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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): January 29, 2007 ITC HOLDINGS CORP.

> (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter) Commission File Number: **001-32576**

Michigan

32-0058047

(State of Incorporation)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

39500 Orchard Hill Place, Suite 200, Novi, Michigan 48375

(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code): (248) 374-7100

### **Not Applicable**

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

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# **Approval of 2007 Cash Bonus Performance Measure**

On January 29, 2007, the Compensation Committee (the Committee ) of the Board of Directors of ITC Holdings Corp. (the Company ) determined that employees will be eligible for cash bonuses for 2007 performance under a corporate bonus plan based on the achievement of Company performance goals based on fewer than targeted lost work days for safety reasons, fewer than targeted recordable safety incidents, fewer than targeted outages, lower than targeted operating and maintenance expenses, completion of all targeted capital projects, successful transition of operations control room and field operations for Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC (METC), and higher than targeted EBITDA. If these goals are achieved, bonuses would be paid to executive officers in amounts equal to the target amounts, as a percentage of base salary, established by the Committee, which are for those employees who were Named Officers in the Company s 2006 annual meeting proxy statement (NEOs), as follows: Joseph L. Welch, Director, President, Chief Executive Officer and Treasurer, 125%; Edward M. Rahill, Senior Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer, 100%; Linda H. Blair, Senior Vice President Business Strategy, 100%; Richard A. Schultz, Senior Vice President Planning, 80%; and Daniel J. Oginsky, Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, 40%.

In addition, a performance multiplier based on the Company s total return to shareholders compared to Dow Jones Utility Average companies will be applied to the NEOs bonus target if total return to shareholders is a positive number. The multiplier will be determined by comparing the Company s 2007 total return to shareholders to the total return to shareholders of each of the companies that comprise the Dow Jones Utility Average index. Based on the Company s 2007 total return to shareholders, to the extent it ranks within the 50 to 100th percentile as compared to the companies that comprise the Dow Jones Utility Average index, the multiplier will be in the range of 1.2 to 2.0. **Approval of Bonus** 

The Committee also approved the payment of a bonus to various key employees who played an integral role in the acquisition of METC, including certain of the Company s NEOs. The award reflects recognition for management, leadership and results of the successful integration of METC into the Company. The following NEOs will receive bonuses in the following amounts:

			Bonus		
Name		Title	Amount		
Edward M. Rahill	Senior Vice President	Finance and Chief Financial Officer	\$50,000		
Linda H. Blair	Senior Vice President	Business Strategy	\$40,000		
Richard A. Schultz	Senior Vice President	Planning	\$15,000		
Daniel J. Oginsky	Vice President, Genera	l Counsel and Secretary	\$50,000		
Approval of Evacutive Colory Adjustments					

#### **Approval of Executive Salary Adjustments**

Following a review of salary benchmarking studies in consultation with the Committee s compensation consultant, the Committee approved the following changes to base salaries to be paid for 2007, effective February 5, 2007, for the following NEOs:

		2006	2007
Name	Title	Salary	Salary
	Director, President, Chief Executive Officer and		
Joseph L. Welch	Treasurer	\$400,000	\$480,000
	Senior Vice President Finance and Chief Financial		
Edward M. Rahill	Officer	\$210,000	\$250,000
Linda H. Blair	Senior Vice President Business Strategy	\$184,000	\$264,000
Daniel J. Oginsky	Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	\$155,000	\$198,000

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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.

January 31, 2007

#### ITC HOLDINGS CORP.

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

Vice President, General Counsel and

s: Secretary