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Dear Secretary Moniz,

DOE and P&E Clean Line made the news!

Respectfully,

Dr. Luis Contreras

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**RTO Insider** one of the most respected industry magazines picked up the story of how Clean Line is trying to win DOE approval.  
<http://www.rtoinsider.com/clean-line-online-petition-15550/>

Why would DOE participate in a project with a company with apparently no integrity, desperately seeking public support?

Is corporate integrity one of the requirements for Section 1222?

How many investors are going to finance the \$2 Billion needed to build the P&E project?

The suggestion on Appendix 4-A that DOE will own the Arkansas transmission facilities and use Federal Eminent Domain to take private land by force makes everyone wonder about the role of DOE. I trust you will make the right choice and deny the P&E Clean Line project.

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## Clean Line Starts Online Petition for DOE Tx Approval

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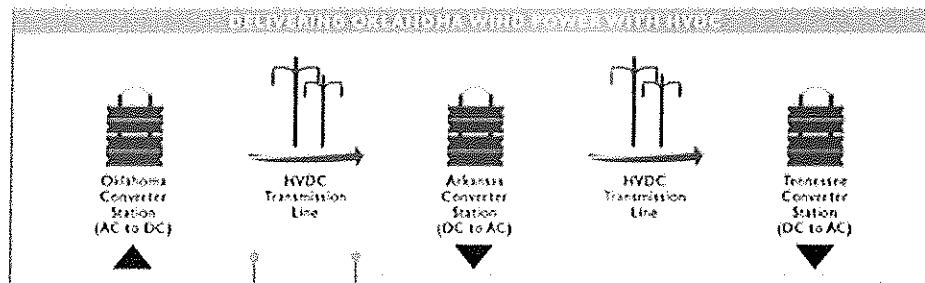
By Michael Brooks

Facing opposition in Arkansas, a transmission developer is using an unusual tactic in order to garner public support for a proposed project: online petitioning.

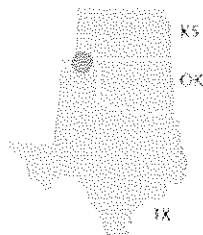
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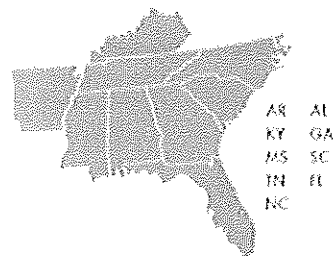
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Clean Line Energy Partners is asking signers of its Change.org *petition* to send a pre-written letter to the Department of Energy, telling "Secretary [Ernest] Moniz to support the delivery of low-cost clean energy to consumers" and approve the *Plains & Eastern Clean Line*, a \$2 billion 600-kV high voltage, direct current transmission line. Clean Line posted the petition three weeks ago and, as of press time, has collected more than 2,400 signatures.

Online petitioning is usually *utilized* by activists and grassroots organizations for populist causes. In fact, those in opposition to the Plains & Eastern project started their own Change.org *petition* in January. It has gathered more than 1,400 signatures since then.

The line would stretch 720 miles, beginning in the Oklahoma panhandle, through Arkansas and end in Tennessee, southeast of Memphis. Clean Line is touting the project as a way to deliver up to 3.5 GW generated from wind farms in Oklahoma to customers in the Southeast.

The Plains & Eastern is the first transmission project being developed with the U.S. Department of Energy under the Energy Policy Act of 2005's Section 1222. The department issued a request for proposal under the section in 2010 and selected Clean Line for the project in 2012.

The section allows for the department's Western Area Power Administration or Southwestern Power Administration to partner with private companies in developing new transmission facilities if the department determines that they are necessary to reduce congestion or meet demand. The facilities must be located in states in which the power administrations operate. SWPA owns transmission lines and facilities in Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Louisiana and Arkansas.

The Energy Department is currently evaluating public comments on its draft environmental impact statement for the project. Meanwhile, the department requested updates to Clean Line's application in December 2014. The public comment period for this "Part 2" application ends June 12.