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(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2020

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission File Number: 001-32576

ITC HOLDINGS CORP.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Michigan

32-0058047

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**27175 Energy Way
Novi, MI 48377**

(Address Of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

(248) 946-3000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
None	None	None

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No * (Note: the Registrant is a voluntary filer and has not been subject to the filing requirements under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the preceding 12 months.)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	Accelerated filer	Non-accelerated filer	Smaller reporting company	Emerging growth company
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If an emerging growth company, indicated by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

All shares of outstanding common stock of ITC Holdings Corp. are held by its parent company, ITC Investment Holdings Inc., which is an indirect majority owned subsidiary of Fortis Inc. There were 224,203,112 shares of common stock, no par value, outstanding as of October 29, 2020.

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DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise noted or the context requires, all references in this report to:

ITC Holdings Corp. and its subsidiaries

- “ITC Great Plains” are references to ITC Great Plains, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ITC Holdings;
- “ITC Holdings” are references to ITC Holdings Corp. and not any of its subsidiaries;
- “ITC Interconnection” are references to ITC Interconnection LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ITC Holdings;
- “ITC Midwest” are references to ITC Midwest LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ITC Holdings;
- “ITCTransmission” are references to International Transmission Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ITC Holdings;
- “METC” are references to Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of MTH;
- “MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries” are references to ITCTransmission, METC and ITC Midwest together;
- “MTH” are references to Michigan Transco Holdings, LLC, the sole member of METC and a wholly-owned subsidiary of ITC Holdings;
- “Regulated Operating Subsidiaries” are references to ITCTransmission, METC, ITC Midwest, ITC Great Plains and ITC Interconnection together; and
- “Company,” “we,” “our” and “us” are references to ITC Holdings together with all of its subsidiaries.

Other definitions

- “AFUDC” are references to an allowance for funds used during construction;
- “ALJ” are references to an administrative law judge;
- “AOCT” are references to accumulated other comprehensive income or (loss);
- “Consumers Energy” are references to Consumers Energy Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CMS Energy Corporation;
- “COVID-19” are references to the Coronavirus disease 2019 that the World Health Organization declared a pandemic in March 2020;
- “D.C. Circuit Court” are references to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit;
- “DCF” are references to discounted cash flow;
- “DTE Electric” are references to DTE Electric Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of DTE Energy Company;
- “ESPP” are references to the Fortis Amended and Restated 2012 Employee Share Purchase Plan;
- “FASB” are references to the Financial Accounting Standards Board;
- “FERC” are references to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission;
- “Fortis” are references to Fortis Inc.;
- “FortisUS” are references to FortisUS Inc., an indirect subsidiary of Fortis;
- “Formula Rate” are references to a FERC-approved formula template used to calculate an annual revenue requirement;
- “FPA” are references to the Federal Power Act;
- “GAAP” are references to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America;
- “GIC” are references to GIC Private Limited;
- “Initial Complaint” are references to a November 2013 complaint to the FERC under Section 206 of the FPA regarding the base ROE;

- “ITC Investment Holdings” are references to ITC Investment Holdings Inc., a majority owned indirect subsidiary of Fortis in which GIC has an indirect minority ownership interest;
- “IP&L” are references to Interstate Power and Light Company, an Alliant Energy Corporation subsidiary;
- “IRS” are references to the Internal Revenue Service;
- “ISO” are references to Independent System Operators;
- “KCC” are references to the Kansas Corporation Commission;
- “kW” are references to kilowatts (one kilowatt equaling 1,000 watts);
- “LIBOR” are references to the London Interbank Offered Rate;
- “May 2020 Order” are references to an order issued by the FERC on May 21, 2020 regarding MISO ROE Complaints;
- “MISO” are references to the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc., a FERC-approved RTO which oversees the operation of the bulk power transmission system for a substantial portion of the Midwestern United States and Manitoba, Canada, and of which ITCTransmission, METC and ITC Midwest are members;
- “MISO ROE Complaints” are references to the Initial Complaint and the Second Complaint;
- “NERC” are references to the North American Electric Reliability Corporation;
- “NOPR” are references to a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued by the FERC;
- “November 2018 Order” are references to an order issued by the FERC on November 15, 2018 regarding MISO ROE Complaints;
- “November 2019 Order” are references to an order issued by the FERC on November 21, 2019 regarding MISO ROE Complaints;
- “PBU” are references to a performance-based unit;
- “PCBs” are references to polychlorinated biphenyls;
- “ROE” are references to return on equity;
- “RTO” are references to Regional Transmission Organizations;
- “SBU” are references to a service-based unit;
- “SEC” are references to the Securities and Exchange Commission;
- “Second Complaint” are references to an additional complaint filed on February 12, 2015 with the FERC under Section 206 of the FPA regarding the base ROE;
- “September 2016 Order” are references to an order issued by the FERC on September 28, 2016 regarding the Initial Complaint;
- “SOFR” are references to the Secured Overnight Financing Rate;
- “SPP” are references to Southwest Power Pool, Inc., a FERC-approved RTO which oversees the operation of the bulk power transmission system for a substantial portion of the South Central United States, and of which ITC Great Plains is a member; and
- “TO” are references to transmission owner.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ITC HOLDINGS CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION (UNAUDITED)

(in millions, except share data)	September 30, 2020	December 31, 2019
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22	\$ 4
Accounts receivable	124	117
Inventory	39	39
Regulatory assets	44	12
Prepaid and other current assets	15	15
Total current assets	244	187
Property, plant and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$2,049 and \$1,930, respectively)	9,060	8,582
Other assets		
Goodwill	950	950
Intangible assets (net of accumulated amortization of \$45 and \$42, respectively)	30	33
Regulatory assets	206	229
Other assets	84	77
Total other assets	1,270	1,289
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 10,574	\$ 10,058
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 133	\$ 82
Accrued compensation	52	61
Accrued interest	67	48
Accrued taxes	34	66
Regulatory liabilities	31	123
Refundable deposits and advances for construction	34	27
Debt maturing within one year	110	235
Other current liabilities	18	16
Total current liabilities	479	658
Accrued pension and postretirement liabilities	74	73
Deferred income taxes	977	873
Regulatory liabilities	624	584
Refundable deposits	58	19
Other liabilities	44	47
Long-term debt	6,044	5,572
Commitments and contingent liabilities (Notes 5 and 13)		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	8,300	7,826
STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY		
Common stock, without par value, 235,000,000 shares authorized, 224,203,112 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019	892	892
Retained earnings	1,391	1,333
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	(9)	7
Total stockholder's equity	2,274	2,232
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY	\$ 10,574	\$ 10,058

See notes to condensed consolidated interim financial statements (unaudited).

ITC HOLDINGS CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)

(in millions)	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
OPERATING REVENUES				
Transmission and other services	\$ 378	\$ 354	\$ 1,008	\$ 931
Formula rate true-up	(66)	(33)	(32)	17
Total operating revenues	312	321	976	948
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Operation and maintenance	19	31	66	88
General and administrative	30	35	89	111
Depreciation and amortization	55	51	163	149
Taxes other than income taxes	31	30	93	89
Other operating (income) and expenses, net	(1)	—	(1)	—
Total operating expenses	134	147	410	437
OPERATING INCOME	178	174	566	511
OTHER EXPENSES (INCOME)				
Interest expense, net	62	60	178	183
Allowance for equity funds used during construction	(7)	(7)	(19)	(23)
Other (income) and expenses, net	(1)	—	(2)	(1)
Total other expenses (income)	54	53	157	159
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	124	121	409	352
INCOME TAX PROVISION	32	23	104	83
NET INCOME	92	98	305	269
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME				
Derivative instruments, net of tax (Note 10)	1	(1)	(16)	—
TOTAL OTHER COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME, NET OF TAX	1	(1)	(16)	—
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	<u>\$ 93</u>	<u>\$ 97</u>	<u>\$ 289</u>	<u>\$ 269</u>

See notes to condensed consolidated interim financial statements (unaudited).

ITC HOLDINGS CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY
(UNAUDITED)

(in millions)	Common Stock	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total Stockholder's Equity
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2018	\$ 892	\$ 1,155	\$ 4	\$ 2,051
Net income	—	84	—	84
Dividends to ITC Investment Holdings Inc.	—	(72)	—	(72)
BALANCE, MARCH 31, 2019	892	1,167	4	2,063
Net income	—	87	—	87
Dividends to ITC Investment Holdings Inc.	—	(73)	—	(73)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax (Note 10)	—	—	1	1
BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2019	892	1,181	5	2,078
Net income	—	98	—	98
Dividends to ITC Investment Holdings Inc.	—	(52)	—	(52)
Other comprehensive (loss), net of tax (Note 10)	—	—	(1)	(1)
BALANCE, SEPTEMBER 30, 2019	<u>\$ 892</u>	<u>\$ 1,227</u>	<u>\$ 4</u>	<u>\$ 2,123</u>
BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2019	\$ 892	\$ 1,333	\$ 7	\$ 2,232
Net income	—	92	—	92
Dividends to ITC Investment Holdings Inc.	—	(82)	—	(82)
Other comprehensive (loss), net of tax (Note 10)	—	—	(16)	(16)
BALANCE, MARCH 31, 2020	892	1,343	(9)	2,226
Net income	—	121	—	121
Dividends to ITC Investment Holdings Inc.	—	(83)	—	(83)
Other comprehensive (loss), net of tax (Note 10)	—	—	(1)	(1)
BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2020	892	1,381	(10)	2,263
Net income	—	92	—	92
Dividends to ITC Investment Holdings Inc.	—	(82)	—	(82)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax (Note 10)	—	—	1	1
BALANCE, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020	<u>\$ 892</u>	<u>\$ 1,391</u>	<u>\$ (9)</u>	<u>\$ 2,274</u>

See notes to condensed consolidated interim financial statements (unaudited).

ITC HOLDINGS CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

(in millions)	Nine months ended September 30, 2020	
	2020	2019
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income	\$ 305	\$ 269
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization expense	163	149
Recognition, refund and collection of revenue accruals and deferrals — including accrued interest	3	(27)
Deferred income tax expense	106	82
Allowance for equity funds used during construction	(19)	(23)
Share-based compensation	20	24
Other	3	7
Changes in assets and liabilities, exclusive of changes shown separately:		
Accounts receivable	(11)	(20)
Accounts payable	1	(6)
Accrued compensation	(15)	6
Accrued interest	18	8
Accrued taxes	(30)	(19)
Net refund payments and adjustments related to return on equity complaints	(65)	6
Other current and non-current assets and liabilities, net	(12)	(6)
Net cash provided by operating activities	467	450
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Expenditures for property, plant and equipment	(569)	(682)
Contributions in aid of construction	2	5
Other	—	1
Net cash used in investing activities	(567)	(676)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Issuance of long-term debt	880	175
Borrowings under revolving credit agreements	1,145	787
Borrowings under term loan credit agreements	275	200
Net (repayment) issuance of commercial paper	(200)	243
Retirement of long-term debt — including extinguishment of debt costs	—	(203)
Repayments of revolving credit agreements	(1,347)	(786)
Repayment of term loan credit agreement	(400)	—
Dividends to ITC Investment Holdings Inc.	(247)	(197)
Refundable deposits from generators for transmission network upgrades	53	13
Settlement of interest rate swaps	(23)	—
Other	(16)	(10)
Net cash provided by financing activities	120	222
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH	20	(4)
CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH — Beginning of period	6	10
CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH — End of period	\$ 26	\$ 6

See notes to condensed consolidated interim financial statements (unaudited).

