

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: ITC MIDWEST LLC	DOCKET NO. E-20994
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ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

(Issued October 11, 2016)

On October 15, 2013, ITC Midwest LLC (ITC) filed a petition in Docket No. E-20994 with the Utilities Board (Board) for authority to amend its previously granted Franchise No. 16495. The petition was identified as Amendment No. 18. ITC requested the Board allow it to rebuild and increase the maximum operating voltage of approximately 0.07 miles of existing electric transmission line in Linn County, Iowa, from 36,230 to 72,500 volts pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 478. The Board granted Amendment No. 18 in an order dated October 7, 2014.

On October 5, 2016, ITC filed a petition for an extension of time of two years to construct the improvement described by Amendment No. 18. ITC states the amendment is required to tap into a substation at the Duane Arnold Energy Center (DAEC). However, it cannot begin construction until it finalizes an easement on the DAEC's property. ITC states it has been working with DAEC to obtain the appropriate easement, but there have been delays due to modification of the location of the line on DAEC's property. ITC states it anticipates the final location and

easement will be finalized and executed by the end of 2016, with construction taking place in the spring and summer of 2017.

Iowa Code § 478.21(1) provides that an electric transmission line franchise shall be forfeited and revoked if construction, in whole or in part, has not begun within two years from the date the franchise was granted, unless the franchise holder petitions the Board for an extension of time. Iowa Code § 478.21(2) provides that the Board can extend the time to begin construction for up to two years upon a showing of sufficient justification for the delay.

ITC has provided sufficient justification for an extension. The required easement is with the owner of the substation that the line will tap into. There have been no objections to the franchise. No public purpose is served by revoking the franchise and requiring ITC to relicense the line at a future date. The Board will grant the two-year extension through October 7, 2018, which is the maximum allowed by Iowa Code § 478.21(2).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The petition for an extension of time filed by ITC Midwest LLC on October 5, 2016, is granted. ITC Midwest LLC shall construct the improvement described in Amendment No. 18 to Franchise No. E-20994 no later than October 7, 2018.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Geri D. Huser

/s/ Elizabeth S. Jacobs

ATTEST:

/s/ Trisha M. Quijano
Executive Secretary, Designee

/s/ Nick Wagner

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 11th day of October 2016.