## **APPENDIX C**

# 90-DAY PRE-APPLICATION LETTER TO LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT

#### AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

In the Matter of the Application for a Route Permit for the Forks 161 kV Switching Station and Forks-Rost 161 kV Transmission Line Project in Jackson County

**PUC Docket No. ET6675/TL-24-232** 

STATE OF MINNESOTA ) ) SS. COUNTY OF HENNEPIN )

I, Daniel S. Flo, hereby certify that on the 20th day of November 2023, I directed to be sent via U.S. Mail a true and correct copy of the 90-Day Pre-Application LGU Notice Letter attached hereto as Exhibit 1 to all Local Government Units on the mailing list attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

Daniel S. Flo

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of September 2024

DESSALEGN L BORENA Notary Public Minnesota My Commission Expires Jan 31, 2028



November 20, 2023 <u>VIA U.S. Mail</u>

Re: Notice of Availability for Meeting: Minn. Stat § 216E.03, subd. 3a

In the Matter of the Application of ITC Midwest for a Route Permit for the Forks 161 Kilovolt Switching Station and Forks-Rost 161 Kilovolt Transmission Line Project.

Dear Local Government Official,

ITC Midwest LLC (ITC) is proposing to construct the Forks 161 kilovolt (kV) Switching Station and Forks-Rost 161 kV Transmission Line Project (Project) in Jackson County, Minnesota. The Project will include the construction of the new Forks Switching Station southwest of the City of Lakefield, Minnesota, and a new approximately 6-mile long 161 kV high voltage transmission line from the new Forks Switching Station to a new Rost Substation to be constructed by Great River Energy (GRE), east of the City of Worthington, Minnesota (see attached figure).

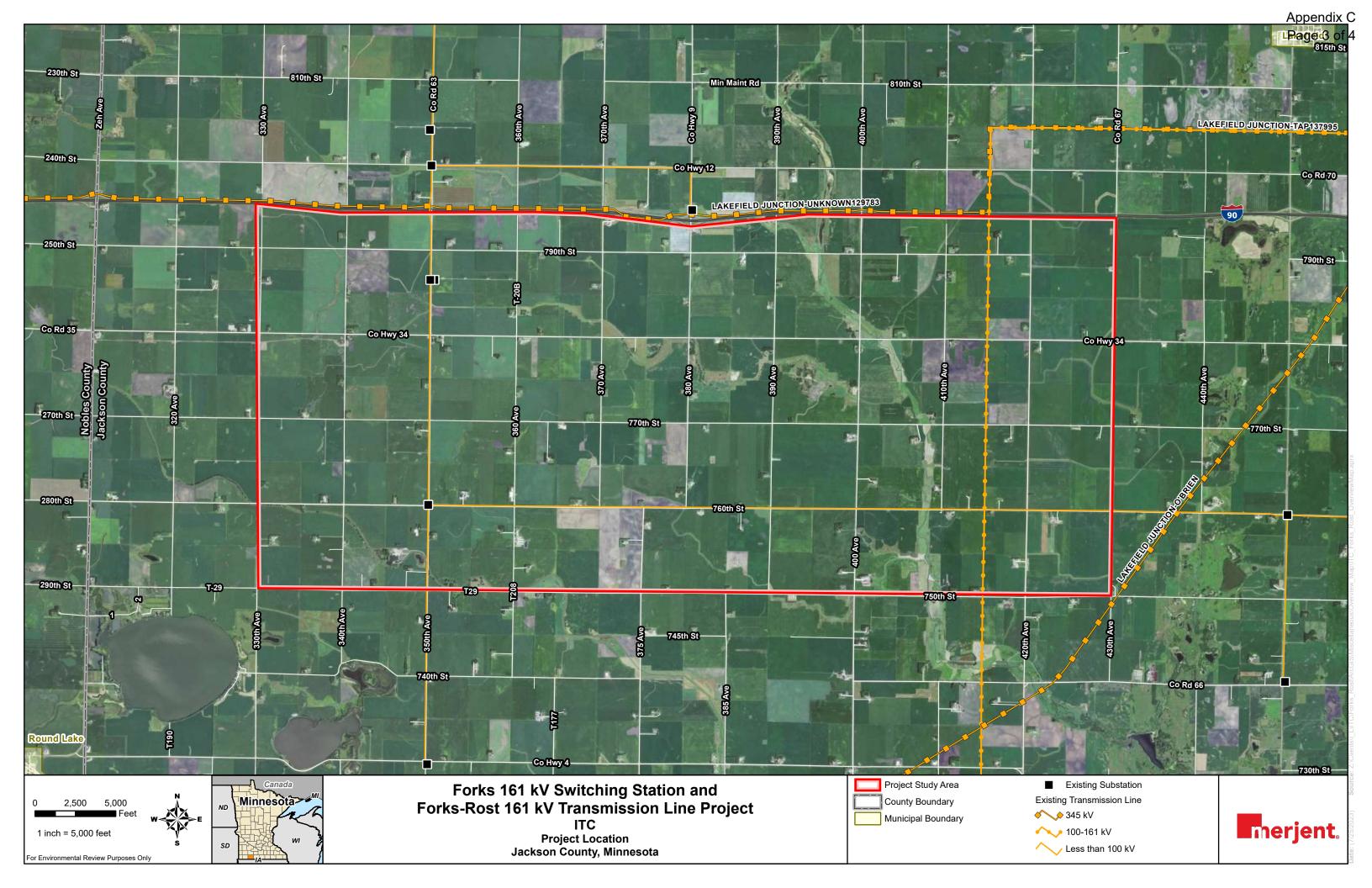
The proposed Project is the result of a joint study between ITC, GRE, and Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) to determine long-term reliability and load serving needs for the Worthington area and to identify potential upgrades that may be needed to the transmission system for area reliability. The existing configuration of the transmission system in the Worthington area leaves the system susceptible to low voltage conditions when certain transmission facilities are out of service. The Forks Switching Station and Forks-Rost 161 kV transmission line are components of an overall area plan that will include complementary projects by MRES and GRE to ensure the long-term reliability and resilience in the transmission system. Project route identification, environmental and engineering studies, construction, and operation activities will take place within the Project Study Area (shown in the attached figure). ITC plans to begin construction of the Project in the second quarter of 2026.