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

1. GENERAL

ITC Holdings and its subsidiaries are engaged in the transmission of electricity in the United States. Through our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries, we own and operate high-voltage electric transmission systems in Michigan's Lower Peninsula and portions of Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma that transmit electricity from generating stations to local distribution facilities connected to our transmission systems. ITC Holdings is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ITC Investment Holdings.

Basis of Presentation

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the notes to the consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019 included in ITC Holdings' annual report on Form 10-K for such period.

The accompanying condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared using GAAP and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of SEC Regulation S-X as they apply to interim financial information. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and notes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. These accounting principles require us to use estimates and assumptions that impact the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from our estimates.

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements are unaudited but, in our opinion, include all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) necessary for a fair statement of the results for the interim period. The interim financial results are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for any other interim period or the fiscal year.

Recent Developments Regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic. Efforts to control the recent outbreak of COVID-19 have resulted in impacts to businesses and facilities in various industries around the world, such as operating restrictions and closures, and disruptions to the global economy and supply chains. The COVID-19 pandemic has and will continue to impact our customers throughout our operating footprint. To date, COVID-19 has not had a material impact on our net income. However, we have implemented various temporary cost saving measures related to operating expenses, including operation and maintenance expenses and general and administrative expenses, in an attempt to reduce costs that are collected from customers through our Formula Rates.

The duration of COVID-19 and the extent of such impact on our operations is unknown at this time. We are continuing to monitor developments involving our workforce, customers and suppliers and cannot predict whether COVID-19 will have a material impact on our consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial condition. We are also monitoring the evolving situation and guidance from federal, state and local public health authorities. We are taking steps to mitigate the potential risks to us posed by COVID-19 and are following all government requirements to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

Monthly Network Peak Load

For our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries, monthly network peak loads are used for billing network revenues, which currently is the largest component of our operating revenues. One of the primary factors that impacts our collection of revenues is actual monthly network peak load, which is impacted by a number of factors including network usage and weather. Although monthly network peak loads do not impact our recognition of operating revenues, actual network load affects the timing of collection of our cash flows from transmission service. During March and April of 2020, the period of most significant business disruption to date, actual monthly network peak load for our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries was down ranging from as much as 9% to 26% across each of the operating companies as compared to pre-COVID-19 forecasted load. This decrease was primarily as a result of reductions in, or suspension of, operations for many businesses and facilities in our operating footprint due to COVID-19. We are unable to predict the possible future impacts of COVID-19, weather and other factors on monthly network peak loads at our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries.

2. RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

Recently Adopted Pronouncements

Accounting for Cloud Computing Arrangements

In August 2018, the FASB issued authoritative guidance to address the accounting for implementation costs incurred in a cloud computing agreement that is a service contract. The new standard aligns the accounting for implementation costs incurred in a cloud computing arrangement as a service contract with existing guidance on capitalizing costs associated with developing or obtaining internal-use software. In addition, the new guidance requires entities to expense capitalized implementation costs of a cloud computing arrangement that is a service contract over the term of the agreement and to present the expense in the same income statement line item as the hosting fees. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019 with either prospective or retrospective adoption permitted. We adopted the standard prospectively on January 1, 2020. Adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on our condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

3. REVENUE

Our total revenues are comprised of revenues which arise from three classifications including transmission services, other services, and Formula Rate true-up. As other services revenue is immaterial, it is presented in combination with transmission services on the condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income.

Transmission Services

Through our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries, we generate nearly all our revenue from providing electric transmission services over our transmission systems. As independent transmission companies, our transmission services are provided and revenues are received based on our tariffs, as approved by the FERC. The transmission revenue requirements at our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries are set annually using Formula Rates and remain in effect for a one-year period. By updating the inputs to the formula and resulting rates on an annual basis, the revenues at our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries reflect changing operating data and financial performance, including the amount of network load on their transmission systems (for our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries), operating expenses and additions to property, plant and equipment when placed in service, among other items.

We recognize revenue for transmission services over time as transmission services are provided to customers (generally using an output measure of progress based on transmission load delivered). Customers simultaneously receive and consume the benefits provided by the Regulated Operating Subsidiaries' services. We recognize revenue in the amount to which we have the right to invoice because we have a right to consideration in an amount that corresponds directly with the value to the customer of performance completed to date. As billing agents, MISO and SPP independently bill our customers on a monthly basis and collect fees for the use of our transmission systems. No component of the transaction price is allocated to unsatisfied performance obligations.

Transmission service revenue includes an estimate for unbilled revenues from service that has been provided but not billed by the end of an accounting period. Unbilled revenues are dependent upon a number of factors that require management's judgment including estimates of transmission network load (for the MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries) and preliminary information provided by billing agents. Due to the seasonal fluctuations of actual load, the unbilled revenue amount generally increases during the spring and summer and decreases during the fall and winter. See Note 4 for information on changes in unbilled accounts receivable.

Other Services

Other services revenue consists of rental revenues, easement revenues, and amounts from providing ancillary services. A portion of other services revenue is treated as a revenue credit and reduces gross revenue requirement when calculating net revenue requirement under our Formula Rates. Total other services revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 were \$1 million. Total other services revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 were \$4 million and \$5 million, respectively.

Formula Rate True-Up

The true-up mechanism under our Formula Rates is considered an alternative revenue program of a rate-regulated utility given it permits our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries to adjust future rates in response to past activities or completed events in order to collect our actual revenue requirements under our Formula Rates. In accordance with our accounting

policy, only the current year origination of the true-up is reported as a Formula Rate true-up. See “Cost-Based Formula Rates with True-Up Mechanism” in Note 5 for more information on our Formula Rates.

4. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The following table presents the components of accounts receivable on the condensed consolidated statements of financial position:

(in millions)	September 30, 2020	December 31, 2019
Trade accounts receivable	\$ 2	\$ 2
Unbilled accounts receivable	112	102
Due from affiliates	1	1
Other	9	12
Total accounts receivable	<u>\$ 124</u>	<u>\$ 117</u>

5. REGULATORY MATTERS

Cost-Based Formula Rates with True-Up Mechanism

The transmission revenue requirements at our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries are set annually using Formula Rates and remain in effect for a one-year period. By updating the inputs to the formula and resulting rates on an annual basis, the revenues at our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries reflect changing operational data and financial performance, including the amount of network load on their transmission systems (for our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries), operating expenses and additions to property, plant and equipment when placed in service, among other items. The formula used to derive the rates does not require further action or FERC filings each year, although the formula inputs remain subject to legal challenge at the FERC. Our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries will continue to use the formula to calculate their respective annual revenue requirements unless the FERC determines the resulting rates to be unjust and unreasonable and another mechanism is determined by the FERC to be just and reasonable. See “Rate of Return on Equity Complaints” in Note 13 for detail on ROE matters for our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries and “Incentive Adders for Transmission Rates” discussed in Note 5 herein.

The cost-based Formula Rates at our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries include a true-up mechanism that compares the actual revenue requirements of our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries to their billed revenues for each year to determine any over- or under-collection of revenue requirements. Revenue is recognized for services provided during each reporting period based on actual revenue requirements calculated using the formula. Our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries accrue or defer revenues to the extent that the actual revenue requirement for the reporting period is higher or lower, respectively, than the amounts billed relating to that reporting period. The amount of accrued or deferred revenues is reflected in future revenue requirements and thus flows through to customer bills within two years under the provisions of our Formula Rates.

The net changes in regulatory assets and liabilities associated with our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries’ Formula Rate revenue accruals and deferrals, including accrued interest, were as follows during the nine months ended September 30, 2020:

(in millions)	Total
Net regulatory assets as of December 31, 2019	\$ 3
Net refund of 2018 revenue deferrals and accruals, including accrued interest	30
Net revenue deferral for the nine months ended September 30, 2020	(32)
Net accrued interest payable for the nine months ended September 30, 2020	(1)
Net regulatory assets as of September 30, 2020	<u>\$ —</u>

Regulatory assets and liabilities associated with our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries' Formula Rate revenue accruals and deferrals, including accrued interest, are recorded in the condensed consolidated statements of financial position as follows:

(in millions)	September 30, 2020	December 31, 2019
Current regulatory assets	\$ 35	\$ 12
Non-current regulatory assets	18	43
Current regulatory liabilities	(14)	(51)
Non-current regulatory liabilities	(39)	(1)
Net regulatory assets	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>

Incentive Adders for Transmission Rates

The FERC has authorized the use of ROE incentives, or adders, that can be applied to the rates of TOs when certain conditions are met. Our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries and ITC Great Plains utilize ROE adders related to independent transmission ownership and RTO participation.

MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries

On April 20, 2018, Consumers Energy, IP&L, Midwest Municipal Transmission Group, Missouri River Energy Services, Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency and WPPI Energy filed a complaint with the FERC under section 206 of the FPA, challenging the adders for independent transmission ownership that are included in transmission rates charged by the MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries. The adders for independent transmission ownership allowed up to 50 basis points or 100 basis points to be added to the MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries' authorized ROE, subject to any ROE cap established by the FERC. On October 18, 2018, the FERC issued an order granting the complaint in part, setting revised adders for independent transmission ownership for each of the MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries to 25 basis points, and requiring the MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries to include the revised adders, effective April 20, 2018, in their Formula Rates. In addition, the order directed the MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries to provide refunds, with interest, for the period from April 20, 2018 through October 18, 2018. The MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries began reflecting the 25 basis point adder for independent transmission ownership in transmission rates in November 2018. Refunds of \$7 million were primarily made in the fourth quarter of 2018 and were completed in the first quarter of 2019. The MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries sought rehearing of the FERC's October 18, 2018 order, and on July 18, 2019, the FERC denied the rehearing request. On September 11, 2019, the MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries filed an appeal of the FERC's order in the D.C. Circuit Court. On December 16, 2019, the D.C. Circuit Court established a briefing schedule for the appeal. An initial brief was filed on January 27, 2020 and a reply brief was filed on April 24, 2020. Oral argument on the appeal was held on September 23, 2020. We do not expect the final resolution of this proceeding to have a material adverse impact on our consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial condition.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, the authorized incentive adders for the MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries included a 25 basis point adder for independent ownership and a 50 basis point adder for RTO participation. See Note 13 for information regarding the MISO ROE Complaints and the associated impact to the base ROE of our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries.

ITC Great Plains

On June 11, 2019, KCC filed a complaint with the FERC under section 206 of the FPA, challenging the ROE adder for independent transmission ownership that is included in the transmission rate charged by ITC Great Plains. The complaint argues that because ITC Great Plains is similarly situated to our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries with respect to ownership by Fortis and GIC, the same rationale by which the FERC lowered the MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries adders for independent transmission ownership, as discussed above, also applies to ITC Great Plains. The adder for independent transmission ownership allows up to 100 basis points to be added to the ITC Great Plains authorized ROE, subject to any ROE cap established by the FERC. ITC Great Plains filed an answer to the complaint on July 1, 2019 asking the FERC to deny the complaint since KCC showed no evidence that ITC Great Plains' independence or the benefits it provides as an independent TO has been compromised or reduced as a result of the Fortis and GIC acquisition. On July 16, 2020, the FERC issued an order granting the complaint, setting the revised adder for independent transmission ownership for ITC Great Plains to 25 basis points, and requiring ITC Great Plains to include the revised adder, effective June 11, 2019, in their Formula Rates. In addition, the order directed ITC Great Plains to provide refunds, with interest, for the

period from June 11, 2019 through July 16, 2020 within 60 days of the date of the order. On September 15, 2020, the FERC granted an extension to issue refunds until November 19, 2020. On August 17, 2020, ITC Great Plains filed a request for rehearing of the order and on September 17, 2020, the FERC denied the rehearing request. As of September 30, 2020, we have recorded a current regulatory liability of \$3 million related to this complaint. We do not expect the final resolution of this proceeding to have a material adverse impact on our consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial condition.

