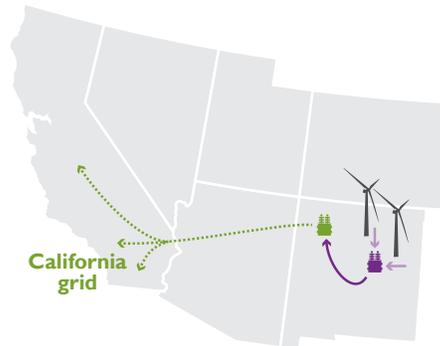


CLEAN ENERGY. DELIVERED.

BRINGING ECONOMIC DIVERSITY TO NEW MEXICO BY ENABLING THE DELIVERY OF NEW, LOW-COST CLEAN ENERGY

THE PROJECT

The Western Spirit Clean Line, a 140-mile transmission line, will collect renewable power from east-central New Mexico and deliver approximately 1,000 megawatts (MW) of power to markets in the western United States that have a strong demand for clean, reliable energy.



KEY

-  Collector system
-  Western Spirit Clean Line
-  Existing utilities' AC system
-  Substations

This map is intended for illustration purposes only and does not represent a proposed route.

PROJECT BENEFITS



The Western Spirit Clean Line will provide **hundreds of jobs** to construct, maintain, and operate the wind farms and transmission line. In addition to these jobs, the Western Spirit Clean Line will utilize PNM's existing network and facilitate local manufacturing opportunities in the wind turbine and transmission supply chains.



The Western Spirit Clean Line transmission line project represents an **investment of at least \$150 million** that will create a new link between abundant renewable energy resources in New Mexico and areas with strong demand for power. Each of the **counties that host the line will benefit from increased revenue**, which can be used towards schools, roads and other local needs. The project is estimated to pay a total of more than **\$25 million** in property tax payments to New Mexico counties along the route over the **first 40 years of operation** and a total of over **\$1 million** to New Mexico counties along the route in the **first year of operation**.



The project will make possible over a **\$1 billion** of investment in up to **1,000 megawatts** of new renewable power projects that could not otherwise be built due to limitations of the existing electric transmission grid. This is **enough low-cost clean energy to power more than 590,000 homes each year**.



New wind and solar generation allow other generators to run less and burn less fuel, eliminating the need for the equivalent amount of energy derived from fossil fuels, thereby reducing pollution. The Western Spirit Clean Line is estimated **reduce carbon dioxide pollution by more than 1.6 million tons, equivalent to removing over 300,000 cars from the road**.

PROJECT STATUS

In June of 2016, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) granted Clean Line the authority to sell transmission rights on the Western Spirit Clean Line. Receiving this authority from FERC allows Clean Line to negotiate market-based rates with potential customers of the project, likely energy generators in New Mexico or utilities and other load serving entities in the West. Clean Line has partnered with the New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority ("RETA") on the development of the Western Spirit Clean Line. Representing the interest of New Mexico, RETA is authorized by statute to acquire land for the project and to own transmission facilities.

NEXT STEPS

The project is currently well underway. Clean Line will have all necessary authorizations from federal, state, and local governments and agencies for the project by the end of 2017. The project is estimated to be completed and placed in service as early as the fourth quarter of 2018.



WWW.WESTERNSPIRITCLEANLINE.COM

CLEAN LINE
ENERGY PARTNERS

July 2016