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ITC Great Plains Announces Community Open Houses to Introduce Phase II of the Spearville-Knoll-Axtell (KETA) High-Voltage Transmission Line Project

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 17, 2009 – ITC Great Plains, LLC will conduct open house events in Plainville on November 30 and Smith Center on December 1 to introduce landowners and the community to the northern Kansas portion of the 215-mile Spearville-to-Knoll-to-Axtell (SKA) high-voltage electric transmission line. Phase II of the 345,000 volt (345kV) SKA line, also known as the KETA Project, will run approximately 85 miles through north-central Kansas from the Knoll substation near Hays to the Kansas-Nebraska border.

ITC Great Plains has developed three potential routes for Phase II of the line. The routes, which pass through Ellis, Rooks, Osborne, Smith and Phillips counties, attempt to minimize impacts to residents, their land and the natural environment while providing a technically viable and cost-effective transmission line.

ITC recently mailed event invitations and route maps to landowners whose properties intersect or fall within 1,000 feet of any of the potential routes. During the open house events, landowners will have the opportunity to review the routes in detail and provide input.

SKA Phase II Community Open House Schedule

Monday, November 30

5:30 to 8 pm

Plainville Elementary School cafeteria

203 SE Cardinal Street

Plainville, KS 67663

Tuesday, December 1

5:30 to 8 pm

Smith Center Armory

101 Armory Road

Smith Center, KS 66967

“ITC is committed to working with landowners throughout the siting, design, and construction process,” said Carl Huslig, president of ITC Great Plains. “This transmission line is a critical infrastructure project for the state of Kansas and the region. It will increase reliability and provide access to more efficient electricity sources in Kansas and the Midwest and facilitate the interconnection of renewable energy projects.”

Following review of community input, ITC Great Plains will develop a final proposed route for the SKA Phase II line and file a siting application by March 2010 with the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC). ITC anticipates the KCC will conduct a public hearing on the siting application approximately 60 days after the application is filed, followed by an order approving a specific route sometime in July 2010. ITC then would begin negotiations with landowners to purchase right-of-way easements. Phase II construction is projected to begin by late 2011.

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ITC held similar open house events in December 2008 for the southern portion of the SKA project. The 89-mile Phase I portion of the project will run from Spearville to Knoll. The Phase I route was approved by the KCC in July 2009, and ITC recently began activities to obtain landowner easements for Phase I. Construction for Phase I is expected to begin in March 2011.

About the Spearville-Knoll-Axtell (KETA) Project

The Spearville-to-Knoll-to-Axtell line, also known as the KETA Project, is a 345,000 volt (345kV) transmission line conceived and sponsored by the Kansas Electric Transmission Authority (KETA). It will run 215 miles from Spearville, Kan., north through Knoll (near Hays) and across the Nebraska border to Axtell. The line is being built in three phases: Spearville to the Knoll substation (near Hays); Knoll to the Kansas-Nebraska border; and from the Kansas-Nebraska border to Axtell, Nebraska. ITC Great Plains will build the first two segments, from Spearville to the Nebraska border. The Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) is responsible for building the third segment, from the Kansas-Nebraska border to Axtell, where it will interconnect with a substation owned and operated by NPPD. For more information on the SKA line, please go to www.itcgreatplains.com/ketaproject.

About ITC Great Plains

ITC Great Plains, LLC was formed in July 2006 as a subsidiary of ITC Grid Development, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ITC Holdings Corp. ITC Great Plains is a transmission-only utility which seeks to build a more robust electric transmission system so every electric customer in the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) will have access to reliable, non-discriminatory, competitive and low-cost energy. ITC Great Plains has been granted transmission-only utility status in Kansas and Oklahoma, providing ITC Great Plains the ability to own and operate a fully-regulated, high-voltage transmission system that transmits electricity to local electricity distribution facilities from generating stations throughout the SPP region. ITC Great Plains is committed to working with all stakeholders to identify and solve transmission issues throughout the SPP. For more information on ITC Great Plains, please visit www.itcgreatplains.com.

About ITC Holdings Corp.

ITC Holdings Corp. (NYSE: ITC) invests in the electricity transmission grid to improve electric reliability, improve access to markets and lower the overall cost of delivered energy. ITC is the largest independent electricity transmission company in the country. Through its subsidiaries, ITC *Transmission*, Michigan Electric Transmission Company (METC) and ITC Midwest, ITC operates contiguous, regulated, high-voltage transmission systems in Michigan's Lower Peninsula and portions of Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois and Missouri, serving a combined peak load in excess of 25,000 megawatts. ITC is also focused on new areas where significant transmission system improvements are needed through subsidiaries ITC Grid Development, ITC Great Plains and ITC Panhandle Transmission. For more information, please visit: <http://www.itctransco.com>.

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