For periods presented in the condensed consolidated financial statements prior to the issuance of the FERC order on July 16, 2020, the authorized ROE used by ITC Great Plains was 12.16% and was composed of a base ROE of 10.66% with a 100 basis point adder for independent transmission ownership and a 50 basis point adder for RTO participation. Based on the July 16, 2020 order, the authorized ROE used by ITC Great Plains was revised to 11.41% and is composed of a base ROE of 10.66% with a 25 basis point adder for independent transmission ownership and a 50 basis point adder for RTO participation.

Rate of Return on Equity Complaints

See “Rate of Return on Equity Complaints” in Note 13 for a discussion of the MISO ROE Complaints.

6. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Goodwill

At September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, we had goodwill balances recorded at ITC Transmission, METC and ITC Midwest of \$173 million, \$454 million and \$323 million, respectively, which resulted from the ITC Transmission and METC acquisitions and ITC Midwest’s acquisition of the IP&L transmission assets, respectively.

Intangible Assets

We have recorded intangible assets as a result of the METC acquisition in 2006. The carrying value of these assets was \$17 million and \$19 million (net of accumulated amortization of \$42 million and \$40 million) as of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively.

We have also recorded intangible assets for payments made by and obligations of ITC Great Plains to certain TOs to acquire rights, which are required under the SPP tariff to designate ITC Great Plains to build, own and operate projects within the SPP region, including regional cost sharing projects in Kansas. The carrying amount of these intangible assets was \$13 million and \$14 million (net of accumulated amortization of \$3 million and \$2 million) as of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively.

We recognized \$1 million of amortization expense of our intangible assets during each of the three months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, and recognized \$3 million and \$2 million of amortization expense of our intangible assets during the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. For the balance of intangible assets recorded as of September 30, 2020, we expect the annual amortization of these assets to be \$3 million per year for each of the next five years.

7. DEBT

ITC Holdings

Senior Unsecured Notes

On May 14, 2020, ITC Holdings completed the private offering of \$700 million aggregate principal amount of unsecured 2.95% Senior Notes, due May 14, 2030. The net proceeds from this offering were used to repay the amount outstanding under ITC Holdings’ \$400 million term loan credit agreement, to repay \$122 million under ITC Holdings’ revolving credit agreement, and to repay \$92 million under ITC Holdings’ commercial paper program, with remaining proceeds to be used for general corporate purposes. These Senior Notes were issued under ITC Holdings’ indenture, dated April 18, 2013.

Term Loan Credit Agreement

On June 12, 2019, ITC Holdings entered into an unsecured, unguaranteed \$400 million term loan credit agreement with a maturity date of June 11, 2021, under which ITC Holdings initially borrowed \$200 million. The proceeds were used for the early redemption of the \$200 million 5.50% Senior Notes due January 15, 2020. In January 2020, ITC Holdings drew upon the remaining \$200 million under the term loan credit agreement to repay outstanding commercial paper balances. These borrowings were repaid in full in May 2020 from the proceeds of the ITC Holdings Senior Notes issued on May 14, 2020. The weighted-average interest rate throughout the life of the loan was 2.27%.

Commercial Paper Program

ITC Holdings has an ongoing commercial paper program for the issuance and sale of unsecured commercial paper in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$400 million outstanding at any one time. Borrowings under ITC Holdings' \$400 million revolving credit facility may be used to repay the notes under the commercial paper program, if necessary. As of September 30, 2020, ITC Holdings did not have any commercial paper issued or outstanding under the program.

METC

Senior Secured Notes

On October 14, 2020, METC issued \$150 million of 3.02% Senior Secured Notes, due October 14, 2055. The proceeds from the issuance were used to repay amounts outstanding under METC's term loan credit agreement, to repay borrowings under its revolving credit agreement, to partially fund capital expenditures and for general corporate purposes. All of METC's Senior Secured Notes are issued under its first mortgage indenture and secured by a first mortgage lien on substantially all of its real property and tangible personal property.

Term Loan Credit Agreement

On January 23, 2020, METC entered into an unsecured, unguaranteed term loan credit agreement, due January 23, 2021, under which METC borrowed the maximum of \$75 million available under the agreement. The proceeds were used for general corporate purposes, primarily the repayment of borrowings under the METC revolving credit agreement. This borrowing was repaid in full on October 14, 2020 from the proceeds of the METC Senior Secured Notes issued on October 14, 2020. The weighted-average interest rate throughout the life of the loan was 1.08%.

ITC Midwest

First Mortgage Bonds

On July 15, 2020, ITC Midwest issued an aggregate of \$180 million of 3.13% First Mortgage Bonds due July 15, 2051. The proceeds were used to partially repay existing indebtedness under the ITC Midwest revolving credit agreement, partially fund capital expenditures and for general corporate purposes. ITC Midwest's First Mortgage Bonds were issued under its first mortgage and deed of trust and secured by a first mortgage lien on substantially all of its real property and tangible personal property.

Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

In May 2020, we terminated \$450 million of 5-year interest rate swap contracts that managed the interest rate risk associated with the ITC Holdings \$700 million Senior Notes with a maturity date of May 14, 2030. A summary of the terminated interest rate swaps is provided below:

Interest Rate Swaps (in millions, except percentages)	Notional Amount	Weighted Average Fixed Rate of Interest Rate Swaps	Comparable Reference Rate of Notes	Loss on Derivatives	Settlement Date
5-year interest rate swaps	\$ 450	1.41 %	0.38%	\$ 23	May 2020

The interest rate swaps qualified for cash flow hedge accounting treatment and the cumulative pre-tax loss of \$23 million was recognized in May 2020 for the effective portion of the hedges and recorded net of tax in AOCI. This amount is being amortized as a component of interest expense over the initial five years of the term of the related debt. Consistent with our accounting policy, the swap settlement payment was recognized within cash flows from financing activities in the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows. At September 30, 2020, ITC Holdings did not have any interest rate swaps outstanding.

Revolving Credit Agreements

At September 30, 2020, ITC Holdings and certain of its Regulated Operating Subsidiaries had the following unsecured revolving credit facilities available:

(in millions)	Total Available Capacity	Outstanding Balance (a)	Unused Capacity	Weighted Average Interest Rate on Outstanding Balance (b)	Commitment Fee Rate (c)
ITC Holdings	\$ 400	\$ —	\$ 400 (d)	—%	0.175 %
ITCTransmission	100	16	84	1.1%	0.10 %
METC	100	45	55	1.1%	0.10 %
ITC Midwest	225	7	218	1.1%	0.10 %
ITC Great Plains	75	29	46	1.1%	0.10 %
Total	<u>\$ 900</u>	<u>\$ 97</u>	<u>\$ 803</u>		

- (a) Included within long-term debt in the condensed consolidated statements of financial position.
- (b) Interest charged on borrowings depends on the variable rate structure we elected at the time of each borrowing.
- (c) Calculation based on the average daily unused commitments, subject to adjustment based on the borrower’s credit rating.
- (d) ITC Holdings’ revolving credit agreement may be used for general corporate purposes, including to repay commercial paper issued pursuant to the commercial paper program described above, if necessary.

Revolving Credit Agreement Amendments

On January 10, 2020, ITC Holdings, ITCTransmission, METC, ITC Midwest and ITC Great Plains amended and restated their respective revolving credit agreements each dated October 23, 2017. The amendments extend the maturity date of the revolving credit agreements from October 2022 to October 2023. The determination of the applicable interest rates and commitment fee rates in the new agreements is consistent with the previous agreements as described above and remain subject to adjustment based on the borrower’s credit rating.

8. RETIREMENT BENEFITS AND ASSETS HELD IN TRUST

Pension Plan Benefits

We have a qualified defined benefit pension plan (the “retirement plan”) for eligible employees, comprised of a traditional final average pay plan and a cash balance plan. The traditional final average pay plan is noncontributory, covers select employees, and provides retirement benefits based on years of benefit service, average final compensation and age at retirement. The cash balance plan is also noncontributory, covers substantially all employees and provides retirement benefits based on eligible compensation and interest credits. Our funding practice for the retirement plan is generally to fund the annual net pension cost, though we may contribute additional amounts as necessary to meet the minimum funding requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or as we deem appropriate. During the nine months ended September 30, 2020, we contributed \$4 million to the retirement plan. We do not expect to make any additional contributions to this plan in 2020.

We also have two supplemental nonqualified, noncontributory, defined benefit pension plans for selected management employees (the “supplemental benefit plans” and, collectively with the retirement plan, the “pension plans”). The supplemental benefit plans provide for benefits that supplement those provided by the retirement plan. During the nine months ended September 30, 2020, we contributed \$3 million to the supplemental benefit plans. We do not expect to make any additional contributions to these plans in 2020.

Net periodic benefit cost for the pension plans, by component, was as follows:

(in millions)	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Service cost	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 5	\$ 5
Interest cost	1	2	3	4
Expected return on plan assets	(2)	(2)	(4)	(4)
Amortization of unrecognized loss	1	1	1	1
Net pension cost	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 2</u>	<u>\$ 5</u>	<u>\$ 6</u>

The components of net pension cost other than the service cost component are included in Other (income) and expenses, net in the condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income.

Other Postretirement Benefits

We provide certain postretirement health care, dental and life insurance benefits for eligible employees. During the nine months ended September 30, 2020, we contributed \$8 million to the postretirement benefit plan. We expect to make additional contributions of \$2 million to the postretirement benefit plan during the fourth quarter of 2020.

Net postretirement benefit plan cost, by component, was as follows:

(in millions)	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Service cost	\$ 3	\$ 2	\$ 8	\$ 7
Interest cost	1	1	3	3
Expected return on plan assets	(1)	(1)	(3)	(3)
Net postretirement cost	<u>\$ 3</u>	<u>\$ 2</u>	<u>\$ 8</u>	<u>\$ 7</u>

The components of net postretirement cost other than the service cost component are included in Other (income) and expenses, net in the condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income.

Defined Contribution Plan

We also sponsor a defined contribution retirement savings plan. Participation in this plan is available to substantially all employees. We match employee contributions up to certain predefined limits based upon eligible compensation and the employee's contribution rate. The cost of this plan was \$1 million for each of the three months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, and \$5 million and \$4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

9. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The measurement of fair value is based on a three-tier hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value. These tiers include: Level 1, defined as observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets; Level 2, defined as inputs other than quoted prices in active markets that are either directly or indirectly observable; and Level 3, defined as unobservable inputs in which little or no market data exists, therefore requiring an entity to develop its own assumptions. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another. In such instances, the transfer is reported at the beginning of the reporting period. For the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and the year ended December 31, 2019, there were no transfers between levels.

Our assets are measured at fair value subject to the three-tier hierarchy at September 30, 2020, were as follows:

(in millions)	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using		
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets	Significant Other Observable Inputs	Significant Unobservable Inputs
	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)
Financial assets measured on a recurring basis:			
Mutual funds — fixed income securities	\$ 52	\$ —	\$ —
Mutual funds — equity securities	10	—	—
Total	<u>\$ 62</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

Our assets measured at fair value subject to the three-tier hierarchy at December 31, 2019, were as follows:

(in millions)	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using		
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets	Significant Other Observable Inputs	Significant Unobservable Inputs
	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)
Financial assets measured on a recurring basis:			
Mutual funds — fixed income securities	\$ 50	\$ —	\$ —
Mutual funds — equity securities	8	—	—
Interest rate swap derivatives	—	3	—
Total	<u>\$ 58</u>	<u>\$ 3</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

As of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, we held certain assets that are required to be measured at fair value on a recurring basis. The assets included in the table consist of investments recorded within cash and cash equivalents and other long-term assets, including investments held in a trust associated with our supplemental benefit plans described in Note 8. The mutual funds we own are publicly traded and are recorded at fair value based on observable trades for identical securities in an active market. Changes in the observed trading prices and liquidity of money market funds are monitored as additional support for determining fair value. Gains and losses for all mutual fund investments are recorded in earnings.

