

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of ITC Midwest LLC's and  
Fortis Inc.'s Joint Application for  
Approval of Merger.

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**File No. EM-2016-0212**

**STATUS REPORT**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Status Report* in this matter hereby states:

1. On May 10, 2016, Fortis Inc., ITC Holdings Corp., and ITC Midwest LLC (jointly, "Applicants") filed a *Joint Application for Approval of Merger and Motion for Expedited Treatment*. The Applicants seek Commission approval for a transaction in which a subsidiary of Fortis Inc. – Element Acquisition Sub Inc. – will merge with ITC Holdings Corp., the direct parent of ITC Midwest LLC. ITC Midwest LLC owns and operates a 9.5 mile 161 kV transmission line in Clark County, Missouri. If approved, the transaction will result in ITC Holdings Corp. being the surviving company in the merger and each share of common stock for ITC Holdings Corp. being cancelled.

2. On May 11, 2016, the Commission issued an *Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention Deadline, and Directing Filing of Staff Recommendation* in which Staff was ordered to file a status report or a recommendation no later than July 8, 2016.

3. Staff is in the process of finishing its investigation in this matter, and plans to file a final recommendation within thirty (30) days.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff asks that the Commission accepts this status report; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were served electronically on all counsel of record this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

**/s/ Nicole Mers**