

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD

ON ITC GREAT PLAINS, LLC & MID-KANSAS ELECTRIC CO. PROJECT

ITC Great Plains, LLC (ITC Great Plains) and Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC (Mid-Kansas) filed an application on May 3, 2013, with the Kansas Corporation Commission (Commission or KCC) for a siting permit for the construction of a 345 kV transmission line in Cloud and Ottawa Counties, Kansas.

Public Hearing

The Commission has scheduled a public hearing concerning the proposed 345 kV transmission line for which ITC Great Plains and Mid-Kansas have requested a siting permit. The line will run from ITC Great Plains' Elm Creek Substation south to interconnect with Westar's facilities near Wells, Kansas. This hearing will provide more information about the proposal and provide an opportunity for customers to present testimony or comments for the Commission's review.

The public hearing will take place in two parts. First, during the question and answer period, representatives of ITC Great Plains and Mid-Kansas, the KCC staff, and CURB will be available to answer customers' questions pertaining to the proposal. In the second part of the hearing, customers will be allowed to make formal statements to the Commission.

The public hearing regarding ITC Great Plains and Mid-Kansas proposed project will be held:

Monday, June 3, 2013

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Minneapolis Junior/Senior High School

602 Woodland Street

Minneapolis, Kansas 67467

The Commission will accept written comments from the public through June 10, 2013. Comments regarding this case should reference Docket No.13-ITCE-677-MIS and should be sent to the Kansas Corporation Commission Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to the Commission at public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov.

A complete copy of ITC Great Plains and Mid-Kansas application and supporting testimony is available on the Commission's website at:

<http://estar.kcc.ks.gov/estar/portal/kcc/page/docket-docs/PSC/DocketDetails.aspx?DocketId=0bd01eec-f14a-455e-88af-807e3b3f9ae9>

The KCC has until September 3, 2013 to make a decision on the proposed siting permit.

ITC Great Plains' and Mid-Kansas' Transmission Line Proposal

The Companies propose constructing a new 345 kV high-capacity transmission line from the Elm Creek Substation near Concordia, Kansas, south to an interconnection point with Westar near the intersection of 220th and Justice Road near Wells, Kansas. Westar will continue construction of the transmission line south to its Summit Substation near Salina, Kansas. In their Application, the Companies state that this will improve reliability in north-central Kansas. This project will also provide greater access to future energy markets, provide for wide-ranging dispatch savings, lower reliability margins, improve dynamic performance and grid stability during extreme events, and provide additional societal economic benefits.

The Southwest Power Pool, the regional transmission provider for Kansas, has issued Notifications to Construct the project. The Companies must also receive approval from the Commission. If approved, ITC Great Plains will work with landowners to acquire easements and begin construction with completion currently expected by early 2018.

Additional Information Available

For more information about the proposed project, public hearing or technical hearing, contact the Kansas Corporation Commission Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at 1-800-662-0027. Any person requiring special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act needs to give notice to the Commission at least 10 days before the scheduled hearing date.

The Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) can also be contacted 785-271-3200 for further information.