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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

## FORM 8-K

### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 5, 2011

# ITC HOLDINGS CORP.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Commission File Number: 001-32576

Michigan (State of Incorporation)

**32-0058047** (IRS Employer

Identification No.)

27175 Energy Way, Novi, Michigan 48377

(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

(248) 946-3000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

#### Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On December 5, 2011, ITC Holdings Corp. (the <u>Company</u> <u>or</u> ITC ) delivered a presentation that includes the slides attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which are incorporated by reference herein. A live internet broadcast of the meeting will be available on ITC s website at http://investor.itc-holdings.com/events.cfm and copies of the slides are available for viewing on our website located at www.itc-holdings.com, although we reserve the right to discontinue that availability at any time.

On December 5, 2011, ITC issued a press release providing initial earnings per share guidance for 2012. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein.

The information contained in this Item 7.01 is furnished and not filed for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the <a href="Exchange Act">Exchange Act</a> ), and is not deemed incorporated by reference by any general statements incorporating by reference this report or future filings into any filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except to the extent the Company specifically incorporates the information by reference. By including this Item 7.01 disclosure in this Current Report on Form 8-K and furnishing this information, we make no admission as to the materiality of any information in this report.

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 5, 2011, the Company and Entergy Corporation (<u>Entergy</u>) issued a joint press release announcing that they had executed definitive agreements pursuant to which Entergy will divest and merge its electric transmission business into the Company in an all-stock, Reverse Morris Trust transaction. A copy of the joint press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.3 and incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### (d) Exhibits

Reference is made to the Exhibit Index hereto with respect to the exhibits filed herewith.

#### Cautionary Language Concerning Forward Looking Statements

This document and the exhibits hereto contain certain statements that describe ITC management s beliefs concerning future business conditions and prospects, growth opportunities and the outlook for ITC s business, including ITC s business and the electric transmission industry based upon information currently available. Such statements are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Wherever possible, ITC has identified these forward-looking statements by words such as anticipates , believes , intends , estimates , expects , projects and similar phrases. These forward-looking statements are based upon assumptions ITC management believes are reasonable. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties which could cause ITC s actual results, performance and achievements to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, these statements, including, among other things, (a) the risks and uncertainties disclosed in ITC s annual report on Form 10-K and ITC s quarterly reports on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) from time to time and (b) the following transactional factors (in addition to others described elsewhere in this document and in subsequent filings with the SEC): (i) risks inherent in the contemplated transaction, including: (A) failure to obtain approval by the Company s shareholders; (B) failure to obtain regulatory approvals necessary to consummate the transaction or to obtain regulatory approvals on favorable terms; (C) the ability to obtain the required financings; (D) delays in consummating the transaction or the failure to consummate the transactions; and (E) exceeding the expected costs of the transactions; (ii) legislative and regulatory actions, and (iii) conditions of the capital markets during the periods covered by the forward-looking statements.

Because ITC s forward-looking statements are based on estimates and assumptions that are subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties, many of which are beyond ITC s control or are subject to change, actual results could be materially different and any or all of ITC s forward-looking statements may turn out to be wrong. They speak only as of the date made and can be affected by assumptions ITC might make or by known or unknown risks and uncertainties. Many factors mentioned in this document and the exhibits hereto and in ITC s annual and quarterly reports will be important in determining future results. Consequently, ITC cannot assure you that ITC s expectations or forecasts expressed in such forward-looking statements will be achieved. Actual future results may vary materially. Except as required by law, ITC undertakes no obligation to publicly update any of ITC s forward-looking or other statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

The transaction is subject to certain conditions precedent, including regulatory approvals, approval of ITC s shareholders and the availability of financing. ITC cannot provide any assurance that the proposed transactions related thereto will be completed, nor can it give assurances as to the terms on which such transactions will be consummated.

#### Additional Information and Where to Find It

ITC and Mid South TransCo LLC (<u>TransCo</u>) will file registration statements with the 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 s shareholders are urged to read the proxy statement and any other relevant documents because they contain important information about ITC, 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 <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a>. 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.

#### Participants in this Transaction

This communication is not a solicitation of a proxy from any security holder of ITC. However, Entergy, ITC and certain of their respective directors and executive officers and certain other members of management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from shareholders of ITC in connection with the proposed transaction under the rules of the SEC. Information about the directors and executive officers of Entergy may be found in its 2010 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 28, 2011, and its definitive proxy statement relating to its 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders filed with the SEC on February 23, 2011, and its definitive proxy statement relating to its 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders filed with the SEC on April 21, 2011.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

December 5, 2011

ITC HOLDINGS CORP.

By: /s/ Daniel J. Oginsky Daniel J. Oginsky

Its: Senior Vice President and General Counsel

## EXHIBIT INDEX

#### Exhibit

No.	Description
99.1	Investor Presentation, dated December 5, 2011
99.2	Press Release, dated December 5, 2011
99.3	Joint Press Release, dated December 5, 2011