The assets related to derivatives consist of interest rate swaps discussed in Note 7. The fair value of our interest rate swap derivatives is determined based on a DCF method using LIBOR swap rates, which are observable at commonly quoted intervals.

We also held non-financial assets that are required to be measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis. These consist of goodwill and intangible assets. We did not record any impairment charges on long-lived assets and no other significant events occurred requiring non-financial assets and liabilities to be measured at fair value (subsequent to initial recognition) during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019. Refer to Note 6 for additional information on our goodwill and intangible assets.

Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Fixed Rate Debt

Based on the borrowing rates obtained from third party lending institutions currently available for bank loans with similar terms and average maturities from active markets, the fair value of our consolidated long-term debt and debt maturing within one year, excluding revolving and term loan credit agreements and commercial paper, was \$7,015 million and \$5,672 million at September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively. These fair values represent Level 2 under the three-tier hierarchy described above. The total book value of our consolidated long-term debt and debt maturing within one year, net of discount and deferred financing fees and excluding revolving and term loan credit agreements and commercial paper, was \$5,982 million and \$5,108 million at September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively.

Revolving and Term Loan Credit Agreements

At September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, we had a consolidated total of \$172 million and \$499 million, respectively, outstanding under our revolving and term loan credit agreements, which are variable rate loans. The fair value

of these loans approximates book value based on the borrowing rates currently available for variable rate loans obtained from third party lending institutions. These fair values represent Level 2 under the three-tier hierarchy described above.

Other Financial Instruments

The carrying value of other financial instruments included in current assets and current liabilities, including cash and cash equivalents, special deposits and commercial paper, approximates their fair value due to the short-term nature of these instruments.

10. STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

The following table provides the components of changes in AOCI:

(in millions)	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Balance at the beginning of period	\$ (10)	\$ 5	\$ 7	\$ 4
<u>Derivative instruments</u>				
Reclassification of net loss relating to interest rate cash flow hedges from AOCI to earnings (net of tax, of less than \$1 for the three months ended September 30, 2020 and \$1 and less than \$1 for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively) (a)	1	—	2	1
Loss on interest rate swaps relating to interest rate cash flow hedges (net of tax of less than \$1 for the three months ended September 30, 2019 and \$8 and less than \$1 for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively)	—	(1)	(18)	(1)
Total other comprehensive income (loss) income, net of tax	1	(1)	(16)	—
Balance at the end of period	<u>\$ (9)</u>	<u>\$ 4</u>	<u>\$ (9)</u>	<u>\$ 4</u>

(a) The reclassification of the net loss relating to interest rate cash flow hedges is reported in interest expense on a pre-tax basis.

The amount of net loss relating to interest rate cash flow hedges to be reclassified from AOCI to earnings for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2021 is expected to be approximately \$4 million (net of tax of \$2 million). The reclassification is reported in Interest expense, net in the condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income on a pre-tax basis.

11. SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYEE SHARE PURCHASE PLAN

Long-Term Incentive Plans

In the first quarter of 2020, 288,239 PBUs and 223,082 SBUs were granted pursuant to our long-term incentive plans. Generally, each PBU and SBU granted is valued based on one share of Fortis common stock traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange, converted to U.S. dollars and settled only in cash. However, SBUs granted to the executives may settle in cash, 100% Fortis common stock, or 50% cash and 50% Fortis common stock depending on executives' settlement elections and whether certain share ownership requirements are met. The awards are classified as liability awards and vest on the date specified in a particular grant agreement, provided the service and performance criteria, as applicable, are satisfied. The PBUs and SBUs earn dividend equivalents which are also re-measured and settled consistent with the target award at the end of the vesting period. The granted awards and related dividend equivalents have no shareholder rights.

The aggregate fair value of all outstanding PBUs and SBUs as of September 30, 2020 was \$56 million and \$28 million, respectively. At September 30, 2020, the total unrecognized compensation cost related to the PBUs and SBUs was \$19 million and \$11 million, respectively.

Employee Share Purchase Plan

We have an ESPP plan which enables ITC employees to purchase shares of Fortis common stock. Our cost of the plan is based on the value of our contribution, as additional compensation to a participating employee, equal to 10% of an employee's contribution up to a maximum annual contribution of 1% of an employee's base pay and an amount equal to 10% of all dividends paid on the Fortis shares allocated to an employee's ESPP account. The cost of ITC Holdings' contribution for each of the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 was less than \$1 million.

12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Intercompany Receivables and Payables

ITC Holdings may incur charges from Fortis and other subsidiaries of Fortis that are not subsidiaries of ITC Holdings for general corporate expenses incurred. In addition, ITC Holdings may perform additional services for, or receive additional services from, Fortis and such subsidiaries. These transactions are in the normal course of business and payments for these services are settled through accounts receivable and accounts payable, as necessary. We had intercompany receivables from Fortis and such subsidiaries of less than \$1 million at September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, and intercompany payables to Fortis and such subsidiaries of less than \$1 million at September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019.

Related party charges for corporate expenses from Fortis and such subsidiaries are recorded in general and administrative expenses in the condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income. Such expense for each of the three months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 for ITC Holdings was \$3 million and \$2 million, respectively, and for each of the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 were \$8 million. Related party billings for services to Fortis and other subsidiaries, recorded as an offset to general and administrative expenses for ITC Holdings, were less than \$1 million and \$1 million for each of the three months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, and \$1 million for each of the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019.

Dividends

During the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, we paid dividends of \$247 million and \$197 million, respectively, to ITC Investment Holdings. We also paid dividends of \$83 million to ITC Investment Holdings in October 2020.

Intercompany Tax Sharing Agreement

We are organized as a corporation for tax purposes and subject to a tax sharing agreement as a wholly-owned subsidiary of ITC Investment Holdings. Additionally, we record income taxes based on our separate company tax position and make or receive tax-related payments with ITC Investment Holdings. In April 2020, ITC Holdings paid \$2 million to ITC Investment Holdings for matters related to the State of Michigan income taxes. In August 2020, we received a payment of \$2 million from FortisUS for a tax refund that originated prior to establishing the tax sharing agreement.

13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Environmental Matters

We are subject to federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations, which impose limitations on the discharge of pollutants into the environment, establish standards for the management, treatment, storage, transportation and disposal of solid and hazardous wastes and hazardous materials, and impose obligations to investigate and remediate contamination in certain circumstances. Liabilities relating to investigation and remediation of contamination, as well as other liabilities concerning hazardous materials or contamination, such as claims for personal injury or property damage, may arise at many locations, including formerly owned or operated properties and sites where wastes have been treated or disposed of, as well as properties currently owned or operated by us. Such liabilities may arise even where the contamination does not result from noncompliance with applicable environmental laws. Under some environmental laws, such liabilities may also be joint and several, meaning that a party can be held responsible for more than its share of the liability involved, or even the entire share. Although environmental requirements generally have become more stringent and compliance with those requirements more expensive, we are not aware of any specific developments that would increase our costs for such compliance in a manner that would be expected to have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition or liquidity.

Our assets and operations also involve the use of materials classified as hazardous, toxic or otherwise dangerous. Many of the properties that we own or operate have been used for many years and include older facilities and equipment that may be more likely than newer ones to contain or be made from such materials. Some of these properties include aboveground or underground storage tanks and associated piping. Some of them also include large electrical equipment filled with mineral oil, which may contain or previously have contained PCBs. Our facilities and equipment are often situated on or near property owned by others so that, if they are the source of contamination, others' property may be affected. For example, aboveground and underground transmission lines sometimes traverse properties that we do not own and transmission assets that we own or operate are sometimes commingled at our transmission stations with distribution assets owned or operated by our transmission customers.

Some properties in which we have an ownership interest or at which we operate are, or are suspected of being, affected by environmental contamination. We are not aware of any pending or threatened claims against us with respect to environmental contamination relating to these properties, or of any investigation or remediation of contamination at these properties, that entail costs likely to materially affect us. Some facilities and properties are located near environmentally sensitive areas such as wetlands.

Litigation

We are involved in certain legal proceedings before various courts, governmental agencies and mediation panels concerning matters arising in the ordinary course of business. These proceedings include certain contract disputes, eminent domain and vegetation management activities, regulatory matters and pending judicial matters. We cannot predict the final disposition of such proceedings. We regularly review legal matters and record provisions for claims that are considered probable of loss.

Rate of Return on Equity Complaints

Two complaints were filed with the FERC by combinations of consumer advocates, consumer groups, municipal parties and other parties challenging the base ROE in MISO. The complaints were filed with the FERC under Section 206 of the FPA requesting that the FERC find the MISO regional base ROE rate (the "base ROE") for all MISO TO's, including our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries, to no longer be just and reasonable.

Initial Complaint

On November 12, 2013, the Association of Businesses Advocating Tariff Equity, Coalition of MISO Transmission Customers, Illinois Industrial Energy Consumers, Indiana Industrial Energy Consumers, Inc., Minnesota Large Industrial Group and Wisconsin Industrial Energy Group (collectively, the "complainants") filed the Initial Complaint with the FERC. The complainants sought a FERC order to reduce the base ROE used in the formula transmission rates for our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries to 9.15%, reducing the equity component of our capital structure and terminating the ROE adders approved for certain Regulated Operating Subsidiaries. The FERC set the base ROE for hearing and settlement procedures, while denying all other aspects of the Initial Complaint. The ROE collected through the MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries' rates during the period November 12, 2013 through September 27, 2016 consisted of a base ROE of 12.38% plus applicable incentive adders.

On September 28, 2016, the FERC issued the September 2016 Order that set the base ROE at 10.32%, with a maximum ROE of 11.35%, effective for the period from November 12, 2013 through February 11, 2015 based on a two-step DCF methodology adopted in previous complaint matters for other utilities. The September 2016 Order required our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries to provide refunds, including interest, which were completed in 2017. Additionally, the base ROE established by the September 2016 Order was to be used prospectively from the date of that order until a new approved base ROE was established by the FERC. On October 28, 2016, the MISO TOs, including our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries, filed a request with the FERC for rehearing of the September 2016 Order regarding the short-term growth projections in the two-step DCF analysis. Additional impacts to the base ROE for the period of the Initial Complaint and the related accrued refund liabilities resulted from the November 2019 Order and May 2020 Order issued by the FERC, as discussed below.

Second Complaint

On February 12, 2015, the Second Complaint was filed with the FERC by Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation, Mississippi Delta Energy Agency, Clarksdale Public Utilities Commission, Public Service Commission of Yazoo City and Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., seeking a FERC order to reduce the base ROE used in the formula transmission rates of our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries to 8.67%, with an effective date of February 12, 2015.

On June 30, 2016, the presiding ALJ issued an initial decision that recommended a base ROE of 9.70% for the refund period from February 12, 2015 through May 11, 2016, with a maximum ROE of 10.68%, which also would be applicable going forward from the date of a final FERC order. The Second Complaint was dismissed as a result of the November 2019 Order and the dismissal of the complaint was reaffirmed in the May 2020 Order, as discussed below.

