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Spin/Merger with ITC

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CLECO/NRG

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Entergy Forward-Looking Information

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Additional Information and Where to Find It

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ITC and Transco will file registration statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission

(SEC) registering shares of ITC common stock and Transco common units to be issued to Entergy shareholders in connection with the proposed transactions. ITC will also file a proxy statement with the SEC that will be sent to the shareholders of ITC. Entergy shareholders are urged to read the prospectus and/or information statement that will be included in the registration statements and any other relevant documents, because they contain important information about ITC,

Transco and the proposed

transactions. ITC shareholders are urged to read the proxy statement and any other relevant documents because they contain important information about Transco and the proposed transactions. The proxy

statement, prospectus and/or information statement, and other documents relating to the proposed transactions (when they are available) can be obtained free of charge from the SEC's website at

www.sec.gov. **The documents, when available, can also be obtained free of charge from Entergy upon** written request to

Entergy Corporation, Investor Relations, P.O. Box 61000, New Orleans, LA 70161

or by

calling Entergy's Investor Relations information line at 1-888-ENTERGY (368-3749), or from ITC upon written request to ITC Holdings Corp., Investor Relations, 27175

Energy Way, Novi, MI 48377 or by

calling 248-946-3000.

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The Merger Transaction
The Merger Transaction
End State
End State

Entergy Utility Operating Companies

comprised of:

Generation

Distribution

Entergy expects to receive gross cash proceeds of \$1.775B from new indebtedness that will be assumed by ITC at close

Each Operating Company's capital structure anticipated to be consistent with current state following the transaction

Prior to the merger, ITC expects to effectuate a \$700M recapitalization currently anticipated to be a special dividend

Entergy shareholders to merge spun transmission business with ITC merger subsidiary

New Holdco to survive

Entergy
shareholders
to
receive
50.1% of ITC stock
Entergy
Shareholders
Parent
Creditors
Entergy
Utility
OpCos
Entergy
Wholesale
Commodities
OpCo
Creditors
Entergy
Shareholders
Mid South
Transco LLC
(New Holdco)
ITC
Shareholders

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Transco Subs
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Benefits of ETR

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Increases flexibility of investment alternatives

Protects credit quality of Entergy OpCos

Supports efficient infrastructure investment
Overview of Benefits to Customers
Overview of Benefits to Customers
Through Spin-Merge
Through Spin-Merge

Combines best operating practices of both companies

Brings ITC's experience and track record of safe and reliable operations to ensure continued strengthening of overall grid performance

Leverages Entergy employees knowledge and experience and fully utilizes Entergy's world-class storm restoration process

Provides singular focus on transmission system performance, planning and operations

Aligns with national policy objectives to facilitate investment in local, regional and inter-regional transmission, advance open access initiatives, and promote access to competitive energy markets

Enhanced credit quality improves access to capital for
Transmission business
Financial
Flexibility
Operational
Excellence
Independent
and
Transparent
ITC Model

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The Utility Industry Is Facing Huge Need for Capital
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Estimated at \$2.2T Over the Next 20 Years

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Growth / Investment

Issues Facing Utility Industry

Over Next 20 Years

Source: Internal analysis; Bloomberg

Generation

Transmission

Distribution

Projected Industry Capital Investments

Over Next 20 Years

\$T

???

Current Market Cap

Other = 0.15

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Challenges
facing the
electric
utilities
industry
Addressing
challenges

"the real tests lie ahead, when federal environmental mandates and consequent

spending requirements are more certain, when state renewable portfolio standards begin to command heightened expenditures in earnest, and when an aging infrastructure reveals its vulnerability

"a sustained, collaborative and open working relationship among the principal vested interests will be critical to the execution of corporate, environmental and public policy initiatives"

"we view most favorably those commissions that establish rates that reasonably reflect the costs incurred by a utility, including a return on equity, and where timely adjustments to these rates are made to recognize changes in costs

Note:

Comments

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Standard

&

Poor's

U.S.

