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NEWS FROM ITC MICHIGAN



SUMMER 2015

Building a Better Grid

Thumb Loop Project wrapping up this month

ITC Transmission's Thumb Loop project will go into service in mid-May. The project increases transmission system reliability while serving as a backbone for the interconnection of new generation sources in the area. These interconnections play a vital role in achieving Michigan's renewable energy requirements.



The project was driven by Michigan's 2008 Clean, Renewable and Efficient Energy Act (Public Act 295) which created the Wind Energy Resource Zone Board, which then identified the Thumb region as having the highest potential for wind energy in the state. The Thumb Loop was approved as a Multi-Value Project (MVP) by the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO, the regional transmission organization), delivering significant reliability and economic benefits throughout the Midwest.

Spanning 140 miles, Thumb Loop is ITC's largest project to date and was completed on time. The construction phase alone has had an economic impact of \$366 million to the state. MISO anticipates that the benefits of the MVP projects will be at least 2.5 to 3.9 times the costs.

To celebrate the completion of the Thumb Loop and other MVP projects, community leaders in Sanilac County will join ITC to recognize the successful partnership of ITC, contractors and the community to advance the project and improve system reliability and efficiency throughout the Thumb region.

EVENTS

Spring Partners in Business Meeting

June 2 at the Michigan Science Center in Detroit. The event will feature remarks by Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan and a panel discussion on EPA air regulations with MPSC Commissioner Sally Talberg and representatives from the Michigan DEQ, DTE Energy and the Michigan Manufacturers Association. ITC will provide updates on reliability benchmark results, summer readiness, capital projects, preventive maintenance and legislative and regulatory matters. Please visit www.itc-holdings.com/Michigan2015PIB for more information about these events and how to register.

Spring & Summer Events

- May 9: Fifth Third River Bank Run, Grand Rapids
- May 15: St. Clair County Emergency Services Breakfast & Golf Outing
- June 26-28: Howell Balloon Fest
- July 8: Wayne County Mud Day
- Aug. 3-8: Ingham County Fair

A Letter from the President

Many of you know me through my role as executive vice president and chief business officer of ITC, but I'm coming to you today as president of ITC Michigan and leader of the ITC Transmission and METC operating companies. In this role, I want to reinforce to you, our Michigan customers and stakeholders, ITC's ongoing commitment to operational excellence which guides the delivery of a high level of quality, reliability and service to you.

Our investments in Michigan's transmission systems since 2003 have yielded continuous improvements in reliability and performance, making our systems some of the most reliable in the country. We are focused on delivering even more value as we continue to upgrade the grid.

We look forward to continuing to work with our customers and stakeholders across the state to address and meet your ongoing and changing needs.

Thank you for your continued support of ITC. I assure you the ITC Michigan team stands ready to work collaboratively with you to provide the high level of service and reliability you expect.

Sincerely,

Linda Blair

Executive Vice President, Chief Business
Unit Officer and President, ITC Michigan

Leadership Voice

ITC to Present at Big M Manufacturing Conference

Sophisticated manufacturing processes and equipment demand a high level of electric reliability and power quality to function efficiently. ITC will show how ongoing upgrades to the high-voltage grid are improving reliability and service to industrial customers at the "Big M" Manufacturing Conference in Detroit June 3. ITC Vice President of IT and Chief Information Officer Ron Hinsley will moderate a panel on grid security during the conference.

Environmental Reputation



Michigan Environmental Leader Designation

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has designated ITC as a Michigan Environmental Leader, recognizing our commitment to Michigan's economy, communities and environmental stewardship through outstanding and innovative sustainability practices. The DEQ cited the implementation of our Environmental Management System for pollution prevention, the Wildlife at Work program and the design and implementation of planting demonstration areas within transmission corridors.



Tree Line USA Certification

For the ninth consecutive year, ITC's Michigan operating ITC Transmission and METC are proud to be recognized as Tree Line USA utilities. In partnership with The Arbor Day Foundation, the Tree Line USA program encourages thoughtful practices that help preserve community trees while also serving a utility company's customers. Trees properly placed can help improve reliability and safety for electric transmission facilities while reducing tree mortality and contributing to healthier community forests.



