

# Western Energy Partners to build 750-MW gas-plus-PV station in US

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April 8 (SeeNews) - Western Energy Partners LLC said Tuesday it intends to proceed with plans to develop, install and operate a 750-MW gas-plus-solar power plant in San Juan County, New Mexico.

The Clean Path Energy Center LLC complex will include a 680-MW natural gas combined cycle power plant to provide baseload generation and a 70-MW solar photovoltaic (PV) park to provide renewable peaking generation capacity, critical in times of higher system loads. The natural gas-fired facility will be highly flexible and will enhance the viability of intermittent renewable technology in the region, Western Energy noted.

The project is expected to be completed in the middle of 2019, in time to fill part of the gap left by the retirement of aging coal-fueled power plants in the area.

Western Energy Partners has selected Canadian firm SNC-Lavalin Inc as the engineering, construction and procurement (EPC) contractor for the combined cycle power block. New York-based Stonepeak Partners LP, meanwhile, will provide project development support.

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