Utilities and

Infrastructure Ratings group dated Feb 07, 2012

Standard and Poor's Outlook

"Utility Credit Ratings Critical to Raising Capital

Money Needed to Build Wires and Plants

Capital Trends

Capital Trends

Rating Agency Considerations

Rating Agency Considerations

"For an industry that is among the most capital-intensive in the United States, failure to maintain investment grade could have significant upward cost implications"

"public service commissions continue to be reasonably supportive despite frequently lower authorized returns."

"a preference for expense deferrals may develop, and a proclivity for less competitive authorized returns will almost certainly prevail. Such a turn of events would likely result in a shift of our stable outlook on overall U.S. electric utility credit quality to negative."

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Duke / Progress

Northeast Utilities / NSTAR

PPL / LG&E

First Energy / Allegheny

Exelon / Constellation

Industry Is Responding to Capital Investment

Industry Is Responding to Capital Investment

Challenges with Different Approaches

Challenges with Different Approaches

Create larger footprint; upsize balance sheet
Achieve greater certainty in regulations
Align business model with capital needs
Consolidate
Build
Regulatory
Flexibility /
Certainty
Change
Business
Model

e.g., Formula rate plans, future test years,
specific rider recovery, CWIP in rates, etc.

e.g., AEP Transco
e.g., FPL Rate Hike Request

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5.3
7.2
2011-2014
2007-2010
2015-2021
2003-2006
4.3
+21%
Capital Trends

Capital Trends

Rising Capital for Entergy Overall

Rising Capital for Entergy Overall

???

Effect of EPA rules?

???

Effect of EPA rules?

Aging infrastructure?

+37%

Note: Excludes storm Capex for historical data; ETR Utilities includes EAI, ELL, EGSL, EMI, ETI, ENOI, SERI, ESI, EOI, S

Entergy Utilities Capital Investment

Total Spend

\$B

Capital spending could significantly increase over the next 10 years due to the potential for new environmental regulations and replacement of aging infrastructure

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Capital Trends
Capital Trends
Rising Capital for Entergy's Transmission Business
Rising Capital for Entergy's Transmission Business
Entergy Projected Transmission Capital Investment
2012E-2014E; \$M
0
100
200
300
400
500

600
2012E
2013E
2014E
Projected
Depreciation
Expense

13
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For ETR Utilities, Spend on Major Storms
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Amounted to ~\$2.6B Over 2005-2010
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Event
Year
Spend
(\$M)
1
Hurricane Katrina
2005
1,117
Hurricane Rita
2005
645
Hurricane Gustav
2008
680

Hurricane Ike

2008

626

Ice Storm EAI 2009

2009

119

Ice Storm EAI Jan 2010

2010

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In the past, ETR

utilities have had to

effectively respond

to major storms

which have required

unplanned capital

expenditures

~\$3.2 billion over

2005-2010

Strong balance sheet and credit ratings critical for quickly
mobilizing capital and resources to respond to emergencies

1.

Includes capital and O&M spend

Note: 2011 CapX estimated to be \$2.11B. 2011 capital spend related to major storms was \$112M

14
14
2011-2014
2003-2006
3.5
2007-2010
1.7
2.5
2015-2021

Note: Excludes storm Capex for historical data

+46%

Capital spending could significantly increase over the next

10 years due to the potential for new environmental regulations and replacement of aging infrastructure

Capital Trends

Capital Trends

Rising Capital for LAU

Rising Capital for LAU

???

Effect of regulation?

???

Effect of regulations?

Aging infrastructure?

+40%

LAU Capital Investment

Total Spend

\$B

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Storm Response Organization Will Be Modified
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to Ensure Close Coordination and Interaction
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Between Entergy and ITC

Between Entergy and ITC
System Section
Chiefs
System Planning
Chief
Supply Chain
Operations
Resource
Logistics
Administration
Planning Support
Branch Director
Restoration
Prioritization
Risk Analysis
Situation Branch
ITC Storm
Response
Organization
(details TBD in
design phase)
ITC-ETR
liaison
(New
position)
ITC Technical/Mgmt
employee assigned to
ETR storm response
center in Jackson
Preliminary pre-design phase vision
Final design scheduled 9/2012
ITC employee
ETR employee
Functional Incident
Commanders
(ex. Fossil, Distribution,
Nuclear, Gas)
ITC System Incident
Commander (SIC)
(Greg Grillo)
ETR System Incident
Commander (SIC)
(John Mullins)

