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**ITC Transmission Expansion Project**

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All,

Attached is the information we received from ITC yesterday as an introduction to its major proposed expansion of its electric transmission lines in Michigan and across the Midwest. One purpose of the new transmission lines appears to be to interconnect central Michigan with a major extension to the interstate electric grid in Indiana.

As background, roughly 20 years ago, Consumers Energy and DTE (then Detroit Edison) sold all their major electric transmission lines to ITC and METC, which have since become a single transmission company that continues to operate those transmission lines mostly subject to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulation.

One exception to federal regulation involves the construction of new transmission lines, such as ITC is now proposing, which requires approval from the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC). As summarized in the attached materials, the "next steps" will include: "ITC and other transmission owners [in other states] will now move forward with evaluating and proposing specific route options and begin to move the projects through state regulatory processes."

We do not see any specific routes yet proposed in the attached material, but that will be one of the tasks ahead. These efforts sometimes run into opposition from property owners or municipalities along the chosen routes who would prefer not to be the location of a new high-voltage transmission line corridor. But from the perspective of our Mega-site it may be advantageous to locate the new transmission line in close proximity to the site (that needs to be determined, perhaps in consultation with the developers of potential projects expressing interest in the site). We understand that ITC plans to release a letter in mid-December to all potentially impacted municipalities requesting feedback on the proposed route.

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