

BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of ITC Midwest LLC's)	
Vegetation Management Standards)	Case No. EO-2017-
Guidelines and Procedures Pursuant to)	
4 CSR 240-23.030(6)(C))	

ANNUAL COMPLIANCE FILING

ITC Midwest LLC ("ITCMW") here files its annual report on vegetation management standards guidelines for 2017 in compliance with the above-referenced rule.

1. Information required under 4 CSR 240-23.030(6)(B):

- Identification of each circuit and substation where vegetation management was performed;
 - Vegetation management was performed on ITCMW's Carbide-Palmyra 161 kV circuit and Carbide-Viele #1.
- The type of vegetation management performed including removal, trimming and spraying and methods used;
 - Vegetation management was performed in accordance with the attached ITC Holdings Vegetation Management Policy.
- The crew size and supervisor's name;
 - Crew sizes ranged from 2-6 persons over the work completion period. Supervisor was M. Woodsmall.
- The date of activity;
 - The work on the Carbide-Palmyra and Carbide-Viele #1 circuits occurred during nine months, beginning on the week of December 21st 2015, and finishing during the week of September 27th 2016.
- Any safety hazards encountered; and
 - ITCMW's personnel did not encounter any safety hazards beyond those typical of line clearance tasks.
- Any unexpected occurrence or accident resulting in death, life-threatening or serious injury to a person assigned to perform vegetation management activities or the public.
 - There were no such occurrences or accidents.

2. **Information required under 4 CSR 240-23.030(6)(C):**

- Expenditures for vegetation management in the preceding year;
 - ITCMW expended \$77,681.46 for vegetation management on its Missouri facilities during 2016.
- Vegetation management budget for the current year;
 - The vegetation management budget for ITCMW's two Missouri circuits for 2017 is:
 - Carbide – Viele #1 = \$2789.67
 - Carbide – Palmyra = \$1351.50
- Circuits, completion dates and miles trimmed in the preceding year;
 - ITC completed trimming on the 13.47 mile Carbide – Palmyra circuit on September 27th 2016.
- Circuits, completion dates and miles scheduled for the current year; and
 - There is no planned trimming for any ITCMW facilities in Missouri for the current year.
- Total distribution miles for the system and corresponding classification between rural and urban.
 - ITCMW owns no distribution facilities in Missouri.

WHEREFORE ITCMW submits the attached documents as required by 4 CSR 240-23.030.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE


I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this document was served upon the parties listed below on this 27 day of March, 2017, by either e-mail or U.S. Mail, postage prepaid.

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ITC HOLDINGS VEGETATION MANAGEMENT POLICY

	* Category:	Facilities O&M and Support Services	
	Type:	Maintenance	
	Document:	FSS-502	
	Owner:	Amy Murray, Maintenance Specialist	
	Date Published/Rev. #	06/07/2016	009
	Effective Date	06/07/2016	

* References to ITC are references to ITC Holdings Corp. together with all of its subsidiaries, unless otherwise noted.

This policy replaces FSS-502 Rev 008, dated 06/03/2015 and titled "ITC Holdings Vegetation Management Policy."

ITC's vegetation management policy is to actively manage, through removing, pruning, mowing and/or applying herbicides, the vegetation that grows within, under and around our electrical tower structures and wires in order to ensure safety, reliability and compliance with mandatory reliability requirements established by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation and approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on March 16, 2007. It is ITC's policy goal to have zero outages as a result of vegetation interference.

This document shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the owner.

REFERENCES

1. NERC Reliability Standard FAC-003-3, Transmission Vegetation Management Program

ITC conducts inspections of its rights-of-way to identify and develop needed measures to manage vegetation. ITC manages its rights-of-way in accordance with the following:

Within the Wire Zone:

Trees growing within the wire zone (the ground under and 10 feet outside the wires) shall be targeted for removal with priority emphasis given to incompatible tall growing species. Where ITC lacks removal rights in the wire zone and removal permission is not obtained, trees shall be pruned to prevent grow in and fall in threats.

Outside the Wire Zone, but Within ITC rights-of-way:

Incompatible trees growing outside the wire zone, but within ITC rights-of-way, will be targeted for removal. Where ITC lacks tree removal rights within the rights-of-way, and removal permission is not obtained, trees shall be pruned to prevent grow in and fall in threats to the extent of legal rights.

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Adjacent to ITC rights-of-way:

Trees growing outside and adjacent to ITC rights-of-way, and posing a safety or reliability threat, will be pruned to the edge of the ITC rights-of-way. Permission will be sought from affected property owners to remove or prune hazard trees outside of the ITC rights-of-way.

ITC will actively negotiate with affected property owners to seek the necessary tree removal or pruning rights in those cases where rights are insufficient to maintain the safety or reliability of the transmission line. In the event ITC cannot secure the necessary rights from property owners, ITC may pursue other appropriate legal remedies.

ITC recognizes that its electric transmission system is vital to electric reliability, to national security, and provides a vital service to society. ITC rights-of-way also have the potential to provide a habitat for a wide variety of plants and animals. Therefore, we will manage in favor of sustainable, low growing plant communities, to allow rights-of-way to serve a dual purpose as habitat greenways. We shall cooperate with government agencies, communities, conservation organizations, universities and other organizations to manage and improve knowledge of this natural resource and partner with our communities and residents to enjoy the benefits resulting from natural greenways.

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REVISION HISTORY

Date Published	Revision Number	Individual Making Edits	Reason / Comments
10/18/07	000	R. Gilmore	Initial policy documented.
04/30/08	001	P. Bougeau	Policy change due to new management directive
07/23/08	002	J. Smith	Change to align policy with TVMP
12/11/08	003	J. Smith	Change for inclusion of ITCMW
09/30/09	004	R. Gilmore	Added ITC Compliance Department language to identify which NERC Standard this document serves to satisfy. Initiated an Att99 for internal review.
05/25/11	005	R. Gilmore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per S. Stout & T. Gucciardo added M. Gregory as document co-owner.
01/28/14	006	A. Murray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change to reflect new Vegetation Manager. Removed reference to the Attachment 99.
06/03/14	007	A. Murray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised some verbiage. Annual review has been completed.
06/03/15	008	A. Murray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised some verbiage. Annual review has been completed
06/07/16	009	A. Murray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Review completed,

VERIFICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

Neil Doshi, first being duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is Supervisor of Maintenance Management of ITC Midwest LLC, a Missouri corporation; that he is the individual who sponsors the attached reports filed in accordance with 4 CSR 240-23.020; that said reports were prepared under his direction and supervision; that if inquiries are made as to the facts, he would respond as therein set forth; and that the aforesaid is true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

Neil Doshi

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Subscribed and sworn to me this 24th day of March, 2017

Notary Seal:

Holly Mae McGlinn

Notary Public

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My Commission Expires 11-21-2020
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