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Henry Hub Gas Index
\$/mmBtu
15
10

5
0
ELL
Avg.
Monthly
Residential
Bill

-
1,000
kWh
\$
150
100
50
0
2011
95.93
2010
93.70
2009
83.35
2008
109.77
2007
99.55
2006
92.70
2005
96.83
2004
78.99
2003
84.12
2002
72.57
2001
80.97

Significant Variability in Average Residential Bills

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Yearly Variation Between \$2 and \$26 Over 2001-2011

Yearly Variation Between \$2 and \$26 Over 2001-2011

Illustrative

Note: Residential bills are the average of the Typical Monthly Bills in that year for a residential customer using 1,000 kWh, ex

Source: Entergy Regulatory Services, Typical Bill Report

Henry Hub

Gas Index

\$/mmBtu

2.7

3.1

5.4

5.9

8.3

6.5

6.9

9.0

3.8

4.4

4.0

ELL Avg. Monthly Residential Bill

1,000 kWh

\$

Henry Hub Gas Index

13% reduction in customer

bills since 2008

-\$26.43

(-24%)

-13%

+\$2.23

(+2%)

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19
19
Henry Hub Gas Index
\$/mmBtu
15
10

5
0
EGSL
Avg.
Monthly
Residential
Bill

-
1,000

kWh

\$

150

100

50

0

2011

93.55

2010

93.91

2009

82.35

2008

108.99

2007

101.47

2006

108.24

2005

101.34

2004

80.95

2003

87.16

2002

75.12

2001

89.25

14% reduction in customer
bills since 2008

Significant Variability in Average Residential Bills

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Yearly Variation Between \$1 and \$27 Over 2001-2011

Yearly Variation Between \$1 and \$27 Over 2001-2011

Illustrative

Note: Residential bills are the average of the Typical Monthly Bills in that year for a residential customer using 1,000 kWh, ex

Source: Entergy Regulatory Services, Typical Bill Report

Henry Hub

Gas Index

\$/mmBtu

2.7

3.1
5.4
5.9
8.3
6.5
6.9
9.0
3.8
4.4
4.0
EGSL
Avg.
Monthly
Residential
Bill

1,000
kWh
\$
Henry Hub Gas Index
-\$26.64
(-24%)
+\$0.37
(0%)
-14%

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Transmission Constitutes ~12% of ELL Rate Base

Transmission Constitutes ~12% of ELL Rate Base

and ~13% of EGSL Rate Base (2010)

and ~13% of EGSL Rate Base (2010)

ELL Last Filed Rate Base

\$B
4
3
2
1
0
Estimated
RemainCo
Rate Base
2.8
Estimated
Transmission
Rate Base
0.4
Aggregate
Rate Base
3.2
EGSL Last Filed 2010 Rate Base

\$B
4
3
2
1
0
Estimated
RemainCo
Rate Base
Estimated
Transmission
Rate Base
0.3
Aggregate
Rate Base
2.1
2.4
Estimated ELL
Transmission
Rate Base
Is ~12%
of Total
Estimated
EGSL
Transmission
Rate Base
Is ~13%
of Total

1. Total Electric Rate Base sourced from Jan 2012 Investor News 2. Transmission Rate base sourced from May 2011 annual Filing as of 12/31/10

Note: Figures are rounded for approximation

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Rate Impacts: Transmission Constitutes a Small

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Portion of an ELL Customer's Total Bill

Portion of an ELL Customer's Total Bill

Typical
ELL
Customer
Bill
Illustrative
Non-Fuel
43.0%
4.0%
53.0%
Transmission
Fuel

22

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Rate Impacts: Transmission Constitutes a Small

Rate Impacts: Transmission Constitutes a Small

Portion of an EGSL Customer's Total Bill

Portion of an EGSL Customer's Total Bill

Typical

EGSL

Customer

Bill

Illustrative

Non-Fuel
38.9%
6.6%
54.5%
Transmission
Fuel

23
23
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Transition from current retail rate construct to FERC-regulated rate construct
expected for ITC

Analysis assumes MISO base ROE for Entergy transmission business (12.38%) and capital structure currently utilized by ITC operating companies (60% equity/40% debt)

