



January 12, 2024

Michigan Public Service Commission Chairman, Dan Scripps
Michigan Public Service Commission
7109 W. Saginaw Highway
Lansing, MI 48917

RE: PUBLIC ACT 125 OF 2021 SUBMISSION OF FORMAL QUARTERLY REPORT

Dear Chairman Scripps,

Public Act 125 of 2021, the Transmission Infrastructure Planning Act (TIPA) requires that an incumbent Transmission Owner (TO) that will construct a regionally cost-shared transmission line shall provide to the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) within 180 days an estimate of the cost to construct and documentation that the costs are the result of a "competitive" solicitation process. Thereafter, the TO shall provide the MPSC a quarterly report that includes an updated estimate of the cost to construct a regionally cost-shared transmission line and an explanation of changes in the cost estimate from the previous cost estimate.

Along with this letter acknowledging compliance with TIPA, attached are the formal reports documenting the METC competitive solicitation process and updated cost estimate information. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Whitelocke', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Simon Whitelocke
Vice President, ITC Holdings Corp. and President of ITC Michigan

CC: Michigan Public Service Commissioner, Katherine Peretick
Michigan Public Service Commissioner, Alessandra Carreon

METC Long-Range Transmission Plan

Michigan Public Service Commission Report

Helix-Hiple Report January 12, 2024

INTRODUCTION

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As part of Tranche 1, approximately 100 new miles of 345kV electric transmission lines are to be constructed in Michigan, with an estimated investment of \$850 million. These lines run from METC's Nelson Road substation (Griatiot County) to Oneida substation (Eaton County); and Helix substation (new substation, targeted to locate in northern Calhoun County) to Hiple substation in Indiana.

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Routing Study

\$619,704.00

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Substation & Substation Equipment Breakers

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CCVT

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Nelson Road-Oneida Report January 12, 2024

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\$434,160.00

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