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An Important Message from Joe Welch

Posting on June 1, 2016



Dear ITC Employees and Fellow Shareholders:

By now, you should have received the Proxy Statement/Prospectus for our Special Meeting of Shareholders to be held on June 22, 2016. At the Special Meeting of Shareholders, we will consider and vote on certain proposals related to our previously announced proposed transaction with Fortis Inc. We strongly encourage you to consider and vote on such proposals, as every vote is important. ITC's Board of Directors believes the proposed transaction is in the best interests of ITC and its shareholders and has recommended that shareholders vote FOR each proposal.

There are a number of ways that you can vote and detailed voting instructions are contained in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus. In addition, some of you may have received more than one Proxy Statement/Prospectus and proxy voting card. This is not a mistake, but, rather, is due to the fact that you may hold ITC shares in multiple manners (such as restricted stock, unrestricted stock or stock purchased through the Employee Stock Purchase Plan) and/or through different brokers. In order to vote all of your ITC shares, you must follow the voting instructions for each Proxy Statement/Prospectus and proxy voting card that you receive and return each proxy voting card or otherwise submit your vote in accordance with such voting instructions.

If you have any questions on the proposed transaction or on voting, or if you need to obtain copies of the Proxy Statement/Prospectus or proxy voting cards, please contact our proxy solicitor at the address and telephone number listed below.

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1290 Avenue of Americas, 9th Floor

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Toll-Free (800) 509-0917

Thank you, in advance, for your prompt attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Welch

CAUTIONARY LANGUAGE CONCERNING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This communication contains certain statements that describe the beliefs of management of ITC Holdings Corp. (the Company) concerning the proposed merger involving Fortis Inc. (Fortis) and the Company and the Company's future business conditions, plans and prospects, growth opportunities and the outlook for the Company'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, the Company has identified these forward-looking statements by words such as will, may, anticipates, believes, intends, estimates, expects, projects and similar phrases. These forward-looking statements are based upon assumptions the Company's management believes are reasonable. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties which could cause the Company'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 the Company's annual report on Form 10-K and the Company'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 merger, including: (A) failure to obtain approval by the Company's shareholders; (B) failure to obtain regulatory approvals necessary to consummate the merger or to obtain regulatory approvals on favorable terms; (C) delays in consummating the merger or the failure to consummate the merger; and (D) exceeding the expected costs of the merger; (ii) legislative and regulatory actions, and (iii) conditions of the capital markets during the periods covered by the forward-looking statements.

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

The merger is subject to certain conditions precedent, including regulatory approvals and approval of the Company's shareholders. The Company cannot provide any assurance that the proposed merger will be completed, nor can it give assurances as to the terms on which such merger will be consummated.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND WHERE TO FIND IT

This communication may be deemed to be solicitation material in respect of the proposed merger involving the Company and Fortis. In connection with this proposed merger, Fortis has filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form F-4 that includes a prospectus of Fortis and a proxy statement of the Company, which the Company filed with the SEC on May 16, 2016. The registration statement on Form F-4 was declared effective by the SEC on May 16, 2016. The Company mailed the definitive proxy statement/prospectus to its shareholders on or about May 17, 2016. This communication is not a substitute for the proxy statement/prospectus or any other document filed or to be filed by the Company with the SEC in connection with the proposed merger. **INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF THE COMPANY ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED OR TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN OR WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY, FORTIS, THE PROPOSED MERGER AND RELATED MATTERS.** The proxy statement/prospectus and other documents relating to the proposed merger (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 the Company upon written request to the Company, Investor Relations, 27175 Energy Way, Novi, MI 48377 or by calling 248-946-3000.

PARTICIPANTS IN SOLICITATION

The Company and certain of its 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 the Company in connection with the proposed merger under the rules of the SEC. Information regarding the persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be deemed participants in such solicitation in connection with the proposed merger is set forth in the proxy statement/prospectus. Information about the directors and executive officers of the Company may be found in its 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K, its proxy statement on Schedule 14A relating to its 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, the proxy statement/prospectus relating to its 2016 Special Meeting of Shareholders and its Current Report on Form 8-K, dated May 19, 2016, in each case as filed with the SEC. These documents can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above. Additional information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, are contained in the proxy statement/prospectus that the Company filed with the SEC on May 16, 2016.
