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ITC Great Plains Announces Community Open Houses to Introduce the Hugo-to-Valliant High-Voltage Transmission Line and Substation Project

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 17, 2009 – ITC Great Plains, LLC will host open house events in Fort Towson, Oklahoma on December 7 and Valliant, Oklahoma on December 8 to introduce landowners and the community to its Hugo-to-Valliant high-voltage electric transmission line project.

The Hugo-to-Valliant 345,000 volt (345kV) line and substation are part of a larger transmission line project being implemented in southeastern Oklahoma to reduce system congestion, provide more efficient and cost-effective transmission of energy and increase access to a broader range of generation resources. It will run approximately 19 miles from a new substation that ITC will build near the Western Farmers Electric Cooperative Hugo Power Plant, west of Fort Towson, to an existing substation southeast of Valliant.

ITC Great Plains has conducted a preliminary route selection study and developed three potential routes for the line. The routes, which pass through portions of Choctaw and McCurtain 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 open house 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 for the final proposed route.

Hugo to Valliant Community Open House Schedule

Monday, December 7

5:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. (anytime)
Fort Towson School Cafeteria
205 NW Third Street
Fort Towson, OK 74735

Tuesday, December 8

5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.(anytime)
Terry Building
311 North Johnson Street
Valliant, OK 74764

“The lack of high-voltage transmission lines in southeastern Oklahoma is hindering the ability of the transmission grid to reliably and efficiently meet electricity demand across the region,” said Carl Huslig, president of ITC Great Plains. “The Hugo-to-Valliant project is intended to reduce system congestion and inefficiency, meet increasing service requests for transmission and help provide access to more dependable, efficient and affordable electricity in southeastern Oklahoma and throughout the state. ITC is committed to working with landowners throughout the siting, design, and construction process to minimize impacts to them and their property while providing a technically viable and cost-effective transmission line.”

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Following review of community input, ITC Great Plains will develop a final route for the Hugo-to-Valliant line. ITC will then begin discussions with landowners to purchase right-of-way easements. Construction is projected to begin during the second quarter of 2011, with the line and substation scheduled to enter service by the end of March 2012.

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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