Related FERC Orders

In April 2017, the D.C. Circuit Court vacated certain precedent-setting FERC orders that established and applied the two-step DCF methodology for the determination of base ROE for ISO New England TOs. The court remanded the orders to the FERC for further justification of its establishment of the new base ROE for the ISO New England TOs. The vacated orders in the ISO New England matters also provided the precedent for the September 2016 Order on the Initial Complaint and the ALJ initial decision on the Second Complaint for our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries. On October 16, 2018, in the New England matters, the FERC issued an order on remand which proposed a new methodology for 1) determining when an existing ROE is no longer just and reasonable; and 2) setting a new just and reasonable ROE if an existing ROE has been found not to be just and reasonable.

The FERC issued a similar order, the November 2018 Order, in the MISO ROE Complaints, establishing a paper hearing on the application of the proposed new methodology to the proceedings pending before the FERC involving the ROE of the MISO TOs, including our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries. The November 2018 Order included illustrative, non-binding calculations for the ROE that could have been established for the Initial Complaint using the FERC's proposed methodology. The November 2018 Order and our response to the order through briefs and reply briefs did not provide a reasonable basis for a change to the reserve or ROEs utilized for any of the complaint refund periods nor all subsequent periods.

November 2019 Order

On November 21, 2019, the FERC issued an order in the MISO ROE Complaints. The FERC did not adopt the methodology proposed in the November 2018 Order, but rather applied a methodology to the Initial Complaint period that used two financial models to determine the base ROE. The FERC determined that the base ROE for the Initial Complaint should be 9.88% and the top of the range of reasonableness for that period should be 12.24% and that this base ROE should apply during the first refund period of November 12, 2013 to February 11, 2015 and from the date of the September 2016 Order prospectively. In the November 2019 Order, the FERC also dismissed the Second Complaint. Therefore, based on the November 2019 Order, for the Second Complaint refund period from February 12, 2015 to May 11, 2016, no refund is due. As a result, we reversed the aggregate estimated current liability we had previously recorded for the Second Complaint, as noted below in "Financial Statement Impacts". In addition, for the period from May 12, 2016 to September 27, 2016, no refund is due because no complaint had been filed for that period. The FERC ordered refunds to be made in accordance with the November 2019 Order and, on December 18, 2019, the FERC granted an extension until December 23, 2020 for settlement of the refunds. The MISO TOs, including our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries, and several other parties filed requests for rehearing of the November 2019 Order. The MISO TOs filed their request for rehearing primarily on the basis that the methodology applied by the FERC in the November 2019 Order does not allow the MISO TOs to earn a reasonable rate of return on their investment, as required by precedent. On January 21, 2020, the FERC issued an order granting rehearing for further consideration.

May 2020 Order

On May 21, 2020, the FERC issued an order on rehearing of the November 2019 Order. In this order, the FERC revised its November 2019 Order methodology, finding that three financial models should be used to determine the base ROE, among other revisions. By applying the new methodology, FERC determined that the base ROE for the Initial Complaint should be 10.02% and the top of the range of reasonableness for that period should be 12.62%. The FERC determined that this base ROE should apply during the first refund period of November 12, 2013 to February 11, 2015 and from the date of the September 2016 Order prospectively. The FERC ordered refunds to be made in accordance with the May 2020 Order by December 23, 2020, and on October 8, 2020, the FERC granted an extension to September 23, 2021. In the May 2020 Order, the FERC also reaffirmed its decision to dismiss the Second Complaint and its finding that no refunds would be ordered on the Second Complaint. Our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries are parties to multiple appeals of the September 2016 Order, November 2019 Order and May 2020 Order at the D.C. Circuit Court.

Financial Statement Impacts

In the condensed consolidated statements of financial position as of September 30, 2020 we had recorded an aggregate current regulatory asset and current regulatory liability of \$8 million and \$13 million, respectively, and in the consolidated

statements of financial position as of December 31, 2019, we had recorded an aggregate current regulatory liability of \$70 million. These impacts reflect amounts due to customers under the terms outlined in the May 2020 Order and the November 2019 Order on the Initial Complaint and the periods subsequent to the September 2016 Order. During the nine months ended September 30, 2020, we refunded \$31 million of the regulatory liability to customers. We had recorded an aggregate estimated current regulatory liability in the consolidated statements of financial position of \$151 million as of December 31, 2018 for the Second Complaint, which was reversed in November 2019 following the November 2019 Order. Although the November 2019 Order and May 2020 Order dismissed the Second Complaint with no refunds required, it is possible upon appeal that our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries will be required to provide refunds related to the Second Complaint and these refunds could be material.

Our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries currently record revenues at the base ROE of 10.02% established in the May 2020 Order plus applicable incentive adders. See Note 5 for a summary of incentive adders for transmission rates.

The recognition of the obligations associated with the MISO ROE Complaints resulted in the following impacts to the condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income:

(in millions)	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Revenue increase	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 32	\$ —
Interest expense increase (decrease)	—	2	(3)	6
Estimated net income (reduction) increase	(1)	(2)	24	(5)

As of September 30, 2020, our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries had a total of approximately \$5 billion of equity in their collective capital structures for ratemaking purposes. Based on this level of aggregate equity, we estimate that each 10 basis point change in the authorized ROE would impact annual consolidated net income by approximately \$5 million.

Development Projects

Development projects may result in payments to developers that are contingent on the projects reaching certain milestones indicating that the projects are financially viable. We believe it is reasonably possible that we will be required to make these contingent development payments up to a maximum amount of \$120 million for the period from 2021 through 2024. In the event it becomes probable that we will make these payments, we would recognize the liability and the corresponding intangible asset or expense as appropriate.

14. SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Reconciliation of Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash

The following table provides a reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash reported on the condensed consolidated statements of financial position that sum to the total of the same such amounts shown in the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows:

(in millions)	September 30,		December 31,	
	2020	2019	2019	2018
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 6
Restricted cash included in:				
Other non-current assets	4	2	2	4
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$ 26	\$ 6	\$ 6	\$ 10

Restricted cash included in other non-current assets primarily represents cash on deposit to pay for vegetation management, land easements and land purchases for the purpose of transmission line construction.

Supplementary Cash Flows Information

(in millions)	Nine months ended	
	September 30,	
	2020	2019
Supplementary cash flows information:		
Interest paid (net of interest capitalized)	\$ 164	\$ 162
Income tax refunds received	2	1
Supplementary non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Additions to property, plant and equipment and other long-lived assets (a)	127	103
Allowance for equity funds used during construction	19	23
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for new operating lease liabilities	—	4

(a) Amounts consist of current and accrued liabilities for construction, labor, materials and other costs that have not been included in investing activities. These amounts have not been paid for as of September 30, 2020 or 2019, respectively, but will be or have been included as a cash outflow from investing activities for expenditures for property, plant and equipment when paid.

15. SEGMENT INFORMATION

We identify reportable segments based on the criteria set forth by the FASB regarding disclosures about segments of an enterprise, including the regulatory environment of our subsidiaries and the business activities performed to earn revenues and incur expenses. The following tables show our financial information by reportable segment:

(in millions)	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
OPERATING REVENUES:				
Regulated Operating Subsidiaries	\$ 321	\$ 329	\$ 1,002	\$ 970
Intercompany eliminations	(9)	(8)	(26)	(22)
Total Operating Revenues	<u>\$ 312</u>	<u>\$ 321</u>	<u>\$ 976</u>	<u>\$ 948</u>

(in millions)	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES:				
Regulated Operating Subsidiaries	\$ 163	\$ 159	\$ 514	\$ 465
ITC Holdings and other	(39)	(38)	(105)	(113)
Total Income Before Income Taxes	<u>\$ 124</u>	<u>\$ 121</u>	<u>\$ 409</u>	<u>\$ 352</u>

(in millions)	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
NET INCOME:				
Regulated Operating Subsidiaries	\$ 121	\$ 124	\$ 379	\$ 350
ITC Holdings and other	92	98	305	269
Intercompany eliminations	(121)	(124)	(379)	(350)
Total Net Income	<u>\$ 92</u>	<u>\$ 98</u>	<u>\$ 305</u>	<u>\$ 269</u>

TOTAL ASSETS: (in millions)	September 30, 2020	December 31, 2019
Regulated Operating Subsidiaries	\$ 10,438	\$ 9,946
ITC Holdings and other	5,701	5,402
Reconciliations / Intercompany eliminations (a)	(5,565)	(5,290)
Total Assets	<u>\$ 10,574</u>	<u>\$ 10,058</u>

(a) Reconciliation of total assets results primarily from differences in the netting of deferred tax assets and liabilities in our segments as compared to the classification in our condensed consolidated statements of financial position.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

SAFE HARBOR STATEMENT UNDER THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995

Our reports, filings and other public announcements contain certain statements that describe our management’s beliefs concerning future business conditions, plans and prospects, growth opportunities, the outlook for our business and the electric transmission industry, and expectations with respect to various legal and regulatory proceedings based upon information currently available. Such statements are “forward-looking” statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Wherever possible, we have identified these forward-looking statements by words such as “will,” “may,” “anticipates,” “believes,” “intends,” “estimates,” “expects,” “forecasted,” “projects,” “likely” and similar phrases. These forward-looking statements are based upon assumptions our management believes are reasonable. Such forward-looking statements are based on estimates and assumptions and subject to significant risks and uncertainties which could cause our actual results, performance and achievements to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, these statements, including, among others, the following risks and uncertainties listed in “Item 1A Risk Factors” of our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019, as modified herein:

- Certain elements of our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries’ Formula Rates have been and can be challenged, which could result in lowered rates and/or refunds of amounts previously collected and thus may have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.
- Our actual capital investment may be lower than planned, which would cause a lower than anticipated rate base and would therefore result in lower revenues, earnings and associated cash flows compared to our current expectations. In addition, we expect to incur expenses related to the pursuit of development opportunities, which may be higher than forecasted.
- The regulations to which we are subject may limit our ability to raise capital and/or pursue acquisitions, development opportunities or other transactions or may subject us to liabilities.
- Changes in energy laws, regulations or policies could impact our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.
- The widespread outbreak of an illness or other communicable disease, including the COVID-19 pandemic, or any other public health crisis, could have a material adverse impact on our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows and credit metrics.
- Each of our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries depends on its primary customer for a substantial portion of its revenues, and any material failure by those primary customers to make payments for transmission services could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.
- A significant amount of the land on which our assets are located is subject to easements, mineral rights and other similar encumbrances. As a result, we must comply with the provisions of various easements, mineral rights and other similar encumbrances, which may adversely impact our ability to complete construction projects in a timely manner.
- We contract with third parties to provide services for certain aspects of our business. If any of these agreements are terminated, we may face a shortage of labor or replacement contractors to provide the services formerly provided by these third parties.
- Hazards associated with high-voltage electricity transmission may result in suspension of our operations, costly litigation or the imposition of civil or criminal penalties.
- We are subject to environmental regulations and to laws that can give rise to substantial liabilities from environmental contamination.
- If amounts billed for transmission service for our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries’ transmission systems are lower than expected, or our actual revenue requirements are higher than expected, the timing of actual collection of our total revenues would be delayed.
- We are subject to various regulatory requirements, including reliability standards; contract filing requirements; reporting, recordkeeping and accounting requirements; and transaction approval requirements. Violations of these requirements, whether intentional or unintentional, may result in penalties that, under some circumstances, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

- Acts of war, terrorist attacks, natural disasters, severe weather and other catastrophic events may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.
- A cyber-attack or incident could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.
- Changes in tax laws or regulations may negatively affect our results of operations, net income, financial condition, cash flows and credit metrics.
- ITC Holdings is a holding company with no operations, and unless we receive dividends or other payments from our subsidiaries, we may be unable to fulfill our cash obligations.
- We have a considerable amount of debt and our reliance on debt financing may limit our ability to fulfill our debt obligations and/or to obtain additional financing.
- Adverse changes in our credit ratings may negatively affect us.
- Certain provisions in our debt instruments limit our financial and operating flexibility.

Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made and can be affected by assumptions we might make or by known or unknown risks and uncertainties. Many factors mentioned in our discussion in this report will be important in determining future results. Consequently, we cannot assure you that our expectations or forecasts expressed in such forward-looking statements will be achieved. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to publicly update any of our forward-looking or other statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

OVERVIEW

ITC Holdings and its subsidiaries are engaged in the transmission of electricity in the United States. ITC Holdings is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ITC Investment Holdings. Through our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries, we own and operate high-voltage electric transmission systems in Michigan's Lower Peninsula and portions of Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma that transmit electricity from generating stations to local distribution facilities connected to our transmission systems. Our business strategy is to own, operate, maintain and invest in transmission infrastructure in order to enhance system integrity and reliability, reduce transmission constraints and support new generating resources to interconnect to our transmission systems. We are also pursuing development initiatives related to grid modernization and contracted transmission projects.

As electric transmission utilities with rates regulated by the FERC, our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries earn revenues for the use of their electric transmission systems by our customers, which include investor-owned utilities, municipalities, cooperatives, power marketers and alternative energy suppliers. As independent transmission companies, our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries are subject to rate regulation only by the FERC, and our cost-based rates are discussed below under "— Cost-Based Formula Rates with True-Up Mechanism" as well as in Note 5 to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

Our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries' primary operating responsibilities include maintaining, improving and expanding their transmission systems to meet their customers' ongoing needs, scheduling outages on system elements to allow for maintenance and construction, maintaining appropriate system voltages and monitoring flows over transmission lines and other facilities to ensure physical limits are not exceeded.

Significant recent matters that influenced our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 or that may affect future results include:

- The recent outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic that led to efforts to control the spread of the virus, which have resulted in impacts to businesses and facilities in various industries around the world, such as operating restrictions and closures, and disruptions to the global economy and supply chains;
- Our capital expenditures of \$569 million at our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries during the nine months ended September 30, 2020 as described below under "— Capital Investment and Operating Results Trends," resulting primarily from our focus on improving system reliability, increasing system capacity and upgrading the transmission network to support new generating resources;
- Debt issuances and repayments as described in Note 7 to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements, including borrowings under our revolving and term loan credit agreements and commercial paper program to fund capital investment at our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries as well as for general corporate purposes;

- Issuance of the May 2020 Order related to the MISO ROE Complaints, as described in Note 13 to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements, which reaffirmed the decision in the November 2019 Order to dismiss the Second Complaint and revised the methodology outlined in the November 2019 Order for determining the base ROE for the period of the Initial Complaint and the period subsequent to the September 2016 Order; and
- Issuance of a NOPR by the FERC on March 20, 2020 including proposing to update the transmission incentives policy to grant incentives to transmission projects based upon benefits to customers ensuring reliability and reducing the cost of delivered power by reducing transmission congestion.

These items are discussed in more detail throughout Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Recent Developments

COVID-19 Pandemic

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic. Efforts to control the recent outbreak of COVID-19 have resulted in impacts to businesses and facilities in various industries around the world, such as operating restrictions and closures, and disruptions to the global economy and supply chains. The COVID-19 pandemic has and will continue to impact our customers throughout our operating footprint. To date, COVID-19 has not had a material impact on our net income. However, we have implemented various temporary cost saving measures related to operating expenses, including operation and maintenance expenses and general and administrative expenses, in an attempt to reduce costs that are collected from customers through our Formula Rates.

The duration of COVID-19 and the extent of such impact on our operations is unknown at this time. We are continuing to monitor developments involving our workforce, customers and suppliers and cannot predict whether COVID-19 will have a material impact on our consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial condition. We are also monitoring the evolving situation and guidance from federal, state and local public health authorities. We are taking steps to mitigate the potential risks to us posed by COVID-19 and are following all government requirements to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

Monthly Network Peak Load

For our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries, monthly network peak loads are used for billing network revenues, which currently is the largest component of our operating revenues. One of the primary factors that impacts our collection of revenues is actual monthly network peak load, which is impacted by a number of factors including network usage and weather. Although monthly network peak loads do not impact our recognition of operating revenues, actual network load affects the timing of collection of our cash flows from transmission service. During March and April of 2020, the period of most significant business disruption to date, actual monthly network peak load for our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries was down ranging from as much as 9% to 26% across each of the operating companies as compared to pre-COVID-19 forecasted load. This decrease was primarily as a result of reductions in, or suspension of, operations for many businesses and facilities in our operating footprint due to COVID-19. We are unable to predict the possible future impacts of COVID-19, weather and other factors on monthly network peak loads at our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries.

Liquidity and Access to Capital Markets

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a disruption in capital markets and has resulted in periods of limited access to certain types of funding in the United States, including borrowings on commercial paper programs. We rely on both internal and external sources of liquidity to provide working capital and fund capital investments. If further disruption to the capital markets occurs, we may have limited access to capital markets and encounter increased borrowing costs.

Rate of Return on Equity Complaints

Two complaints were filed with the FERC by combinations of consumer advocates, consumer groups, municipal parties and other parties challenging the base ROEs in MISO. In addition to the MISO ROE Complaints, complaints were filed with the FERC regarding the regional base ROE rate for ISO New England TOs. See Note 13 to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements for a summary of the MISO ROE Complaints and related proceedings.

Related FERC Orders

In April 2017, the D.C. Circuit Court vacated certain precedent-setting FERC orders that established and applied the two-step DCF methodology for the determination of base ROE for ISO New England TOs. The court remanded the orders to the FERC for further justification of its establishment of the new base ROE for the ISO New England TOs. The vacated

orders in the ISO New England matters also provided the precedent for the September 2016 Order on the Initial Complaint and the ALJ initial decision on the Second Complaint for our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries. On October 16, 2018, in the New England matters, the FERC issued an order on remand which proposed a new methodology for 1) determining when an existing ROE is no longer just and reasonable; and 2) setting a new just and reasonable ROE if an existing ROE has been found not to be just and reasonable.

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Our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries currently record revenues at the base ROE of 10.02% established in the May 2020 Order plus applicable incentive adders. See Note 5 to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements for a summary of incentive adders for transmission rates.

The recognition of the obligations associated with the MISO ROE Complaints resulted in the following impacts to the condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income:

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As of September 30, 2020, our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries had a total of approximately \$5 billion of equity in their collective capital structures for ratemaking purposes. Based on this level of aggregate equity, we estimate that each 10 basis point change in the authorized ROE would impact annual consolidated net income by approximately \$5 million.

Challenges to Incentive Adders for Transmission Rates

On March 20, 2020, the FERC issued a NOPR including proposing to update the transmission incentives policy to grant incentives to transmission projects based upon benefits to customers. The outcome of this proposal may impact the incentive adders that our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries are authorized to apply to their base ROEs on a prospective basis. See Note 5 to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements for a summary of incentive adders for transmission rates.

MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries

On April 20, 2018, Consumers Energy, IP&L, Midwest Municipal Transmission Group, Missouri River Energy Services, Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency and WPPI Energy filed a complaint with the FERC under section 206 of the FPA, challenging the adders for independent transmission ownership that are included in transmission rates charged by the MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries. The adders for independent transmission ownership allowed up to 50 basis points or 100 basis points to be added to the MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries’ authorized ROE, subject to any ROE cap established by the FERC. On October 18, 2018, the FERC issued an order granting the complaint in part, setting revised adders for independent transmission ownership for each of the MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries to 25 basis points, and requiring the MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries to include the revised adders, effective April 20, 2018, in their Formula Rates. In addition, the order directed the MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries to provide refunds, with interest, for the period from April 20, 2018 through October 18, 2018. The MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries began reflecting the 25 basis point adder for independent transmission ownership in transmission rates in November 2018. Refunds of \$7 million were primarily made in the fourth quarter of 2018 and were completed in the first quarter of 2019. The MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries sought rehearing of the FERC’s October 18, 2018 order, and on July 18, 2019, the FERC denied the rehearing request. On September 11, 2019, the MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries filed an appeal of the FERC’s order in the D.C. Circuit Court. On December 16, 2019, the D.C. Circuit Court established a briefing schedule for the appeal. An initial brief was filed on January 27, 2020 and a reply brief was filed on April 24, 2020. Oral argument on the appeal was held on September 23, 2020. We do not expect the final resolution of this proceeding to have a material adverse impact on our consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial condition.

ITC Great Plains

On June 11, 2019, KCC filed a complaint with the FERC under section 206 of the FPA, challenging the ROE adder for independent transmission ownership that is included in the transmission rate charged by ITC Great Plains. The complaint argues that because ITC Great Plains is similarly situated to our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries with respect to ownership by Fortis and GIC, the same rationale by which the FERC lowered the MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries adders for independent transmission ownership, as discussed above, also applies to ITC Great Plains. The adder for independent transmission ownership allows up to 100 basis points to be added to the ITC Great Plains authorized ROE, subject to any ROE cap established by the FERC. ITC Great Plains filed an answer to the complaint on July 1, 2019 asking the FERC to deny the complaint since KCC showed no evidence that ITC Great Plains’ independence or the benefits it provides as an independent TO has been compromised or reduced as a result of the Fortis and GIC acquisition. On July 16,

2020, the FERC issued an order granting the complaint, setting the revised adder for independent transmission ownership for ITC Great Plains to 25 basis points, and requiring ITC Great Plains to include the revised adder, effective June 11, 2019, in their Formula Rates. In addition, the order directed ITC Great Plains to provide refunds, with interest, for the period from June 11, 2019 through July 16, 2020 within 60 days of the date of the order. On September 15, 2020, the FERC granted an extension to issue refunds until November 19, 2020. On August 17, 2020, ITC Great Plains filed a request for rehearing of the order and on September 17, 2020, the FERC denied the rehearing request. As of September 30, 2020, we have recorded a current regulatory liability of \$3 million related to this complaint. We do not expect the final resolution of this proceeding to have a material adverse impact on our consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial condition.

Cost-Based Formula Rates with True-Up Mechanism

Our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries calculate their revenue requirements using cost-based Formula Rates that are effective without the need to file rate cases with the FERC, although the rates are subject to legal challenge at the FERC. Under their cost-based formula, each of our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries separately calculates a revenue requirement based on financial information specific to each company. The calculation of projected revenue requirement for a future period is used to establish the transmission rate used for billing purposes. The calculation of actual revenue requirements for a historic period is used to calculate the amount of revenues recognized in that period and determine the over- or under-collection for that period.

Under these Formula Rates, our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries recover expenses and earn a return on and recover investments in property, plant and equipment on a current basis. The Formula Rates for a given year reflect forecasted expenses, property, plant and equipment, point-to-point revenues, network load at our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries and other items for the upcoming calendar year to establish projected revenue requirements for each of our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries that are used as the basis for billing for service on their systems from January 1 to December 31 of that year. Our Formula Rates include a true-up mechanism, whereby our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries compare their actual revenue requirements to their billed revenues for each year to determine any over- or under-collection of revenue. The over- or under-collection typically results from differences between the projected revenue requirement used as the basis for billing and actual revenue requirement at each of our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries, or from differences between actual and projected monthly network peak loads at our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries. In the event billed revenues in a given year are more or less than actual revenue requirements, which are calculated primarily using information from that year's FERC Form No. 1, our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries will refund or collect additional revenues, with interest, within a two-year period such that customers pay only the amounts that correspond to actual revenue requirements for that given period. This annual true-up ensures that our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries recover their allowed costs and earn their allowed returns.