Benefits of credit quality improvement resulting from transition to FERC-regulated rate construct partially offset ROE and capital structure impacts
Rate Impacts Split into Rate Construct, Rate Timing
Rate Impacts Split into Rate Construct, Rate Timing and Other Effects for Retail Customers
Rate Impacts Split into Rate Construct, Rate Timing and Other Effects for Retail Customers
Rate Construct Effects
Rate Timing Effects

Forward Test Year:
Eliminates regulatory lag in recovery of capital investments

One time impact of conversion to forward test year

Reflects amounts that would have been collected in future years

MSS-2 construct eliminated post transaction

Current estimation reflects effect of paying load ratio share of Transmission cost factoring in zonal investment and retail share of Transmission investments
Other Effects

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2014 Benefits
From Higher
Credit Quality
resulting from
Rate

Construct
~(0.27)
2014 Rate
Construct
Effects from
FERC
regulated
model
~-0.84
Illustrative
Bill if ETR
owns
T assets
current state
~95.93
100
98
96
~96.31
+0.38
0.4%
0
Illustrative
Bill if ITC
owns
T assets
post
transaction
2
4
~(0.19)
6
2014 net
other
effects*
ELL
Residential
Bill
-
1,000 kWh
\$
90
92
94
ELL Typical Residential Customer Bill Expected
ELL Typical Residential Customer Bill Expected
to
to
Initially Increase 0.4% Due to Rate Construct Effects
Initially Increase 0.4% Due to Rate Construct Effects

Expected Mitigation by Customer Benefits

Expected Mitigation by Customer Benefits

Illustrative

Expected Rate

Construct Effects*

Over the long term,

customer bill effects

expected to be mitigated

by...

Enhanced Financial

flexibility

Operational Excellence

Reliability, System

Performance, Scale

efficiencies etc.

Independent and

transparent ITC model

*Refer to previous slide where rate construct and other assumptions are detailed

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Note: Contents exclude estimated one time rate timing effect of \$0.65 in 2014 due to conversion to forward test year -

reflects amounts that

would have been collected in future

years

25
25
92
88
8
EGSL Residential Bill-1,000 kWh
\$

100
4
0
96
~94.59
2014 net
other
effects*
~-0.36
2014 Benefits
From Higher
Credit Quality
resulting from
Rate
Construct
Illustrative
Bill if ITC
owns
T assets
post
transaction
2014 Rate
Construct
Effects from
FERC
regulated
model
~-0.92
Illustrative
Bill if ETR
owns
T assets
current state
93.55
~(0.24)
EGSL
EGSL
Typical
Typical
Residential
Residential
Customer
Customer
Bill
Bill
Expected
Expected
to
to
Initially Increase 1.1% Due to Rate Construct Effects

Initially Increase 1.1% Due to Rate Construct Effects

Expected Mitigation by Customer Benefits

Expected Mitigation by Customer Benefits

Illustrative

Expected Rate

Construct Effects*

Over the long term,

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2014 due to conversion to forward

test year -

reflects amounts that

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years

+1.04

1.1%

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Pathway to Completion

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Required Approvals

Required Approvals

Jurisdiction / Authority

Approval(s)
MISO RTO

Final approval of move to MISO RTO by all retail jurisdictions

Final FERC approval of move to MISO RTO
Entergy Retail
Regulators
(APSC, LPSC, MPSC,
PUCT, CCNO)

Change of control of transmission assets

Authorization to incur debt in some jurisdictions
FERC

Change of control of transmission assets

Establishment of new regulatory construct for new ITC
subsidiaries

Authorization for operating company financings
Hart-Scott-Rodino Act
(DOJ / FTC)

Pre-merger notification to review potential antitrust and
competition issues
IRS Private Letter
Ruling

Ruling regarding tax-free treatment of the distribution of Mid
South TransCo LLC (new Holdco)
ITC Shareholders

Merger

Amendment to ITC Articles of Incorporation to increase the
number of authorized shares

Authorization for issuance of greater than 20% of
outstanding shares

*Approval may be required in Missouri due to limited assets in those territories. Approval for Financings may be required in T
be required in Oklahoma for ITC