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Entergy Forward-Looking Information
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meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

Except to the extent required by the federal

securities laws, Entergy undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise. Forward-looking statements involve a number of risks and uncertainties. There are factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements, including (i) those factors discussed in Entergy s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2012, and other filings made by Entergy with the Securities and Exchange Commission; (ii) the following transactional factors (in addition to others described elsewhere in this presentation and in subsequent securities filings) involving risks inherent in the contemplated transaction, including: (1) failure to obtain ITC shareholder approval, (2) failure of Entergy and its shareholders to recognize the expected benefits of the transaction, (3) failure to obtain regulatory approvals necessary to consummate the transaction or to obtain regulatory approvals on favorable terms, (4) the ability of Entergy, Transco and ITC to obtain the required financings, (5) delays in consummating the transaction or the failure to consummate the transaction, (6) exceeding the expected costs of the transaction, and (7) the failure to receive an IRS ruling approving the tax-free status of the transaction; (iii) legislative and regulatory

actions; and (iv) conditions of the capital markets

during the periods covered by the forward-looking statements. The transaction is subject to certain conditions precedent, including regulatory approvals, approval of ITC s shareholders and the availability of financing. Entergy cannot provide any assurance that the transaction or any

of the proposed transactions related thereto will be completed, nor can it give assurances as to the terms on which such transactions will be consummated.

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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

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
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End State
End State

Entergy Utility Operating Companies comprised of:

#### Generation

#### Distribution

~\$1.775B of debt will be issued by Entergy in connection with the internal separation of the transmission business, the proceeds from which will be used for debt reduction

Each Entergy Utility Operating Company's capital structure after the spin-off and merger anticipated to be consistent with capitalization prior to 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

Illustrative

Entergy

Shareholders

Parent

Creditors

OpCo

Creditors

Utility

**OpCos** 

Entergy

Wholesale

Commodities

Entergy

Shareholders

ITC

Shareholders

Mid South TransCo LLC (New Holdco) ITC Merger Sub Transco Subs

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Overview of Benefits to Customers
Overview of Benefits to Customers
Through Spin-Merge
Through Spin-Merge

Increases flexibility of Entergy s investment alternatives

Protects credit quality of Entergy s Operating Companies

Supports efficient infrastructure investment

Improves access to capital for transmission business

Combines best operating practices of both Entergy and ITC

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

Financial

Flexibility

and Growth

Operational

Excellence

Independent

and

Transparent

ITC Model

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

Projected

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Challenges
facing the
electric
utilities
industry
Addressing
challenges

"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"

"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" "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." Note: Comments sourced from Energy Biz article written by Richard W. Cortright, Jr., managing director in Standard Poor's U.S. Utilities

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

"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"

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

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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

Duke / Progress

#### Northeast Utilities / NSTAR

#### PPL / LG&E

First Energy / Allegheny

Exelon / Constellation
Achieve greater certainty in regulations

e.g., Formula rate plans, future test years, specific rider recovery, CWIP in rates, etc. Align business model with capital needs

#### e.g., AEP Transco

e.g., FPL Rate Hike Request Consolidate Build Regulatory Flexibility / Certainty

Change

**Business** 

Model

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5.3

7.2

2011-2014

2007-2010

2015-2021

2003-2006

4.3

Capital Trends

Capital Trends
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Rising Capital for Entergy Overall Rising Capital for Entergy Overall

???

Effect of EPA rules?

???

Effect of EPA rules?

Infrastructure

improvements?

+37%

Note: Excludes storm CapX for historical data; ETR Utilities includes EAI, ELL, EGSL, EMI, ETI, ENOI, SERI, ESI, EOI, SI 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 improvement of infrastructure

+21%

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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
Projected
Depreciation
Expense

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For ETR Utilities, Spend on Major Storms
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Amounted to ~$3.2B Over 2005-2010
Amounted to ~$3.2B Over 2005-2010
Event
Year
Spend
($M)
Hurricane Katrina
2005
1,117
Hurricane Rita
2005
645
Hurricane Gustav
2008
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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 2015-2021 2011-2014 841 2007-2010 583

2003-2006

589

Note: Excludes storm CapX for historical data

-1%

Capital spending could significantly increase over the next

10 years due to the potential for new environmental

regulations and Entergy s infrastructure

Capital Trends

Capital Trends

Rising Capital for ETI

Rising Capital for ETI

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Effect of EPA rules?

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Infrastructure

improvements?