See "Cost-Based Formula Rates with True-Up Mechanism" in Note 5 to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements for further discussion of our Formula Rates and see "Rate of Return on Equity Complaints" in Note 13 to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements for detail on ROE matters.

Revenue Accruals and Deferrals — Effects of Monthly Network Peak Loads

For our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries, monthly network peak loads are used for billing network revenues, which currently is the largest component of our operating revenues. One of the primary factors that impacts the revenue accruals and deferrals at our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries is actual monthly network peak loads experienced as compared to those forecasted in establishing the annual network transmission rate. Under their cost-based Formula Rates that contain a true-up mechanism, our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries accrue or defer revenues to the extent that their actual revenue requirement for the reporting period is higher or lower, respectively, than the amounts billed relating to that reporting period. Although monthly network peak loads do not impact operating revenues recognized, network load affects the timing of our cash flows from transmission service. The monthly network peak load of our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries is generally impacted by weather and economic conditions and seasonally shaped with higher load in the summer months when cooling demand is higher.

ITC Great Plains does not receive revenue based on a peak load or a dollar amount per kW each month therefore, peak load does not have a seasonal effect on operating cash flows. The SPP tariff applicable to ITC Great Plains is billed ratably each month based on its annual projected revenue requirement posted annually by SPP.

Capital Investment and Operating Results Trends

We expect a long-term upward trend in rate base resulting from our anticipated capital investment, in excess of depreciation and any acquisition premiums, from our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries’ long-term capital investment programs to improve reliability, increase system capacity and upgrade the transmission network to support new generating resources. Investment in property, plant and equipment, when placed in-service upon completion of a capital project, are added to the rate base of our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries. While we expect increases in rate base to result in a corresponding long-term upward trend in revenues and earnings, our revenues and earnings are also impacted by changes in our ROE or required refunds resulting from the resolution of the incentive adders complaints and MISO ROE Complaints, as described in Note 5 and Note 13 to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements, or other future increases or decreases to our rates for incentive adders and base ROE.

Our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries strive for high reliability of their systems and improvement in system accessibility for all generation resources. The FERC requires compliance with certain reliability standards and may take enforcement actions against violators, including the imposition of substantial fines. NERC is responsible for developing and enforcing these mandatory reliability standards. We continually assess our transmission systems against standards established by NERC, as well as the standards of applicable regional entities under NERC that have been delegated certain authority for the purpose of proposing and enforcing reliability standards. We believe that we meet the applicable standards in all material respects, although further investment in our transmission systems and an increase in maintenance activities will likely be needed to maintain compliance, improve reliability and address any new standards that may be promulgated.

We also assess our transmission systems against our own planning criteria that are filed annually with the FERC. Based on our planning studies, we see needs to make capital investments to: (1) maintain and replace the current transmission infrastructure; (2) enhance system integrity and reliability and accommodate load growth; (3) upgrade physical and technological grid security; and (4) develop and build regional transmission infrastructure, including additional transmission facilities that will provide interconnection opportunities for generating facilities, such as the facilities that may be constructed by our utility customers to meet their proposed renewable energy goals. We do not currently expect any material change in planned capital expenditures due to COVID-19; however, we continue to evaluate potential impacts of COVID-19 on our forecasted capital expenditures. Depending on the length and severity of future impacts of COVID-19, certain planned capital expenditures may be shifted to later years of the forecast. The following table shows our actual and expected capital expenditures at our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries:

(in millions)	Actual Capital Expenditures for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2020	Forecasted Capital Expenditures 2021 — 2025
Expenditures for property, plant and equipment (a)	\$ 569	\$ 3,864

(a) Amounts represent the cash payments to acquire or construct property, plant and equipment, as presented in the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows. These amounts exclude non-cash additions to property, plant and equipment for the AFUDC equity as well as accrued liabilities for construction, labor and materials that have not yet been paid.

Our development projects could result in a significant amount of capital investment, but we are not able to estimate the amounts we ultimately expect to invest or the timing of such investments. Refer to “Item 1 Business — Development of Business” in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 for discussion of our development activities.

Investments in property, plant and equipment could be lower than expected due to a variety of factors, as discussed in “Item 1A Risk Factors”. In addition, investments in transmission network upgrades for generator interconnection projects could change from prior estimates significantly due to changes in the MISO queue for generation projects and other factors beyond our control.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Results of Operations and Variances

(in millions)	Three months ended		Increase (decrease)	Percentage increase (decrease)	Nine months ended		Increase (decrease)	Percentage increase (decrease)
	September 30,				September 30,			
	2020	2019			2020	2019		
OPERATING REVENUES								
Transmission and other services	\$ 378	\$ 354	\$ 24	7 %	\$1,008	\$ 931	\$ 77	8 %
Formula Rate true-up	(66)	(33)	(33)	100 %	(32)	17	(49)	(288)%
Total operating revenues	312	321	(9)	(3)%	976	948	28	3 %
OPERATING EXPENSES								
Operation and maintenance	19	31	(12)	(39)%	66	88	(22)	(25)%
General and administrative	30	35	(5)	(14)%	89	111	(22)	(20)%
Depreciation and amortization	55	51	4	8 %	163	149	14	9 %
Taxes other than income taxes	31	30	1	3 %	93	89	4	5 %
Other operating (income) and expenses, net	(1)	—	(1)	n/a	(1)	—	(1)	n/a
Total operating expenses	134	147	(13)	(9)%	410	437	(27)	(6)%
OPERATING INCOME	178	174	4	2 %	566	511	55	11 %
OTHER EXPENSES (INCOME)								
Interest expense, net	62	60	2	3 %	178	183	(5)	(3)%
Allowance for equity funds used during construction	(7)	(7)	—	— %	(19)	(23)	4	(17)%
Other (income) and expenses, net	(1)	—	(1)	n/a	(2)	(1)	(1)	100 %
Total other expenses (income)	54	53	1	2 %	157	159	(2)	(1)%
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	124	121	3	3 %	409	352	57	16 %
INCOME TAX PROVISION	32	23	9	39 %	104	83	21	25 %
NET INCOME	\$ 92	\$ 98	\$ (6)	(6)%	\$ 305	\$ 269	\$ 36	13 %

Operating Revenues

The following table sets forth the components of and changes in operating revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 which included revenue accruals and deferrals as described in Note 5 to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements:

(in millions)	2020		2019		Increase (decrease)	Percentage increase (decrease)
	Amount	Percentage	Amount	Percentage		
	Network revenues (a)	\$ 211	68 %	\$ 214		
Regional cost sharing revenues (a)	89	29 %	96	30 %	(7)	(7)%
Point-to-point	4	1 %	3	1 %	1	33 %
Scheduling, control and dispatch (a)	4	1 %	5	1 %	(1)	(20)%
Other	4	1 %	3	1 %	1	33 %
Total	\$ 312	100 %	\$ 321	100 %	\$ (9)	(3)%

(a) Includes a portion of the Formula Rate true-up of \$(66) million and \$(33) million for the three months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Network and regional cost sharing revenues decreased for the three months ended September 30, 2020 compared to the same period in 2019, primarily due to the reduction in the base ROE for our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries as a result of the May 2020 Order and cost saving measures that were implemented as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, which resulted in lower revenue requirements to customers as these costs are recovered through rates. The decrease in network and regional cost sharing revenues were partially offset by a higher rate base associated with higher balances of property, plant and equipment in-service.

The following table sets forth the components of and changes in operating revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 which included revenue accruals and deferrals as described in Note 5 to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements:

(in millions)	2020		2019		Increase (decrease)	Percentage increase (decrease)
	Amount	Percentage	Amount	Percentage		
Network revenues (a)	\$ 632	64 %	\$ 630	67 %	\$ 2	— %
Regional cost sharing revenues (a)	272	28 %	279	29 %	(7)	(3)%
Point-to-point	10	1 %	9	1 %	1	11 %
Scheduling, control and dispatch (a)	15	2 %	12	1 %	3	25 %
Other	15	2 %	18	2 %	(3)	(17)%
Recognition of liabilities for MISO ROE Complaints	32	3 %	—	— %	32	n/a
Total	\$ 976	100 %	\$ 948	100 %	\$ 28	3 %

(a) Includes a portion of the Formula Rate true-up of \$(32) million and \$17 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Operating revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 increased, compared to the same period in 2019, primarily due to adjustments that were made to the refund liability recorded related to the MISO ROE Complaints, as described in Note 13 to the condensed consolidated financial statements, which resulted in a net increase in operating revenues of \$32 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. Operating revenues also increased due to a higher rate base associated with higher balances of property, plant and equipment in-service. The increase was partially offset by a reduction in the base ROE for our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 compared to the same period in 2019 as a result of the May 2020 Order and cost saving measures that were implemented as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, which resulted in lower revenue requirements to customers as these costs are recovered through rates.

Operating Expenses

Operation and maintenance expenses

Operation and maintenance expense decreased during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 compared to the same period in 2019 due primarily to lower expenses associated with substation and overhead line maintenance activities and vegetation management due to cost saving measures that were implemented as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

General and administrative expenses

General and administrative expenses decreased during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 compared to the same period in 2019 due primarily to lower compensation-related expenses, mainly due to a decrease in share-based compensation expense, as well as lower professional services (such as legal and advisory service fees) and general business expenses resulting in part from cost saving measures that were implemented as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Depreciation and amortization expense

Depreciation and amortization expenses increased primarily due to a higher depreciable base resulting from property, plant and equipment in-service additions during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 compared to the same period in 2019.

Other Expenses (Income)

Interest expense, net

Interest expense, net decreased during the nine months ended September 30, 2020 compared to the same period in 2019 primarily due to lower accrued interest related to the MISO ROE Complaints as a result of lower refund liability balances in 2020 and the May 2020 reversal of interest expense previously recorded related to refund liabilities for the MISO ROE Complaint.

Income Tax Provision

Our effective tax rates for the three months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 were 25.8% and 19.0%, respectively. Our effective tax rates for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 were 25.4% and 23.6%, respectively. Our effective tax rate as of September 30, 2020 exceeded our 21% statutory federal income tax rate primarily due to state income taxes, partially offset by AFUDC equity. The amount of income tax expense relating to AFUDC equity was recognized as a regulatory asset and is not included in the income tax provision. During the three months ended September 30, 2019, our effective tax rate decreased due to the recognition of state income tax benefits.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

We expect to maintain our approach of funding our future capital requirements with cash from operations at our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries, our existing cash and cash equivalents, future issuances under our commercial paper program and amounts available under our revolving and term loan credit agreements (the terms of which are described in Note 7 to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements). In addition, we may from time to time secure debt funding in the capital markets, although we can provide no assurance that we will be able to obtain financing on favorable terms or at all. As market conditions warrant, we may also from time to time repurchase debt securities issued by us, in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions, by tender offer or otherwise. We expect that our capital requirements will arise principally from our need to:

- Fund capital expenditures at our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries. Our plans with regard to property, plant and equipment investments are described in detail above under “— Capital Investment and Operating Results Trends.”
- Fund business development expenses and related capital expenditures. Development activities could result in significant development expenses and capital expenditures incremental to our current plan. Refer to Note 13 to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements for a discussion of contingent payments related to development projects.
- Fund working capital requirements.
- Fund our debt service requirements, including principal repayments and periodic interest payments, which are further described in detail below under “— Contractual Obligations.”
- Fund any refund obligation in connection with the ROE matters.

In addition to the expected capital requirements above, any adverse determinations or settlements relating to the regulatory matters or contingencies described in Notes 5 and 13 to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements would result in additional capital requirements.

