



THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF MICHIGAN

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DOCKET DIRECTIVE 2012-19

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

SUBJECT: International Transmission Company Condemnation Proceedings

This Docket Directive rescinds and replaces Docket Directive 2012-17.

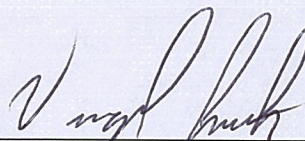
This Docket Directive is issued pursuant to MCR 8.110(C)(3)(b) and MCR 8.111(B) and is necessary for purposes of administrative efficiency and judicial economy, and to avoid the potential for conflicting decisions on the same issue by judges of the same court.

IT IS ORDERED:

This Docket Directive applies to all civil proceedings filed in the Third Circuit Court on or after **October 15, 2012**, that relate to or arise out of International Transmission Company (ITC)'s attempts to gain easements for purposes of ITC's vegetation management program through condemnation proceedings. As the plaintiff, ITC will clearly identify on the face of the complaint all actions subject to this Docket Directive at case initiation.

1. All cases subject to this Docket Directive shall be assigned to Judge Lita M. Popke who will conduct all show cause and other proceedings, including but not limited to hearings on the complaint, challenges to jurisdiction or challenges to necessity, prior to transfer of title and possession, if any, to ITC.
2. All cases already commenced, to which former Docket Directive 2012-17 applied and which were assigned to a judge other than Judge Popke, shall be subject to this docket directive and shall be reassigned to Judge Popke.
3. Upon the conclusion of the show cause hearing in each case, jurisdiction over the case shall be reassigned to a judge in the Court's Civil Division by random assignment.

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: November 9, 2012