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Companies Move to Regulatory Review Phase of ITC Transaction

One of the most transformational initiatives in Entergy's 100-year history continues building momentum this spring.

The proposed separation and merger of Entergy's transmission business into a subsidiary of ITC Holdings Corp. involves intense planning and implementation on the part of hundreds of people from both companies. A fundamental success factor for the transaction is earning approvals from appropriate regulators and completing in-depth reviews with others.

Here's a recap of where the transaction stands on the regulatory front:

- All applications for the transaction are now on file with retail and federal regulators.

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- At the retail level, regulators in Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi and the city of New Orleans have published procedural schedules, which generally call for hearings and decisions to be completed by the end of the third quarter.
- At FERC, Entergy and ITC have responded to comments filed in the proceedings, including comments related to the transmission rates, expected benefits, and rationale for the transaction, as well as questions about integration into MISO.
- Entergy and ITC hosted technical conferences, exploring the transaction in detail and outlining the benefits to stakeholders in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. A similar conference is planned in New Orleans.
- Additionally, Entergy filed separate rate cases in Louisiana and Arkansas, to include the effect of the MISO transition on retail rates since conditionally approved in all jurisdictions, as well as scenarios with and without the ITC transaction.

Within Entergy, regulatory leadership recently completed orientation meetings for more than 300 customer-facing employees, including customer service managers, national accounts managers and other relationship managers. The meetings introduced these employees to ITC and its operational model as well as explained the different, complimentary roles of MISO, Entergy, and ITC after the spin/merge. The LiveMeetings were led by Chief Integration Officer Joe Domino, Vice President of Energy Delivery Rick Riley, Vice President of Transmission Regulatory Compliance Mark McCulla, Transmission Regulatory Implementation Team Lead Jeanne Kenney, and operating company leaders. Archives of the presentation are available on the transmission merger SharePoint site .

During the spring and summer, our regulatory efforts will intensify as the transaction moves through the approval process for each of our retail and federal regulators, said Kenney. The transaction is a key strategic objective for both companies, and the benefits for our customers and our region are significant. Entergy and ITC employees are working hard to implement the transaction, and the rewards for our customers, our companies and our communities are going to be worth the effort. •

Meeting Challenges Head On: Riley Recaps a Great 2012 for Energy Delivery

Over the course of four days, more than 300 employees gathered for the latest round of quarterly meetings with Rick Riley, vice president of energy delivery. Riley and his leadership team recapped a successful 2012 and answered many questions from the audience, which also included employees from other parts of the business who may be considering positions with ITC following its transaction with Entergy.

Mike Vaughan, vice president of asset management, and Jon Jipping, executive vice president and chief operating officer of ITC Holdings Corp., joined Riley and helped provide additional insight on what employees should expect upon the closing of the Entergy-ITC transmission transaction.

Hearing the status and direction of the ITC merger was most helpful, said Emily McElroy, senior analyst, transmission billing & settlement. This is on the minds of most Entergy employees right now and those updates are anticipated and appreciated. I especially appreciated the integrity and compassion with which Rick and Mike answered our questions. They were sincere and demonstrated how valuable every employee is to the transmission organization.

Dean Adams, manager, area T&S construction management, agreed.

Rick's taking time out of his busy schedule to meet with employees gives us the opportunity to understand the issues and to receive answers to individual questions around the ITC transaction, he said. Knowing where things stand in the process in addition to the timeline for regulatory approval is especially helpful.

And while the separation and merger of Entergy's transmission business into ITC was top of mind for most, Riley used the meetings to congratulate employees on a job well done in 2012. Riley noted some of the top 2012 accomplishments, including the transition of the Independent Coordinator of Transmission arrangement to a new provider - The Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator. The hand-off from the former operator to MISO took place at 12 a.m. on Dec. 1 and the transition was seamless and uneventful.

In other major news, Riley reported that the 2012 SERC Reliability Corporation audit found Entergy's transmission system fully compliant an outstanding result. SERC is the nonprofit corporation responsible for promoting and improving the reliability, adequacy and critical infrastructure of the bulk power supply systems in 16 central and southeastern states.

Riley also complimented energy delivery employees for their efficiency in meeting financial and capital improvement targets in 2012. Transmission engineering's workload increased 41 percent in 2012 from 2011, yet the team still achieved 99 percent on-time delivery.

And as Entergy gears up for hurricane season 2013, Riley used the meetings to recognize employees for their record-setting restoration performance following Hurricane Isaac last year. The Isaac storm response helped the company win the Edison Electric Institute's Award for Recovery Assistance the 15th straight year, every year the recognition has been awarded.

Next Steps in the ITC transaction:

Jon Jipping, who has become a familiar face among energy delivery employees over the last year, talked about the upcoming steps in the transaction approval process, which include an ITC shareholder meeting on April 16 and hearings with public service commissions, beginning with Texas in late May and concluding with Mississippi in early August.

