Plains and Eastern Clean Line (wind power transmission) project. This project would inject substantial amounts of wind power into the Southeast. Submit a letter to the Department of Energy supporting the development of high capacity transmission projects that will bring more wind energy to the region." At the bottom of the content area, there is a red call-to-action: "Use the form below and send a letter today: Tell the Department of Energy to support wind!"

http://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50500/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=15611

The key message is false, intended to make people think *Southeast utilities are already purchasing low-cost wind power from Oklahoma*: "Support Clean, Wind Energy for the Southeast. **Several utilities throughout the Southeast are purchasing low cost wind power from the Great Plains.** But transmission restraints are limiting access to additional wind energy resources. Constructing new High Voltage Direct Current transmission projects could substantially increase access to low cost wind power resources."

Who are the Southeast utilities currently purchasing the power P&E is planning to provide, from non-existing wind farms in Oklahoma, at a "low-cost?" *This is a misleading and false advertising claim.*

1. Why would Clean Line Energy, a company pretending to build five HVDC lines at around **\$10 Billion** use "non-profit" organizations and Facebook to get DOE federal participation, with fake comments from people thinking the claims on Facebook are true?

2. Why would anyone invest millions of dollars on the Clean Line Energy projects, from a company desperately trying to get DOE approval?

3. Why would DOE choose to participate on anything having to do with Clean Line Energy?

In my opinion, this is not a new *business model* but an attempt to take private property as perpetual easements, after failing to get voluntary easements. As stated on page 86 of the Application Part 2, "Of the approximately 720 miles of the Project, Clean Line has voluntarily negotiated easement agreements with approximately **20 miles**, or 3% of the total mileage." The statement that follows is absurd: "Following DOE's Record of Decision, Clean Line will use reasonable, good faith efforts to acquire voluntarily all of the necessary right-of-way for the Project in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Tennessee."

Why would DOE believe P&E suddenly get over 700 miles of voluntary easements? *The MO PSC denied Grain Belt Express to protect private property rights from being taken for a merchant transmission line by a private, for-profit corporation.*

Respectfully,

Dr. Luis Contreras

This is the text in full included in the Clean Line online petition:

To Whom It May Concern:

I support the development and use of wind power for the Southeast. The proposed Plains and Eastern Clean Line wind power transmission project would connect substantial amounts of wind energy resources from the Plains to the Southeast. The project would also create tens of thousands of high quality jobs. Several utility companies are already purchasing wind power resources via existing alternating current (AC) transmission lines. These purchases are significant because much of our region has few or no requirements for the development or use of renewable energy resources; therefore, the existing purchases of wind energy are predominately dependent on low cost wind energy resources. But because existing transmission routes are limited, adding additional wind power resources from the Plains to the Southeast will be difficult without the Plains and Eastern Clean Line wind power transmission project.

Conservatively, the Plains and Eastern Clean Line project would support tens of thousands of high quality jobs over the life of the project. Supporting the Plains and Eastern Clean Line high voltage direct current transmission project would provide job benefits to the Southeast, and potentially beyond. Clean Line's project is anticipated to have its greatest jobs impact during the construction phase, with many fewer jobs for maintenance and operations. Clean Line has signed an agreement with General Cable for up to 25 million conductor feet of transmission line to be manufactured in Malvern, Arkansas. Pelco Structural LLC in Oklahoma will be providing tubular steel transmission structures (towers).

Thank you for this opportunity to comment and please ensure the project is responsibly sited in order to provide access to wind power resources to the Southeast.

Please void all emails with the text shown above

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UNDERESTIMATE
DESPERATE PEOPLE.
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GO TO GET WHAT
THEY WANT.**