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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

b QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE

ACT OF 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2013

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE

o ACT OF 1934

Commission File Number: 001-32576

ITC HOLDINGS CORP.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Michigan

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or

Organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

27175 Energy Way Novi, MI 48377

(Address Of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

(248) 946-3000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes β No o Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes b No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer b Accelerated filer o Non-accelerated filer o

Smaller Reporting Company o

(Do not check if a smaller reporting

company)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No b

The number of shares of the Registrant's Common Stock, without par value, outstanding as of April 19, 2013 was 52,332,830.

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DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise noted or the context requires, all references in this report to:

ITC Holdings Corp. and its subsidiaries

- "ITC Great Plains" are references to ITC Great Plains, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ITC Grid Development, LLC;
- "ITC Grid Development" are references to ITC Grid Development, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ITC Holdings;
- "Green Power Express" are references to Green Power Express LP, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of ITC Holdings;
- "ITC Holdings" are references to ITC Holdings Corp. and not any of its subsidiaries;
- "ITC Midwest" are references to ITC Midwest LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ITC Holdings;
- "ITCTransmission" are references to International Transmission Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ITC Holdings;
- "METC" are references to Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of MTH;
- "MISO Regulated Operating Subsidiaries" are references to ITCTransmission, METC and ITC Midwest together;
- "MTH" are references to Michigan Transco Holdings, LLC, the sole member of METC and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of ITC Holdings;
- "Regulated Operating Subsidiaries" are references to ITCTransmission, METC, ITC Midwest and ITC Great Plains together; and
- "We," "our" and "us" are references to ITC Holdings together with all of its subsidiaries.

Other definitions

- "Consumers Energy" are references to Consumers Energy Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CMS Energy Corporation;
- "Detroit Edison" are references to The Detroit Edison Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of DTE Energy Company;
- "Entergy" are references to Entergy Corporation;
- "Entergy Transaction" are references to the transaction whereby the electric transmission business of Entergy will be separated and subsequently merged with a wholly-owned subsidiary of ITC Holdings;
- "FERC" are references to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission;
- "FPA" are references to the Federal Power Act;
- "IP&L" are references to Interstate Power and Light Company, an Alliant Energy Corporation subsidiary;
- "ITC Holdings' annual report on Form 10-K" are references to the annual report on Form 10-K filed on March 1, 2013;
- "kV" are references to kilovolts (one kilovolt equaling 1,000 volts);
- "kW" are references to kilowatts (one kilowatt equaling 1,000 watts);
- "MISO" are references to the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc., a FERC-approved RTO which oversees the operation of the bulk power transmission system for a substantial portion of the Midwestern United States and Manitoba, Canada, and of which ITCTransmission, METC and ITC Midwest are members;
- "MW" are references to megawatts (one megawatt equaling 1,000,000 watts);
- "NERC" are references to the North American Electric Reliability Corporation;
- "RTO" are references to Regional Transmission Organizations; and
- "SPP" are references to Southwest Power Pool, Inc., a FERC-approved RTO which oversees the operation of the bulk power transmission system for a substantial portion of the South Central United States, and of which ITC Great Plains is a member.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ITC HOLDINGS CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES

| CONDENSED | CONSOLIDATED | STATEMENTS | OF FINANCIAL | POSITION | (UNAUDITED) |
|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------|----------|-------------|
| | | | | | |

| (in thousands, except share data) | March 31, 2013 | December 31, 2012 |
|---|----------------|-------------------|
| ASSETS | 2010 | _01_ |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$67,582 | \$26,187 |
| Accounts receivable | 78,412 | 72,192 |
| Inventory | 37,092 | 37,357 |
| Deferred income taxes | 21,094 | 23,014 |
| Regulatory assets — revenue accruals, including accrued interest | 6,310 | 7,489 |
| Prepaid assets | 18,367 | 29,235 |
| Other | 5,179 | 2,752 |
| Total current assets | 234,036 | 198,226 |
| Property, plant and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$1,289,769 and \$1,269,810, respectively) | 4,317,746 | 4,134,579 |
| Other assets | | |
| Goodwill | 950,163 | 950,163 |
| Intangible assets (net of accumulated amortization of \$19,188 and \$18,397, respectively) | 47,701 | 48,492 |
| Regulatory assets — revenue accruals, including accrued interest | 14,594 | 2,719 |
| Other regulatory assets | 181,797 | 180,378 |
| Deferred financing fees (net of accumulated amortization of \$18,742 and \$17,838, | 18,721 | 19,293 |
| respectively) Other | 30,729 | 30,959 |
| Total other assets | 1,243,705 | 1,232,004 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$5,795,487 | \$5,564,809 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | Φ3,793,407 | \$5,504,609 |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Accounts payable | \$109,646 | \$123,022 |
| Accrued payroll | 10,174 | 20,740 |
| Accrued interest | 44,722 | 44,708 |
| Accrued taxes | 23,221 | 28,117 |
| Regulatory liabilities — revenue deferrals, including accrued interest | 47,736 | 53,763 |
| Refundable deposits from generators for transmission network upgrades | 30,083 | 40,745 |
| Debt maturing within one year | 901,962 | 651,929 |
| Other | 38,408 | 40,287 |
| Total current liabilities | 1,205,952 | 1,003,311 |
| Accrued pension and postretirement liabilities | 55,349 | 53,243 |
| Deferred income taxes | 484,577 | 460,072 |
| Regulatory liabilities — revenue deferrals, including accrued interest | 33,479 | 28,613 |
| Regulatory liabilities — accrued asset removal costs | 74,549 | 75,477 |
| Refundable deposits from generators for transmission network upgrades | 6,019 | 7,623 |
| Other | 23,088 | 26,317 |
| Long-term debt | 2,458,881 | 2,495,298 |
| Commitments and contingent liabilities (Note 10) | 2, 130,001 | 2,170,270 |
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |

| Common stock, without par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 52,317, | 093 and | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|---|
| 52,248,514 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, 995,509 | | 989,334 | |
| respectively | | | |
| Retained earnings | 474,026 | 443,569 | |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (15,942 |) (18,048 |) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 1,453,593 | 1,414,855 | |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | \$5,795,487 | \$5,564,809 | |
| See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited). | | | |

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ITC HOLDINGS CORP. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

| | Three months ended | | | |
|--|--------------------|-----------|---|--|
| | March 31, | March 31, | | |
| (in thousands, except per share data) | 2013 | 2012 | | |
| OPERATING REVENUES | \$217,304 | \$196,713 | | |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | | | | |
| Operation and maintenance | 24,513 | 28,712 | | |
| General and administrative | 34,926 | 23,009 | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 28,486 | 25,011 | | |
| Taxes other than income taxes | 16,670 | 14,280 | | |
| Other operating (income) and expense — net | (172 |) (193 |) | |
| Total operating expenses | | | | |