Riley, Jipping and Vaughan then answered employees' questions concerning everything from benefits to equipment and company procedures. Employees who will be moving to ITC should expect the next in the three-part series of employee bulletins from ITC next month. This bulletin will outline more info on benefits, policies and any open questions from the last round of ITC face-to-face benefit meetings.

For more information visit the Station or <http://www.itc-holdings.com/itc-entergy.html>

ITC Forward-Looking Information

This document and the exhibits hereto contain certain statements that describe ITC Holdings Corp. ("ITC") management's beliefs concerning future business conditions and prospects, growth opportunities and the outlook for ITC's business, including ITC's business and the electric transmission industry 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, ITC has identified these forward-looking statements by words such as "anticipates", "believes", "intends", "estimates", "expects", "projects" and similar phrases. These forward-looking statements are based upon assumptions ITC management believes are reasonable. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties which could cause ITC's actual results, performance and achievements to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, these statements, including, among other things, (a) the risks and uncertainties disclosed in ITC's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and any subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") from time to time and (b) the following transactional factors (in addition to others described elsewhere in this document, in the proxy statement/prospectus included in the registration statement on Form S-4 that was filed by ITC with the SEC in connection with the proposed transactions): (i) risks inherent in the contemplated transaction, including: (A) failure to obtain approval by the Company's shareholders; (B) failure to obtain regulatory approvals necessary to consummate the transaction or to obtain regulatory approvals on favorable terms; (C) the ability to obtain the required financings; (D) delays in consummating the transaction or the failure to consummate the transactions; and (E) exceeding the expected costs of the transactions; (ii) legislative and regulatory actions, and (iii) conditions of the capital markets during the periods covered by the forward-looking statements.

Because ITC's forward-looking statements are based on estimates and assumptions that are subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties, many of which are beyond ITC's control or are subject to change, actual results could be materially different and any or all of ITC's forward-looking statements may turn out to be wrong. They speak only as of the date made and can be affected by assumptions ITC might make or by known or unknown risks and uncertainties. Many factors mentioned in this document and the exhibits hereto and in ITC's annual and quarterly reports will be important in determining future results. Consequently, ITC cannot assure you that ITC's expectations or forecasts expressed in such forward-looking statements will be achieved. Actual future results may vary materially. Except as required by law, ITC undertakes no obligation to publicly update any of ITC's forward-looking or other statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

The transaction is subject to certain conditions precedent, including regulatory approvals, approval of ITC's shareholders and the availability of financing. ITC cannot provide any assurance that the proposed transactions related thereto will be completed, nor can it give assurances as to the terms on which such transactions will be consummated.

Entergy Forward-Looking Information

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Additional Information and Where to Find It

ITC filed a registration statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-184073) with the SEC registering the offer and sale of shares of ITC common stock to be issued to Entergy shareholders in connection with the proposed transactions. This registration statement includes a proxy statement of ITC that also constitutes a prospectus of ITC. This registration statement was declared effective by the SEC on February 25, 2013. ITC mailed the proxy statement/prospectus to its shareholders on or about February 28, 2013. ITC shareholders are urged to read the proxy statement/prospectus included in the ITC registration statement and any other relevant documents because they contain important information about TransCo and the proposed transactions. In addition, TransCo will file a registration statement with the SEC registering the offer and sale of TransCo common units to be issued to Entergy shareholders in connection with the proposed transactions. Entergy shareholders are urged to read the proxy statement/prospectus included in the ITC registration statement and the prospectus to be included in the TransCo registration statement (when available) and any other relevant documents, because they contain important information about ITC, TransCo and the proposed transactions. The proxy statement/prospectus, prospectus and other documents relating to the proposed transactions (when they are available) can be obtained free of charge from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. The documents, when available, can also be obtained free of charge from Entergy upon written request to Entergy Corporation, Investor Relations, P.O. Box 61000 New Orleans, LA 70161 or by calling Entergy's Investor Relations information line at 1-888- ENTERGY (368-3749), or from ITC upon written request to ITC Holdings Corp., Investor Relations, 27175 Energy Way, Novi, MI 48377 or by calling 248-946-3000.

This communication is not a solicitation of a proxy from any security holder of ITC. However, Entergy, ITC and certain of their respective directors and executive officers and certain other members of management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from shareholders of ITC in connection with the proposed transaction under the rules of the SEC. Information about the directors and executive officers of Entergy, may be found in its 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 27, 2013, and its definitive proxy statement relating to its 2013 Annual Meeting of Shareholders filed with the SEC on March 27, 2013. Information about the directors and executive officers of ITC may be found in its 2012 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 1, 2013, and its definitive proxy statement relating to its 2013 Annual Meeting of Shareholders filed with the SEC on April 5, 2013.