

ITC Holdings Corp.
Form 8-K
December 21, 2007

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 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) September 26, 2007
ITC HOLDINGS CORP.**

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Michigan

001-32576

32-0058047

(State or other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**39500 Orchard Hill Place, Suite 200
Novi, Michigan**

48375

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(248) 374-7100

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Item 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

Bridge Loan Agreement

On September 26, 2007, ITC Holdings Corp. entered into a Bridge Loan Agreement (the Bridge Loan Agreement) with the banks, financial institutions and other institutional lenders listed on the respective signature pages thereof (the Lenders), Lehman Commercial Paper Inc., as administrative agent for the Lenders and Lehman Brothers Inc., as sole lead arranger and sole bookrunner. The Bridge Loan Agreement establishes an unguaranteed, unsecured \$765 million term facility. The loans made under the Bridge Loan Agreement shall be used to finance the Transaction (as defined below) and to pay related costs and expenses. The Bridge Loan Agreement contains covenants that: (a) place limitations on liens; mergers, consolidations, liquidations and sales of all or substantially all assets; dividends; and sale leaseback transactions and (b) require ITC Holdings Corp. to maintain a minimum debt to capitalization ratio of 85%. The Bridge Loan Agreement contains certain customary events of default for unsecured unguaranteed bridge financings, the occurrence of which would allow the Lenders to accelerate all outstanding loans. The maturity date of the Bridge Loan Agreement is December 19, 2008. A copy of the Bridge Loan Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.60 and incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth herein.

All ITC Holdings Corp. s loans made under the Bridge Loan Agreement will bear interest at a rate equal to LIBOR plus an applicable margin of 0.625% or at a base rate, which is defined as the higher of the prime rate or 0.500% above the federal funds rate, in each case subject to adjustments based on rating.

The foregoing description of the Bridge Loan Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of this document as though fully set forth herein.

In the ordinary course of their respective businesses, certain of the Lenders and their respective affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in commercial banking and/or investment banking transactions with ITC Holdings Corp. and its affiliates for which they have in the past received, and may in the future receive, customary fees. In addition, an affiliate of Lehman Brothers Inc. acted as ITC Holdings Corp. s financial advisor in connection with the Transaction. Moreover, affiliates of certain of the Lenders will participate as underwriters or initial purchasers in a refinancing of all amounts outstanding under the Bridge Loan Agreement. It is expected that such refinancing will consist of certain debt and equity offerings involving ITC Holdings Corp. and ITC Midwest LLC, a Michigan limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of ITC Holdings Corp. (ITC Midwest).

Distribution-Transmission Interconnection Agreement

On December 20, 2007, ITC Midwest entered into a Distribution-Transmission Interconnection Agreement with Interstate Power & Light Company (IPL) (the Distribution-Transmission Interconnection Agreement) which provides for the interconnection of IPL s distribution

equipment with ITC Midwest's transmission equipment and defines the continuing rights, responsibilities and obligations of the parties with respect to the use of certain of their own and the other party's properties, assets and facilities. A copy of the Distribution-Transmission Interconnection Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.61 and incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth herein. ITC Midwest has agreed to provide IPL interconnection service at agreed-upon interconnection points, and the parties have mutual responsibility for maintaining their interconnection standards in accordance with good utility practice as well as any applicable federal or state standards. The term of the Distribution-Transmission Interconnection Agreement is twenty years unless otherwise terminated by one of the parties (subject to notice and approval of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (the FERC)).

Large Generator Interconnection Agreement

On December 20, 2007, ITC Midwest entered into a Large Generator Interconnection Agreement with IPL and the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (the Large Generator Interconnection Agreement). A copy of the Large Generator Interconnection Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.62 and incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth herein. This three-party agreement governs the direct electricity interconnection of IPL's electricity generating assets to ITC Midwest's transmission system for the purposes of transmitting electric power from electricity generating facilities. The term of the Large Generator Interconnection Agreement is twenty years unless otherwise terminated by one of the parties (subject to notice and approval of the FERC). The Large Generator Interconnection Agreement will remain in effect as to each specific generating unit until IPL elects to terminate the agreement with respect to that particular unit or until the unit ceases commercial operation.

Item 2.01 COMPLETION OF ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

On December 20, 2007, ITC Midwest completed the previously announced acquisition of the transmission and related assets (the Purchased Assets) of IPL, including transmission lines, transmission substations, land rights, contracts, permits and equipment (the Transaction) pursuant to the Asset Sale Agreement, dated as of January 18, 2007, between ITC Midwest and IPL (the Asset Sale Agreement). In addition, ITC Midwest has assumed various liabilities and obligations related to the Purchased Assets and IPL's transmission business. The consideration for the Purchased Assets paid by ITC Midwest was approximately \$783 million, which amount is subject to purchase price adjustments after the closing of the Transaction relating to liabilities actually assumed by ITC Midwest and the Net Transmission Plant Investment (as defined in the Asset Sale Agreement) and construction work in progress actually transferred to ITC Midwest by IPL. ITC Midwest funded the acquisition with \$18 million of cash on hand and the proceeds of direct and indirect borrowings of \$765 million pursuant to the Bridge Loan Agreement. The foregoing summary description of the Transaction is not intended to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by the complete text of the Asset Sale Agreement attached as Exhibit 2.3 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by ITC Holdings Corp. on January 24, 2007 which is incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth herein.

Item 2.03 CREATION OF A DIRECT FINANCIAL OBLIGATION OR AN OBLIGATION UNDER AN OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENT OF A REGISTRANT.

The information set forth above under Item 1.01 relating to the Bridge Loan Agreement and the borrowings thereunder is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03 as though fully set forth herein.

Item 8.01. OTHER EVENTS

On December 20, 2007, the Company issued a press release announcing the completion of the acquisition referred to in Item 2.01 above. The December 20, 2007 press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (a) The financial statements required to be filed as part of this report will be filed by an amendment to this Current Report on Form 8-K as soon as practicable, but not later than 71 days after this Current Report is required to be filed.
- (b) The pro forma financial information required to be filed as part of this report will be filed by an amendment to this Current Report on Form 8-K as soon as practicable, but not later than 71 days after this Current Report is required to be filed.
- (d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	ITC Holdings Corp. Press Release, dated December 20, 2007
10.60	Bridge Loan Agreement
10.61	Distribution-Transmission Interconnection Agreement
10.62	Large Generator Interconnection Agreement

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.

ITC HOLDINGS CORP.

By: /s/ Daniel J. Oginsky

Name: Daniel J. Oginsky

Title: Vice President and General Counsel

December 21, 2007