



THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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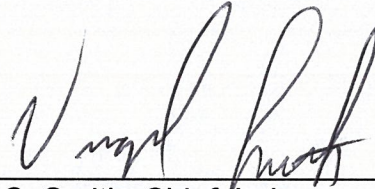
SUBJECT: International Transmission Company Condemnation Proceedings

This Docket Directive is issued pursuant to MCR 8.110(C) (3) (b) and MCR 8.111(B) and is necessary for purposes of administrative efficiency and judicial economy, and to avoid the potential for conflicting decisions on the same issue by judges of the same court.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. This Docket Directive applies to all civil proceedings filed in the Third Circuit Court relating to or arising out of International Transmission Company (ITC)'s condemnation proceedings relating to its attempts to gain easements for purposes of ITC's vegetation management program filed on or after **October 15, 2012**. The plaintiff, ITC, will clearly identify all actions subject to this Docket Directive at case initiation.
2. After the initial filing, with normal random judge assignment procedures in these cases, Judge Lita M. Popke will conduct all show cause and other proceedings, including but not limited to the hearing on the complaint, challenges to jurisdiction or to necessity, prior to transfer of title and possession, if any, to ITC. Only Judge Lita M. Popke is empowered to act in any matter relating to these actions until after the conclusion of the show cause. Upon the conclusion of the show cause in each case, jurisdiction over the case will return to the previously assigned judge for all subsequent matters, including the assessment of value, until the action is concluded.
3. All other civil cases filed in connection with or arising out of this project shall be assigned to Judge Lita M. Popke.

The Wayne County Clerk, the Third Circuit Court Case Processing Department, and the Third Circuit Court Information Technology Systems Bureau are directed to take the steps necessary to accomplish this Directive.



Virgil C. Smith, Chief Judge
Third Judicial Circuit

Dated: October 11, 2012