The Project will require a Route Permit from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). Commission approval must be obtained before the Project can be built. ITC plans to submit a Route Permit Application to the Commission in or around June 2024. As part of this process, ITC has started gathering stakeholder, agency, tribal, and public input on the Project through letters, meetings, and open houses. Minn. Stat. § 216E.03, subd. 3b provides local units of government the opportunity to request a consultation meeting regarding the proposed Project prior to the submission of a Route Permit application to the Commission. If you would like to request a meeting, please contact me at (763) 257-6821 or at <a href="mrothfork@itctransco.com">mrothfork@itctransco.com</a>, or contact Lori Broghammer at (641) 220-4600 or at <a href="mrothfork@itctransco.com">lbroghammer@itctransco.com</a>. We would be happy to discuss any questions that you may have about the Project.

Sincerely,

Mark Rothfork

Mark Rothfork, Lead Permitting Specialist ITC Midwest



#### FORKS-ROST 90-DAY LGU NOTICE CONTACT LIST

ORGANIZ	NAME		ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
County Commissioners						
lackson County	Scottt McClure	Commissioner (1st District)	405 4th St	Jackson	MN	56143
lackson County	Don Wachal	Commissioner (2nd District)	405 4th St	405 4th St Jackson		56143
lackson County	Roger D. Pohlman	Commissioner (3rd District)	405 4th St	Jackson	MN	56143
lackson County	Phil Nasby	Commissioner (4th District)	405 4th St	Jackson	MN	56143
lackson County	James Eigenberg	Commissioner (5th District)	405 4th St	Jackson	MN	56143
County Agencies						
lackson County	Ryan Krosch	Administrator	405 Fourth Street	Jackson	MN	56143
lackson County	Dan Bartosh	Land Management Director/LGU for WCA	603 South Hwy 86	Lakefield	MN	56150
lackson County	Val Cihak	Land Management Coordinator	603 South Hwy 86	Lakefield	MN	56150
lackson County	Tim Stahl	County Engineer	53053 780th Street	Jackson	MN	56143
lackson County Soil & Water Conservation District	Larry Hansen	Board Chairman	603 South Hwy. 86	Lakefield		55150
Cities						
City of Lakefield	Stacy Anderson	City Clerk	P.O. Box 900	Lakefield	MN	55150
City of Lakefield	Mathew Aden	Public Works	P.O. Box 900	Lakefield	MN	55150
City of Worthington	Steve Robinson	City Administrator	303 9th Street	Worthington	MN	56187
City of Worthington	Mindy Eggers	City Clerk	303 9th Street	Worthington	MN	56187
City of Worthington	Matt Selof	Director of Community Development/City Planner	303 9th Street	Worthington	MN	56187
City of Worthington	Scott Rosenberg	Park Supervisor	303 9th Street	Worthington	MN	56187
City of Worthington	Todd Wietzema	Public Works Director	303 9th Street	Worthington		56187
Townships						
Ewington Township	Ronald L. Obermoller	Township Clerk	22594 Zeh Ave Brewster			56119
Round Lake Township	Charon Doyscher	Township Clerk	74564 350th Ave	Round Lake		56167
Sioux Valley Township	John Ahrenstorff	Township Clerk	72894 400th Ave	72894 400th Ave Lakefield		56150
Rost Township	Nichole Kruse	Township Clerk	41547 810th St	41547 810th St Lakefield		56150
State and Federal Legislators						
State Representative	Marj Fogelman	House District 21B	323 State Office Building St. Paul		MN	55155
State Senator	Bill Weber	Senate District 21	Minnesota Senate Bldg, Room 2211 St. Paul 95 University Avenue West		MN	55155
US House of Representatives	Brad Finstad	Representative - MN 1st District	110 N. Minnesota St., Suite 5 New Ulm		MN	56073
JS Senate	Amy Klobuchar	US Senator	1130 1/2 7th Street NW, Room 212 Rochester		MN	55901
JS Senate	Tina Smith	US Senator	1202-1/2 7th Street NW, Suite 218	Rochester	MN	55901

