



ITC Great Plains Applies for Siting Permit for the Kansas V-Plan Transmission Line Project

TOPEKA, Kan., March 14, 2011 – ITC Great Plains, LLC today applied to the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) for a siting permit to construct the Kansas V-Plan high-voltage electric transmission line, a project designed to connect eastern and western Kansas. Subject to KCC analysis and approval, the 345,000 volt (345kV) line would run approximately 120 miles through southwestern Kansas from the existing Spearville substation to two new substations: the Clark County substation in northern Clark County and the Thistle substation east of Medicine Lodge.

“The Kansas V-Plan is a critical infrastructure project for the state of Kansas and the region,” said Brian Slocum, ITC Holdings Corp. vice president of engineering. “It will improve electric reliability and enable energy developers to tap into the transmission grid, further establishing a competitive energy market in the state. This will contribute to a more robust transmission grid that will benefit Kansas and the entire region.”

In 2010, ITC Great Plains developed several potential routes through Ford, Clark, Kiowa, Pratt and Barber counties. The company invited landowners with properties on or near the proposed routes to open house events in Dodge City, Medicine Lodge and Greensburg on January 17, 18 and 19, 2011. More than 300 landowners, residents and other interested parties attended the events and provided input regarding the routes. Their comments were taken into consideration during development of the proposed final route, which attempts to minimize impacts to residents, their land and the natural environment while providing a technically viable and cost-effective transmission line.

“We enjoyed the opportunity to meet personally with many of the landowners who attended the open houses,” Slocum added. “Their feedback is very helpful in guiding our routing and design efforts. We always make it a point to work closely with landowners as well as state and local officials, community and business leaders, environmental organizations and other interested parties to review proposed routes and fully discuss a project.”

The proposed route traverses Ford, Clark, Kiowa and Barber counties. ITC anticipates the KCC will conduct a public hearing on the siting application in approximately 45 to 60 days, followed by an order approving a specific route within 120 days of the application date. ITC then would begin negotiations with landowners to purchase right-of-way easements. Construction is projected to begin in the spring of 2013. The project is expected to enter service late in 2014.

Kansas V-Plan Fast Facts

Line route: Ford, Clark, Kiowa and Barber counties

Line length: Approximately 120 miles, Spearville to Clark County to Thistle substation near Medicine Lodge

New substations: Clark County and Thistle

Voltage: 345,000 (345 kV)

Structure type: Steel monopole, double circuit

Structure height: 100-150 feet

Structures per mile: Typically six

More information: http://www.itcgreatplains.com/1_whykansas.html

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About ITC Great Plains

ITC Great Plains, LLC was formed in July 2006 as a subsidiary of ITC Grid Development, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ITC Holdings Corp., the nation's only fully independent electric transmission company. Headquartered in Topeka, Kansas, ITC Great Plains is a transmission-only utility which seeks to build a more robust electric transmission system providing access to reliable, non-discriminatory, competitive and low-cost energy throughout the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) region. ITC Great Plains holds transmission-only utility status in Kansas and Oklahoma with the authority to construct, own, operate, and maintain a regulated, high-voltage transmission system. For more information, please visit <http://www.itctransco.com>.

About ITC Holdings Corp.

ITC Holdings Corp. (NYSE: ITC) invests in the electricity transmission grid to improve electric reliability, expand access to markets, lower the overall cost of delivered energy and allow new generating resources to interconnect to its transmission systems. The largest independent electricity transmission company in the country, ITC currently operates high-voltage transmission systems and assets in Michigan's Lower Peninsula and portions of Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas, serving a combined peak load in excess of 25,000 megawatts through its regulated operating subsidiaries, ITC Transmission, Michigan Electric Transmission Company (METC), ITC Midwest and ITC Great Plains. ITC also focuses on further expansion in areas where significant transmission system improvements are needed through ITC Grid Development and its subsidiaries. For more information, please visit <http://www.itc-holdings.com>.

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