



March 15, 2024

Phil Roos
Director
Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
525 West Allegan Street
Lansing, MI 48933

Subject: ITC Supports the State of Michigan's CPRG Implementation Grant General Competition Application (Award Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Director Roos,

We offer this letter in affirmation of our partnership with the State of Michigan and the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) in response to EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07. We are pleased to endorse Michigan's objective to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and ambitiously site renewable energy in Michigan through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program. Under EGLE's proposed Renewables Ready Communities Program, the Renewables Ready Communities Awards and the Brownfield Renewable Energy Pilot Program will unlock significant GHG emissions reductions in the near term, provide substantial community benefits in low-income and disadvantaged communities, and improve capacity and technical expertise in renewable energy siting statewide.

As ITC maintains its commitment to a greener future, we anticipate collaborating with the State and other stakeholders to interconnect new generation to, and continue to enhance the reliability of, the transmission grid. Further, strong community support is vital to the build out of energy resources; this grant would enable Michigan to provide needed support to communities around the state that partner in the effort to achieve a more sustainable future. ITC has a long track record of providing reliable energy transmission for Michigan's residents. ITC is also among the national leaders in reliable electricity service. Additionally, ITC has interconnected several hundred generators on its systems to date with plans to connect still more through the grant program period and beyond. This grant coupled with the extensive skills of the State of Michigan and ITC offers a powerful combination that will yield benefits to Michigan for years to come.

Given the State's proven success in implementing equitable climate policies, we have full confidence in their ability to achieve the objectives laid out in the application. Furthermore, this initiative will stimulate increased investment in renewable energy projects critical to achieving the State's climate objectives.

We are enthusiastic about partnering with the State of Michigan to advance the goals of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through this pivotal grant program.

Sincerely,

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