## APPENDIX D

# NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE A ROUTE PERMIT APPLICATION UNDER THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE PERMIT PROCESS



ITC Midwest LLC 100 East Grand Avenue, Suite 360 • Des Moines, IA 50309

July 30, 2024

—Via Electronic Filing—

Will Seuffert Executive Secretary Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 7th Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: Notice of Intent to File a Route Permit Application for the Forks 161 kV Switching Station and Forks – Rost 161 kV Transmission Line Project Under the Alternative Permitting

Process

Docket No. ET6675/TL-24-232

Dear Mr. Seuffert:

In accordance with Minn. R. 7850.2800, subp. 2, ITC Midwest LLC (Applicant) hereby notifies the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) of their intent to submit an application for a Route Permit for the Forks 161 kV Switching Station and Forks – Rost 161 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project (Project) following the alternative permitting process set forth in Minn. Stat. § 216E.04 and Minn. R. 7850.2800 to 7850.3900. The Project involves construction of a new approximately 8.5 mile long 161 kV transmission line from the new Forks Switching Station to the new Rost Substation and construction of the new Forks Switching Station in Jackson County, Minnesota. The Project qualifies for review under the alternative permitting process authorized by Minn. Stat. § 216E.04, subd. 2(3) and Minn. R. 7850.2800, subp. 1(C) because the Project is a high voltage transmission line between 100 kV and 200 kV.

ITC Midwest LLC has electronically filed this document and served copies on all parties on the attached service list. Please contact me at (763) 257-6821 or <a href="mailto:mrothfork@itctransco.com">mrothfork@itctransco.com</a> if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

## Mark Rothfork

Mark Rothfork, Lead Permitting Specialist ITC Midwest LLC

Email: mrothfork@itctransco.com

cc: Service List

IN THE MATTER OF A ROUTE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE FORKS 161 KV SWITCHING STATION AND FORKS — ROST 161 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT UNDER THE ALTERNATIVE PERMITTING PROCESS

MPUC DOCKET NO. ET6675/TL-24-232

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Theresa Senart certifies that on the 30th day of July 2024, on behalf of ITC Midwest LLC, she filed a true and correct copy of its **Notice of Intent to File a Route Permit Application for the Forks** – **Rost 161 kV Transmission Line Project** by posting the same on <u>eDockets</u> in the above-referenced docket. Said Notice of Intent is also served by U.S. Mail or email as designated on the attached Service List on file with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

/s/ Theresa Senart	
Theresa Senart	

First Name	Last Name	Email	Company Name	Address	Delivery Method	View Trade Secret	Service List Name
Generic Notice	Commerce Attorneys	commerce.attorneys@ag.st ate.mn.us	Office of the Attorney General-DOC	445 Minnesota Street Suite 1400 St. Paul, MN 55101	Electronic Service	Yes	OFF_SL_24-232_TL-24- 232
Bret	Eknes	bret.eknes@state.mn.us	Public Utilities Commission	Suite 350 121 7th Place East St. Paul, MN 551012147	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_24-232_TL-24- 232
Sharon	Ferguson	sharon.ferguson@state.mn .us	Department of Commerce	85 7th Place E Ste 280 Saint Paul, MN 551012198	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_24-232_TL-24- 232
Ray	Kirsch	Raymond.Kirsch@state.mn .us	Department of Commerce	85 7th Place E Ste 500 St. Paul, MN 55101	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_24-232_TL-24- 232
Generic Notice	Residential Utilities Division	residential.utilities@ag.stat e.mn.us	Office of the Attorney General-RUD	1400 BRM Tower 445 Minnesota St St. Paul, MN 551012131	Electronic Service	Yes	OFF_SL_24-232_TL-24- 232
Mark	Rothfork	mrothfork@itctransco.com	ITC Midwest LLC	100 East Grand Ave, Suite 360 Des Moines, IA 50309	Electronic Service	No	OFF_SL_24-232_TL-24- 232
Will	Seuffert	Will.Seuffert@state.mn.us	Public Utilities Commission	121 7th PI E Ste 350  Saint Paul,  MN  55101	Electronic Service	Yes	OFF_SL_24-232_TL-24- 232