

**BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

In the Matter of the Application of ITC Great)
Plains, LLC and Mid-Kansas Electric Company,)
LLC for a Siting Permit for the Construction of a) Docket No. 13-ITCE-677-MIS
345 kV Transmission Line in Cloud and Ottawa)
Counties, Kansas.)

Received
on

JUN 3 2013

**AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION
AND NOTICE TO LANDOWNERS**

by
State Corporation Commission
of Kansas

Kristine M. Schmidt, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am President of ITC Great Plains, LLC.
2. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1,179, on May 10, 2013, I had delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, to owners of record of property located within 1000 feet of the centerline of ITC Great Plains' and Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC's segment of the proposed Elm Creek-Summit transmission line: (1) a Notice of Public Hearing and Public Comment Period, (2) a copy of the Application filed in the above-captioned docket, and (3) maps of the proposed route. A copy of the Notice of Public Hearing and Public Comment Period is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. A copy of the list of landowners to whom the certified mailing was sent is attached to the Joint Application for Line Siting Permit as Exhibit 6 (May 3, 2013).

3. In addition, I had legal notices placed in the following newspapers of general circulation in Cloud and Ottawa Counties, Kansas:

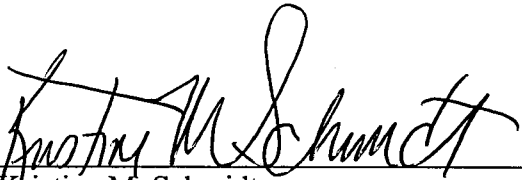
- Clyde Republican (May 16, 2013)
- Concordia Blade Empire (May 16, 2013)
- Miltonvale Record (May 16, 2013)
- Minneapolis Messenger (May 16, 2013)

4. In addition to the above newspaper publication, I also had legal notices placed in the following:

- Salina Journal (June 2 and 3, 2013)
- Concordia Blade Empire (June 3, 2013)
- Minneapolis Messenger website, <http://www.mymessengerks.com> (May 31, 2013, June 1-3, 2013)

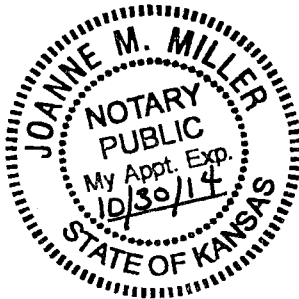
5. Finally, I arranged to run radio announcements of the June 3, 2013 public hearing on KSAL, a Salina news radio station, on June 1-3, 2013.

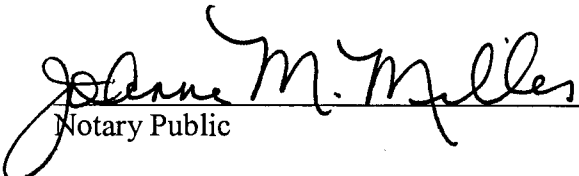
FURTHER Affiant sayeth not.



Kristine M. Schmidt

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 3rd day of June, 2013.





Notary Public

My appointment expires:

10/30/2014

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

ITC Great Plains, LLC (ITC Great Plains) and Mid-Kansas Electric Company, LLC (Mid-Kansas) (collectively, the Companies) have filed a joint application with the Kansas Corporation Commission (Commission) to request permission to build a new 345-kilovolt (kV) high-capacity transmission line from ITC Great Plains' existing Elm Creek Substation near Concordia, Kansas, south to an interconnection point with Westar Energy, Inc. (Westar), which will continue south with the line to its existing Summit Substation located near Salina, Kansas (the "Elm Creek-Summit Line"). The Companies' and Westar's segments will interconnect near the intersection of 220th and Justice Road near Wells, Kansas.

Public Hearing

The Commission has scheduled a public hearing about the location of ITC Great Plains' and Mid-Kansas' portion of the proposed transmission line in order to provide members of the public with information and to allow them to provide comment before the Commission on the application.

**6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3
Minneapolis Junior/Senior High School
602 Woodland Street Minneapolis, KS 67467**

The public hearing will take place in two parts. First, a question and answer period will allow the public to direct questions pertaining to the project to representatives of ITC Great Plains and Mid-Kansas, the Commission Staff and the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB). In the second part of the hearing, the public will be allowed to make formal statements to members of the Commission or their designated representative.

In addition, ITC Great Plains and Mid-Kansas will be available at the site of the public hearing from 4-6 p.m. with detailed maps of the route location and a computer viewing system that can zoom in on the route and individual landowner properties. Representatives from ITC Great Plains and Mid-Kansas will be available to answer questions at that time.

Any person requiring special accommodations at the hearing under the Americans with Disabilities Act must give notice to the Commission at least 10 days before the scheduled hearing by calling 1-785-271-3140 or 1-800-662-0027.

Public Comments

The Commission will accept written comments from the public through June 10, 2013. Written comments regarding the case should reference Docket No.13-ITCE-677-MIS and should be emailed directly to the Kansas Corporation Commission, Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, at public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov. Comments may also be submitted by mail to the Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, Kansas Corporation Commission, 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas, 66604-4027, or by calling 1-800-662-0027. Public comments received by June 10, 2013, will be entered into the record in the docket.

The Commission will conduct a technical hearing, which is open to the public, concerning the proposed transmission construction project. This technical hearing is scheduled to begin on August 5, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. in the first floor hearing room at the Kansas Corporation Commission Topeka office, 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road. At this hearing the Commission Staff, ITC Great Plains and Mid-Kansas representatives, CURB Staff, and other intervenors will present their respective positions to the Commission.

The Commission must issue a decision by September 3, 2013, with respect to the necessity for and the reasonableness of the location of the proposed electric transmission line, taking into consideration the benefit to both consumers in Kansas and outside the state and economic development benefits in Kansas.

ITC Great Plains' and Mid-Kansas' Transmission Line Proposal

The Companies propose constructing a new 345 kV high-capacity transmission line from the Elm Creek Substation near Concordia, Kansas, south to an interconnection point with Westar near the intersection of 220th and Justice Road near Wells, Kansas. Westar will continue construction of the transmission line south to its Summit Substation near Salina, Kansas. In their Application, the Companies state that this will improve reliability in north-central Kansas. This project will also provide greater access to future energy markets, provide for wide-ranging dispatch savings, lower reliability margins, improve dynamic performance and grid stability during extreme events, and provide additional societal economic benefits.

The Southwest Power Pool, the regional transmission provider for Kansas, has issued Notifications to Construct the project. The Companies must also receive approval from the Commission. If approved, ITC Great Plains will work with landowners to acquire easements and begin construction with completion currently expected by early 2018.

Information Available

For more information about the proposed project contact ITC at 1-877-482-4829 or general@itctransco.com. For more information about the public hearing or submitting comments, contact the Kansas Corporation Commission, Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, by email at public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov or by phone at 1-800-662-0027.

A complete copy of ITC Great Plains' application and supporting testimony is available on the Commission's website at: <http://www.kcc.ks.gov>, by searching Docket Filings for Docket No.13-ITCE-677-MIS.