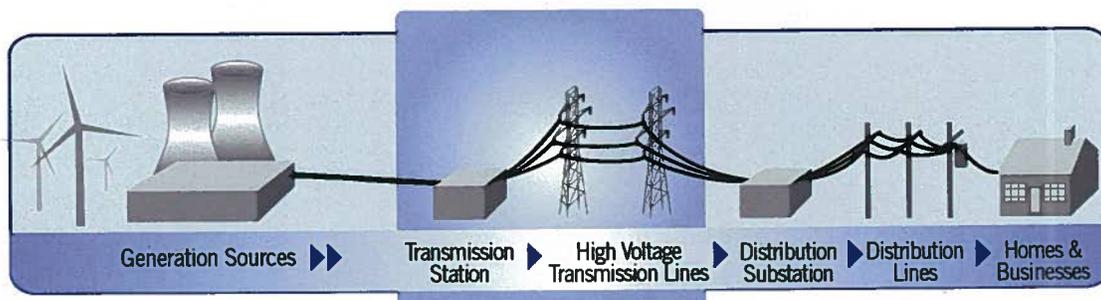
ITC recognized by Wildlife Habitat Council

As a testament to ITC's commitment to the environment, ITC was recently awarded three new Wildlife at Work Certifications and three re-certifications by the Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) for environmental excellence. ITC now holds 10 WHC certifications in Michigan.

ITC's latest certifications include our Transmission Line Right-of-Way at Tomlinson Arboretum in Macomb County; Belleville Warehouse Rain Garden in Washtenaw County; and Wayland Warehouse Rain Garden in Allegan County. WHC also awarded re-certifications for our Transmission Line Right-of-Way at Wolcott Mill Metropark in Macomb County; and Transmission Line Right-of-Way at Chippewa Nature Center in Midland County.

What is Transmission?

ITC owns, operates and maintains the high-voltage power grid in your community, including electrical substations, which connect a network of towers and lines that ensure the electricity you receive is safe, reliable, secure and cost-effective.



Operational Excellence

ITC Conducting Aerial Patrols of Transmission Lines throughout Michigan

ITC takes a proactive approach to maintaining the transmission system to identify and address potential issues. We are currently conducting spring aerial patrols of transmission structures and lines throughout the Lower Peninsula. Patrols began in western Michigan during the first week of May and will continue through the end of June, ending in northern Michigan.



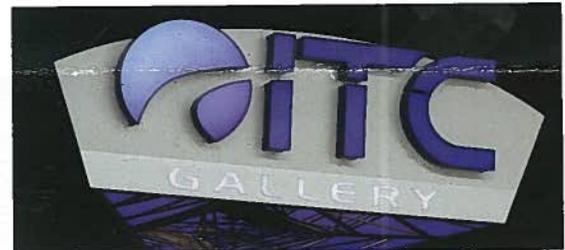
The semi-annual helicopter patrols are conducted to provide an overall status of the transmission system operated by ITC Michigan. Patrol crews check for damaged or worn equipment and vegetation hazards. Flights are conducted at low altitudes to allow accurate visual inspection of equipment, so there is no cause for alarm if a low-flying helicopter is sighted near transmission lines.

Community Commitment

ITC strives to be a good neighbor and support the local communities where we operate. This commitment is a cornerstone of our business and part of our mission to be a good corporate neighbor.

ITC Supports Michigan Science Center with STEM Grant

ITC recently announced a \$250,000 donation to the Michigan Science Center to support the development of programs to stimulate interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) among young students. As part of the partnership, the ITC Gallery was created inside the science center which will be the home of a Robot Lab concentrating on STEM activities.



"We are very excited about the naming of the ITC Gallery – right down to the very cool 'chandelier' designed to look like the inside of an electrical tower! ITC is one of the most creative and committed funders we have had the honor to work with. As one of Michigan Science Center's strongest partners, ITC's significant contributions have been critical to the work we are doing in building the next generation STEM workforce."

– Dr. Tonya Matthews, President and CEO, Michigan Science Center

ITC Provides Michigan Trail Experience at New DNR Outdoor Adventure Center in Detroit

Building on our strong environmental commitment and promoting of healthy lifestyles through trail use along transmission corridors, ITC is partnering with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to present the Michigan Trails Exhibit at the Outdoor Adventure Center. The trail exhibit will highlight a wide variety of simulated trail experiences and support the DNR's goal of educating residents about outdoor opportunities available in Michigan's great outdoors in the state. The new Outdoor Adventure Center is located in downtown Detroit along the RiverWalk and is scheduled to open in July.



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Our Michigan operating subsidiaries, International Transmission Company (d/b/a *ITC Transmission*) and Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC (METC), are wholly-owned subsidiaries of ITC Holdings Corp., the nation's largest independent electricity transmission company. Based in Novi, Michigan, we own, operate and maintain the high-voltage power transmission grid in your community. This includes electrical towers, poles, substations and approximately 8,600 circuit miles of transmission lines. This infrastructure is critical to delivering safe and reliable power to your community.

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