

ITC Holdings Corp.
Form 8-K
November 26, 2014

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **November 26, 2014**

ITC Holdings Corp.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Commission File Number: **001-32576**

Michigan
(State of Incorporation)

32-0058047
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

27175 Energy Way, Novi, Michigan 48377
(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

(248) 946-3000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 1.01. Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement

Issuance of ITC Great Plains Bonds, Series A

On November 26, 2014, ITC Great Plains, LLC ("ITC Great Plains"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of ITC Holdings Corp. (the "Company"), issued \$150,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 4.16% First Mortgage Bonds, Series A, due 2044 (the "Bonds") in a private placement in reliance on an exemption from registration under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act"). The Bonds were sold by ITC Great Plains to accredited investors (as defined by Rule 501(a) of the Securities Act) pursuant to a Bond Purchase Agreement dated November 26, 2014 (the "Purchase Agreement"). ITC Great Plains agreed to sell the Bonds subject to the satisfaction of certain terms and conditions provided in the Purchase Agreement.

The Bonds were issued under ITC Great Plains First Mortgage and Deed of Trust (the "Mortgage Indenture"), dated as of November 12, 2014, between ITC Great Plains and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee"), as supplemented by the First Supplemental Indenture thereto, dated as of November 12, 2014, between ITC Great Plains and the Trustee (the "First Supplemental Indenture" and, together with the Mortgage Indenture, the "Indenture"). The Bonds are secured by a first mortgage lien on substantially all of ITC Great Plains' real and tangible personal property equally with all other securities thereafter issued under the Mortgage Indenture, with such exceptions as described in, and such releases as permitted by, the Indenture.

Interest on the Bonds is payable semi-annually on May 26 and November 26 of each year, commencing on May 26, 2015, at a fixed rate of 4.16% per annum. ITC Great Plains may redeem the Bonds, in whole or in part, in an amount not less than \$5,000,000 in aggregate principal amount in the case of a partial redemption, at any time or from time to time with not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice at a redemption price equal to the sum of (a) 100% of the principal amount of such Bonds, (b) accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the redemption date and (c) a make-whole amount, if any, determined using a discount rate of treasuries plus 50 basis points. ITC Great Plains may also redeem the Bonds in whole on or after May 26, 2044 at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of the Bonds plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the redemption date. The principal amount of the Bonds is payable on November 26, 2044.

The Bonds and the Indenture contain events of default customary for such a transaction, including, without limitation, failure to pay interest on any Security (as defined in the Indenture) for 30 days after becoming due; failure to pay principal on any Security when due; failure to comply with material covenants contained in the Indenture, subject to a 30-day cure period; failure to comply with other covenants contained in the Indenture and the other financing agreements relating to the offering of the Bonds, subject to a 60-day cure period; breaches of representations and warranties; defaults in respect of obligations relating to certain debt; certain unsatisfied judgments; certain pension plan events; certain change in ownership events; and certain events relating to reorganization, bankruptcy and insolvency of ITC Great Plains. If an Event of Default (as defined in the Indenture) occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the Securities then outstanding may declare the principal amount of all the Securities to be immediately due and payable.

The above description of the Indenture does not purport to be a complete statement of the parties' rights and obligations thereunder. Such description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Mortgage Indenture and the First Supplemental Indenture, copies of which are attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 4.1 and Exhibit 4.2, respectively, each of which is incorporated herein by reference.

This Current Report on Form 8-K does not constitute an offer to sell nor a solicitation of an offer to buy any security and shall not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful. The Bonds will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from registration.

requirements.

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation Under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant

The information set forth above under Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

- 4.1 First Mortgage and Deed of Trust, dated as of November 12, 2014, between ITC Great Plains, LLC and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee
- 4.2 First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 12, 2014, between ITC Great Plains, LLC and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee

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 hereunto duly authorized.

November 26, 2014

ITC HOLDINGS CORP.

By: /s/ Daniel J. Oginsky
Daniel J. Oginsky
Its: Executive Vice President and General Counsel