+44%

ETI Capital Investment

Total Spend

\$M

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

Entergy and ITC

ETR System Incident

Commander (SIC)

John Mullins

ITC System Incident

Commander (SIC)

Greg Grillo

**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

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)

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4% reduction in customer
bills since 2008
Significant Variability in Average Residential Bills
Significant Variability in Average Residential Bills
Yearly Variation Between \$2 and \$17 Over 2001-2011

Yearly Variation Between \$2 and \$17 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 4.0 150 100 50 -4% Henry Hub Gas Index \$/mmBtu 15 10 5 0 -1.69 (-2%)+17.15(+17%)2011 108.73 2010 98.06 2009 103.32 2008 113.06 2007 107.24 2006 116.92

ETI Avg. Monthly Residential Bill-

1,000 kWh

99.77 2004

86.55 2003 2005 2002 75.72 2001 89.41 88.24 Henry Hub Gas Index 18 ETI Avg. Monthly Residential Bill-

1,000 kWh(\$)

Typical ETI Customer Bill Transmission 7.5% Fuel 45.3% Non-Fuel

47.2%

Transmission Constitutes ~7.5% of Transmission Constitutes ~7.5% of

Typical ETI Customer Bill

Typical ETI Customer Bill 19

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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 and
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Other Effects for Retail Customers
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
20

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21
21
ETI Residential Bill-1,000 kWh
$
115
110
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105 100 5 0  $\sim$ (0.26) (0.2%)2014 Net Other Effects\* ~108.47 ~(0.29) 2014 Benefits From Higher Credit Quality resulting from Rate Construct  $\sim$ (0.73) 2014 Rate Construct Effects from **FERC** regulated model Illustrative Bill if ETR owns T assets current state ~0.76 108.73 ETI **ETI** Typical **Typical** Residential Residential Customer Customer Bill Bill Not Not Expected Expected to to Illustrative **Expected Rate** Construct Effects\*

Over the long term, customer

bill effects expected to be

mitigated by...

**Enhanced Financial** 

Flexibility

Operational

Reliability, System

Performance, Scale

efficiencies etc.

Independent and

transparent ITC model,

which supports robust

markets and competition

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

Note: Illustrative bill is the average of the 2011 Typical Monthly Bills for a residential customer using 1,000 kWh, excluding t rate effects of Transaction and is not meant to project an actual future customer bill. Estimation does not include effects of morprices or rate cases between now and time of deal close.

Note:

Contents exclude estimated one-time rate timing effect of

\$0.37 in 2014 due to

conversion to forward test

year

reflects amounts that

would have been collected in

future years

T assets post

transaction

if ITC owns

Illustrative Bill

Excellence

Increase Post Spin-Merge Due to Rate Construct Effects

Increase Post Spin-Merge Due to Rate Construct Effects

22 22 168,000

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166,000

4,000

2,000

0 ~(3.33) (0.0%)Illustrative Bill if ITC owns T assets posttransaction ~166,959.02 164,000 ETI LIPS Bill 5,000 kWh, 80% load factor; \$ 170,000 2014 Net Other Effects\* ~(451.91) 2014 Benefits from higher credit quality resulting from Rate Construct ~(22.29) 2014 Rate Construct Effects from FERC-regulated model ~470.87 Illustrative Bill if ETR owns T assets current state 166,962.35 **ETI** ETI **Typical** Typical LIPS LIPS Customer Customer Bill Bill Not Not

Expected Expected

to to

Increase Post Spin-Merge Due to Rate Construct Effects

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

Note: Illustrative bill is the average of the 2011 Typical Monthly Bills for a Large Industrial Power Service (LIPS) customer us. Factor, excluding taxes. Calculation indicative of the rate effects of Transaction and is not meant to project an actual future customer us.

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move

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MISO,

changes

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fuel

prices,

or

rate

cases

between

now

and

time

of

deal

close.

Note:

Contents exclude estimated

one-time rate timing effect

of \$228.18 in 2014 due to

conversion to forward test

year

reflects amounts that

would have been collected

in future years

Illustrative

Expected

Rate Construct

Effects \*

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Pathway to Completion
Required Approvals
Required Approvals
Authority
Requirements
Entergy retail
regulators

Change of control of transmission assets

Affiliate transaction approvals related to steps in the spin / merge

Authorization to incur debt in some jurisdictions FERC

Change of control of transmission assets (203 filing)

Acceptance of jurisdictional agreements (205 filing)

Authorization to assume debt / issue securities (204 filings)

Changes to System Agreement to remove provisions related to transmission planning and equalization

ITC filing to establish new rate tariffs for the ITC operating companies Hart-Scott-Rodino Act

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

Private letter ruling substantially to the effect that certain require-ments for a taxfree treatment of the distribution of Transco are met Securities and Exchange Commission

ITC Form S-4 and Proxy Statement (including audited Transco financial statements and disclosures), and

Transco Registration Statement ITC shareholders

Approvals required for:

Merger,

Issuance of shares to ETR shareholders, and

Amendment to ITC charter to increase authorized number of shares