



Michael Skelly

PRESIDENT, CLEAN LINE ENERGY

Michael Skelly is the Founder and President of Clean Line Energy, a company focused on building new, long-haul transmission lines that will connect the best renewable energy resources in North America to communities and cities that lack access to new, low-cost renewable power. He serves on the Board of the American Wind Energy Association, the national trade association that represents the interests of America's wind energy industry - the country's fastest growing energy sector.

Michael has a 20 year track record of building effective teams and managing large-scale energy projects from the development phase through operation. Under Michael's leadership, Clean Line became the first company to obtain approval from the U.S. Department of Energy to construct an interstate transmission line project using legislation passed as a part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Prior to founding Clean Line, Michael led the growth of Horizon Wind Energy from a two-person company to one of the largest renewable energy companies in the country. During Michael's tenure at Horizon, the company developed more than 2,600 megawatts of electric projects across the country. Before Horizon, Michael developed thermal, hydroelectric, biomass and wind energy projects in Central America with Energia Global. In the early 1990s, Michael 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.

Michael holds a B.A. in economics from the University of Notre Dame. He served in the U.S. Peace Corps in Central America before obtaining a M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. An avid cyclist, Michael has a passion for quality of life issues and sits on multiple boards throughout Houston all with a mission of expanding greenspaces and transportation options. In 2011, Michael helped lead the "ParksByYou" campaign, which led to the passage of a \$150 million bond measure to fund the build-out of parks and greenways along all of Houston's bayous. Michael and his wife live in Firehouse No. 2, a 1910 brick fire station which they rescued from oblivion in the East End of Houston.