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# Appendix J

## Open House Meeting Invitations (August 2012)

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**ITC MIDWEST**  
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Dear Neighbor:

Reliable, sustainable, efficient energy is critical to the quality of life we enjoy. To meet the region's growing energy needs, ITC is planning to construct an electric transmission line from the company's substation near Lakefield in Jackson County east through Martin County to a new substation located near Winnebago in Faribault County. The line will continue south to a substation in Iowa.

The Minnesota portion of the proposed 345,000-volt (345 kV) transmission line will be approximately 75 miles long. This line is needed to help improve electric reliability, expand electric transmission capacity to support economic growth and investment, and allow generating sources in the area – including wind energy producers and other generators – to efficiently transmit electricity to customers.

Because we recognize the importance of landowner input regarding new infrastructure projects, we are holding a series of public open houses even before we make our filings to seek state regulatory approval for the project. You are invited to attend one of six open houses held on the dates at the locations listed below. Representatives from ITC will be on hand to share information about the project and hear feedback from landowners. There will not be a formal presentation at the open house, so you may come at any time. We will be serving a light meal and refreshments, so we hope you can join us.

**Tuesday, Sept. 11**

Jackson County Fairgrounds  
78748 550<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Jackson, Minnesota  
11 am-1:30 pm, or 5-8 pm

**Wednesday, Sept. 12**

Faribault County Fairgrounds  
235 Midway Road  
Blue Earth, Minnesota  
11 am-1:30 pm, or 5-8 pm

**Thursday, Sept. 13**

Knights of Columbus Hall  
920 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St.  
Fairmont, Minnesota  
11 am-1:30 pm, or 5-8 pm

We look forward to meeting you at one of these events. If you have any questions, please call 1-877-482-4829.

Sincerely,

Lori Broghammer, Area Manager

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