## 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	) <u>F</u>	ile No. EM-2016-0212
Approval of Merger.	)	

## ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE AND DIRECTING FILING OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: May 11, 2016 Effective Date: May 11, 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.

The Applicants seek expedited treatment and request the Commission approve the direct merger of the non-jurisdictional companies by October 1, 2016. The Commission will direct notice be provided of the joint application, set a deadline for interested parties to intervene, and direct the Commission's Staff to file a recommendation.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

 The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the Clark County Commission.

- The Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the media and members of the General Assembly serving Clark County, Missouri.
- 3. Any proper person or entity wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene no later than June 10, 2016, in the Commission's Electronic Filing Information System ("EFIS").
- 4. No later than July 8, 2016, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall investigate and file either a status report or a recommendation on the transaction proposed by the Applicants.
  - 5. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION

SION OF STREET

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Kim S. Burton, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.