We believe that we have sufficient capital resources to meet our currently anticipated short-term needs. However, we rely on both internal and external sources of liquidity to provide working capital and fund capital investments. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the global economy and capital markets in various ways, including negative impacts which have varied in duration and magnitude. An extended period of economic disruption could impact our ability to access the capital markets requiring us to seek alternative forms of financing which could negatively impact our liquidity and capital resources. ITC Holdings’ sources of cash are dividends and other payments received by us from our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries and any of our other subsidiaries as well as the proceeds raised from the sale of our debt securities. Each of our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries, while wholly-owned by ITC Holdings, is legally distinct from ITC Holdings and has no obligation, contingent or otherwise, to make funds available to us.

We expect to continue to utilize our commercial paper program and revolving credit agreements as well as our cash and cash equivalents as needed to meet our short-term cash requirements. As of September 30, 2020, we had consolidated indebtedness under our revolving and term loan credit agreements of \$172 million, with unused capacity under our revolving credit agreements of \$803 million. Additionally, ITC Holdings had no commercial paper issued and outstanding, as of September 30, 2020, with the ability to issue \$400 million under the commercial paper program. See Note 7 to the

condensed consolidated interim financial statements for a detailed discussion of the commercial paper program, our revolving and term loan credit agreements and other debt activity during 2020.

To address our long-term capital requirements, we expect that we will need to obtain additional debt financing. Certain of our capital projects could be delayed if we experience difficulties in accessing capital pursuant to complications from COVID-19, or otherwise. We expect to be able to obtain such additional financing as needed, in amounts and upon terms that will be acceptable to us due to our strong credit ratings and our historical ability to obtain financing.

We have material exposure to LIBOR through the revolving credit agreements of ITC Holdings and certain of our Regulated Operating Subsidiaries. It is expected that LIBOR will be discontinued at the end of 2021. We believe that SOFR, the rate selected as the preferred alternative to LIBOR, will be an acceptable replacement rate when LIBOR is discontinued. However, we cannot reasonably estimate the expected impact of the planned discontinuation of LIBOR at this time.

Credit Ratings

Credit ratings by nationally recognized statistical rating agencies are an important component of our liquidity profile. Credit ratings relate to our ability to issue debt securities and the cost to borrow money, and should not be viewed as a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities. Ratings are subject to revision or withdrawal at any time and each rating should be evaluated independently of any other rating. An explanation of these ratings may be obtained from the respective rating agency. During the nine months ended September 30, 2020, there were no changes to our credit ratings or outlook reported by rating agencies as listed in “Item 7 Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation — Credit Rating” of our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019.

Covenants

Our debt instruments contain numerous financial and operating covenants that place significant restrictions on certain transactions, such as incurring additional indebtedness, engaging in sale and lease-back transactions, creating liens or other encumbrances, entering into mergers, consolidations, liquidations or dissolutions, creating or acquiring subsidiaries and selling or otherwise disposing of all or substantially all of our assets. In addition, the covenants require us to meet certain financial ratios, such as maintaining certain debt to capitalization ratios and certain funds from operations to debt levels. As of September 30, 2020, we were not in violation of any debt covenant. In the event of a downgrade in our credit ratings, none of the covenants would be directly impacted, although the borrowing costs under our revolving credit agreements may increase.

Cash Flows From Operating Activities

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$467 million and \$450 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The increase in cash provided by operating activities was primarily due to lower payments for operation and maintenance expenses and general and administrative expenses, timing of the settlement of payables for operating activities and an increase in cash received from operating revenues of \$6 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. This increase was partially offset by an increase in payments pursuant to our long-term incentive plans of \$22 million and the refunds, including interest, related to the MISO ROE Complaints of \$31 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2020.

Cash Flows From Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities was \$567 million and \$676 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Capital expenditures decreased by \$113 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2020 compared to 2019 primarily due to an electric transmission asset acquisition of \$76 million from Consumers Energy in 2019.

Cash Flows From Financing Activities

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$120 million and \$222 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The decrease in cash provided by financing activities was primarily due to a decrease in net borrowings under our revolving and term loan credit agreements of \$528 million, a decrease in net issuances of commercial paper of \$443 million, an increase in dividend payments of \$50 million and termination of interest rate swaps of \$23 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. These increases were partially offset by an increase in issuances of long-term debt of \$705 million, a decrease in retirement of long-term debt of \$203 million and an increase in refundable deposits for transmission network upgrades of \$40 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. See Note 7 to the condensed consolidated interim

financial statements for detail on the issuances and a description of our revolving and term loan credit agreements and our commercial paper program.

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

Our contractual obligations are described in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019. There have been no material changes to that information since December 31, 2019, other than the items listed below and described in Note 7 to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements:

- Changes in amounts borrowed under our unsecured, unguaranteed revolving credit agreements;
- Changes in commercial paper issued or outstanding under the commercial paper program for ITC Holdings;
- The extension of the maturity date of our revolving credit agreements from October 21, 2022 to October 20, 2023;
- The issuance of \$700 million of 2.95% Senior Unsecured Notes, due May 14, 2030, by ITC Holdings, the proceeds of which were used to repay amounts outstanding under its \$400 million term loan credit agreement and amounts outstanding under its revolving credit agreement and commercial paper program;
- The borrowing of \$200 million and repayment of \$400 million under ITC Holdings' unsecured, unguaranteed term loan credit agreement, due June 11, 2021, with proceeds from the issuance of ITC Holdings' 2.95% Senior Unsecured Notes, due May 14, 2030;
- The issuance of \$180 million of 3.13% First Mortgage Bonds, Series J, due July 15, 2051, by ITC Midwest, the proceeds of which were used to repay amounts outstanding under its revolving credit agreement, to partially fund capital expenditures and for general corporate purposes;
- The issuance of \$150 million of 3.02% Senior Secured Notes, due October 14, 2055, by METC, the proceeds of which were used to repay amounts outstanding under its \$75 million term loan credit agreement, to repay borrowings under its revolving credit agreement, to partially fund capital expenditures and for general corporate purposes; and
- The borrowing and repayment of \$75 million under the unsecured, unguaranteed term loan credit agreement, due January 23, 2021, with proceeds from the issuance of METC's 3.02% Senior Secured Notes, due October 14, 2055.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

Our condensed consolidated interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of these condensed consolidated interim financial statements requires the application of appropriate technical accounting rules and guidance, as well as the use of estimates. The application of these policies requires judgment regarding future events.

These estimates and judgments, in and of themselves, could materially impact the condensed consolidated interim financial statements and disclosures based on varying assumptions, as future events rarely develop exactly as forecasted, and even the best estimates routinely require adjustment.

The accounting policies discussed in "Item 7 — Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates" of our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 are considered by management to be the most important to an understanding of the consolidated financial statements because of their significance to the portrayal of our financial condition and results of operations or because their application places the most significant demands on management's judgment and estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain. There have been no material changes to that information during the nine months ended September 30, 2020.

RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

See Note 2 to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Fixed Rate Debt

Based on the borrowing rates currently available for bank loans with similar terms and average maturities, the fair value of our consolidated long-term debt and debt maturing within one year, excluding revolving and term loan credit

agreements was \$7,015 million at September 30, 2020. The total book value of our consolidated long-term debt and debt maturing within one year, net of discount and deferred financing fees and excluding revolving and term loan credit agreements, was \$5,982 million at September 30, 2020. We performed an analysis calculating the impact of changes in interest rates on the fair value of long-term debt and debt maturing within one year, excluding revolving and term loan credit agreements at September 30, 2020. An increase in interest rates of 10% (from 5.0% to 5.5%, for example) at September 30, 2020 would decrease the fair value of debt by \$209 million, and a decrease in interest rates of 10% at September 30, 2020 would increase the fair value of debt by \$222 million at that date.

Revolving and Term Loan Credit Agreements

At September 30, 2020, we had a consolidated total of \$172 million outstanding under our revolving and term loan credit agreements, which are variable rate loans and fair value approximates book value. A 10% increase or decrease in borrowing rates under the revolving and term loan credit agreements compared to the weighted average rates in effect at September 30, 2020 would increase or decrease interest expense by less than \$1 million for an annual period with a constant borrowing level of \$172 million.

Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

We use derivative financial instruments, including interest rate swap contracts, to manage our exposure to fluctuations in interest rates. The use of these financial instruments mitigates exposure to these risks and the variability of our operating results. We are not a party to leveraged derivatives and do not enter into derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

In May 2020, we terminated \$450 million of 5-year interest rate swap contracts that managed interest rate risk associated with the \$700 million Senior Notes at ITC Holdings with a maturity date of May 14, 2030 as described in Note 7 to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements. At September 30, 2020, ITC Holdings did not have any interest rate swaps outstanding.

Other

As described in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019, we are subject to commodity price risk from market price fluctuations, and to credit risk primarily with DTE Electric, Consumers Energy and IP&L, our primary customers. There have been no material changes in these risks during the nine months ended September 30, 2020.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that material information required to be disclosed in our reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required financial disclosure. In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, management recognized that a control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, with a company have been detected.

As of the end of the period covered by this report, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective, at a reasonable assurance level.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the three months ended September 30, 2020 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

See Note 13 to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements for a description of recent developments in the ROE complaints filed against all MISO TOs, including our MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

In light of the recent events surrounding COVID-19, we are adding the below risk factor entitled “The widespread outbreak of an illness or other communicable disease, including COVID-19 pandemic, or any other public health crisis, could have a material adverse impact on our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows and credit metrics.” to the “Risks Related to our Business” as previously disclosed in “Item 1A Risk Factors” of our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019. Other than as set forth below, there have been no material changes to the risk factors set forth in “Item 1A Risk Factors” of our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019.

The widespread outbreak of an illness or other communicable disease, including the COVID-19 pandemic, or any other public health crisis, could have a material adverse impact on our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows and credit metrics.

We could be negatively impacted by the widespread outbreak of an illness or any other communicable diseases, or any other public health crisis that results in economic and trade disruptions, including the disruption of global supply chains. COVID-19 is currently impacting the global economy, supply chains and markets. As a result of efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19, such as through various “stay in place” orders issued by states served by our transmission systems, many of the businesses that use our transmission systems, including those with large manufacturing operations, have and may continue to experience operating restrictions or temporarily shut down operations. The impact of efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19 on our business, results of operations and financial condition is uncertain and will ultimately depend on the duration and severity of the disease and the length that the various business restrictions are in effect.

We cannot predict whether, and the extent to which, COVID-19 will have a material impact on our liquidity, financial condition, and results of operations. We require access to the capital markets to fund capital investments. To the extent that our access to the capital markets is adversely affected by COVID-19, we may need to consider alternative sources of funding for our operations and for working capital, any of which may not be available and may increase our cost of capital. The extent to which COVID-19 may impact our liquidity, financial condition, and results of operations will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted; an extended period of global supply chain and economic disruption could materially impact our business, results of operations, financial condition, cash flows and credit metrics.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report (unless otherwise noted to be previously filed, and therefore incorporated herein by reference). Our SEC file number is 001-32576.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description of Document</u>
3.2	Seventh Amended and Restated Bylaws of ITC Holdings Corp. (filed with Registrant's Form 8-K on September 1, 2020)
4.54	Tenth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of August 12, 2020, between Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank), as trustee (filed with the Registrant's Form 8-K on October 14, 2020)
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32	Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document - the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data file because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document
101.SCH	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema
101.CAL	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase
101.DEF	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Database
101.LAB	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase
101.PRE	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase
104	The cover page from the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2020, formatted in Inline XBRL

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: October 29, 2020

ITC HOLDINGS CORP.

By: /s/ Linda H. Apsey

Linda H. Apsey

President and Chief Executive Officer
(duly authorized officer)

By: /s/ Gretchen L. Holloway

Gretchen L. Holloway

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(principal financial and accounting officer)